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> 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 devel opment 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 foun dations 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 offer ing exciting prospects for the future.

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

The third large-scale work in progress in Kansai is the Bay Area Development Project, the objective of which is to make effective use of land along Osaka Bay, turning idle or undeveloped properties into sophisticated and attractive urban and residential zones appropriate to an international metropolis. In tandem with this project, Universal Stu dios Japan opened here in 2001. The new theme park has quickly become one of Kansai's most popular destinations.

Besides supporting dynamic projects like these as the leading power supplier to the re gion, 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 develop ment and prosperity.

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

struction on 15,000 acres of land straddling Kvoto, Osaka and Nara prefectures. The project is targeted at the creation of an inter national cultural, academic and research base appropriate to the 21st century. Facili ties are to include not only universities and corporate research centers, but also residen tial and community amenities to support the lives of those who will work and reside here. In conjunction with infrastructure de velopment, 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

The second mammoth project under way in Kansai is Kansai International Air port. Opened in 1994, the airport is the world's first facility of its scale built on a man-made islet and Japan's first airport op erating round-the-clock. The underlying aim behind the project is to develop the air port into an international hub serving the entire Asian region, as a means of contribut ing to Kansai's further development. Presently the airport is in Phase II of construc tion, toward the inauguration of a second runway in 2007.

Community

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



Strong Commitment to the Local

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 program ming - from news and entertainment to language lessons and emergency informa tion — 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.

