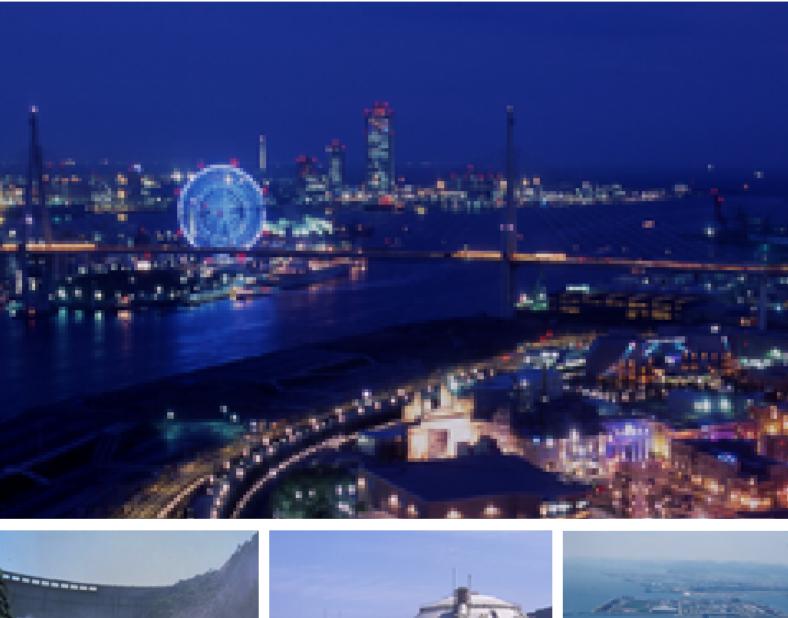
## THE KANSAI ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC.

The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. (Kansai EP) has been serving the power needs of the Kansai area since its establishment in 1951. Through more than a half-century it has developed and operated its own power plants, secured diversified resources to run them, and delivered the generated power with optimum efficiency and reliability to customers throughout the region.

Geographically, Kansai EP's service area is remarkably expansive, covering nearly 29,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The Company's output is equally impressive: in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005, sales reached 144.8 billion kWh — almost equal to the national power needs of Sweden.

In response to the Kansai region's power demands, Kansai EP works steadfastly at technological development. Today, in an era of rapid deregulation of public utilities, the Company is reinforcing its position in core electricity operations while simultaneously striving to implement management reforms that will enable Kansai EP to achieve new growth to take it solidly into the future.



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Kurobegawa No.4 Hydro Power Plant (335 MW)



Osaka Bay Area

Ohi Nuclear Power Plant (4,710 MW)

Himeji No.1 Thermal Power Plant (1,442 MW)

## KANSAI — THE HEARTLAND OF JAPAN

Kansai, the area served by Kansai EP, forms the cultural, historical, industrial and commercial core of the Japanese archipelago. From the treasured ancient capitals of Nara and Kyoto to the bustling business centers of Osaka and Kobe, Kansai continues to mark dynamic growth in the 21st century.

Although Kansai covers a modest 8% of Japan's land area, it accounts for a stunning 16% of the nation's gross domestic product. The region, with a population today numbering more than 20 million, has long served as Japan's economic dynamo in segments spanning from manufacturing to services. A remarkable number of the nation's leading business enterprises trace their beginnings to Kansai, and today they continue to achieve steady growth driven by innovative technologies in their respective fields.

As the nation moves forward on the road to solid economic recovery, the Kansai region is concentrating its full roster of resources — its vitality and wisdom — to ensure the area's sustained and dynamic growth in this first century of the new millennium.

