

# Supporting Kansai in its dynamic development as a key player on the national and global stages



### Three Mammoth Projects Under Way

For centuries the Kansai region has served as a main pillar supporting the development of the Japanese economy. Today, with the economy in a clear recovery trend, Kansai is attracting widespread attention as a central force to drive the nation's future economic growth and prosperity. In a quest to respond to those weighty expectations, Kansai is currently setting down new foundations for its dynamic development in the coming years. These foundations include a number of new initiatives of formidable scale, illustrated by a triad of projects offering exciting prospects for the future.

The first project is the development of "Kansai Science City," currently under con

struction on 15,000 acres of land straddling Kyoto, Osaka and Nara prefectures. The project is targeted at the creation of an international cultural, academic and research base appropriate to the 21st century. Facilities are to include not only universities and corporate research centers, but also residential and community amenities to support the lives of those who will work and reside here. In conjunction with infrastructure development, a new railway, the Keihanna New Line, was constructed as a major new access route linking the City with Osaka. The new rail line went into service in March 2006.

Besides supporting dynamic projects like these as the leading power supplier to the region, Kansai EP is also taking a proactive role in initiatives designed to attract new businesses, both domestic and foreign, to Kansai as a way of contributing to its sustained development and prosperity.

is FM CO-CO-LO, Japan's first multilingual FM radio station. Operated by dedicated volunteers with financial support from Kansai EP and other corporate sponsors, the station provides a broad array of programming — from news and entertainment to language lessons and emergency information — in a kaleidoscope of languages.

Kansai EP is also active in operations that cater to the special needs of or provide employment opportunities to the physically and mentally handicapped.

In these various ways, through national projects, nurturing of new industries and a colorful palette of initiatives in support of the diversified needs of local citizens, Kansai EP today is contributing on broad fronts to the ongoing development of its home region.

## *Kansai EP plays a key role in supporting projects and initiatives designed to transform Kansai into an ever more vibrant and people-friendly region.*

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### Strong Commitment to the Local Community

Kansai is home to large numbers of non-Japanese, and to meet their needs as well as prepare for even greater internationalization of the region this century, a host of amenities are being developed. One example



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