

Code for the Promotion of an Intercultural City

In Edogawa City, many people born and raised in Japan, as well as in various countries and regions, live together. People that grew up in different countries and regions naturally have different culture, beliefs and lifestyles. To enable all people to live with peace of mind, it is important to respect the differences of each other and to be able to live true to oneself.

When people of different cultural background live together and support one another, new culture will arise, enabling the diverse community to further develop as a vibrant community.

We hereby declare and enact this Code to aim to create an Intercultural City where all people respect the culture of one another and live together as a member of Edogawa City.

Article 1. Purpose

Based on the concept of the “Code for a City to Live Together” (June 2021, No.19 of the Edogawa City Code), this Code stipulates basic matters regarding measures to realize an Intercultural City that respects the differences of each individual (hereinafter “Intercultural Cohesion Measures”) and further aims to realize a community where everyone can live with peace of mind and true to themselves, by clarifying the responsibilities of Edogawa City and the roles of Citizens, etc. and Business Operators.

Article 2. Definitions

Definitions of key terms used in this Code are set out below:

(1) Intercultural City

A community where all people of different backgrounds such as nationality and race, understand and accept the cultural difference of one another and live together as a member of the community by striving to create an equal relationship.

(2) Citizens, etc.

People who live, work, study or conduct other activities in Edogawa City .

(3) Business Operators

Corporations, groups and individuals that conduct business activities in Edogawa City.

Article 3. Basic Concept

The basic concept for the promotion of an Intercultural City is as follows:

- (1) To ensure that all people, despite their different background such as nationality and race, are free from discrimination and their human rights are equally respected, and each person is accepted as a member of the community; and
- (2) To form a society that makes the best of the knowledge, experience, etc. cultivated by diverse cultures.

Article 4. Responsibilities of Edogawa City

1. Edogawa City has the responsibility to implement Intercultural Cohesion Measures in a comprehensive and planned manner, based on the basic concept of the previous article.

2. Edogawa City shall strive to seek the advice of, and reflect the views of, concerned people when implementing Intercultural Cohesion Measures.
3. Edogawa City shall strive to take necessary financial actions to implement Intercultural Cohesion Measures.

Article 5. Roles of Citizens, etc. and Business Operators

Citizens, etc. and Business Operators shall strive to cooperate with Edogawa City in implementing Intercultural Cohesion Measures in all aspects of their daily life or social life.

Article 6. Intercultural Cohesion Measures

Edogawa City shall conduct the following matters as its Intercultural Cohesion Measures:

- (1) Educational activities or public relations activities necessary to enhance the understanding of Citizens, etc. and Business Operators in regard to Intercultural City;
- (2) Creating opportunities for the interaction of people with different backgrounds such as nationality and race, to promote mutual understanding between them;
- (3) Communication assistance such as to deliver administrative information in multiple languages and easy-to-understand expressions, establishment of consultation systems, and promotion of Japanese-language education;
- (4) Life support so that people, despite the difference in nationality, race, etc., may live true to themselves with peace of mind by receiving appropriate assistance such as in school education, child raising and welfare service, and assistance in times of disaster;
- (5) Implementing of matters set forth in each of the preceding items, or creating or operating bases for working in coordination in regard to such matters; and
- (6) Research and studies regarding Intercultural Cohesion Measures and other matters that the Mayor of Edogawa City finds necessary.

Article 7. Establishment of a Promotional Structure

In order to promote Intercultural City, Edogawa City shall work in coordination with Citizens, etc., Business Operators and relevant organizations, and establish necessary structures.

Article 8. Responsiveness to Change

Edogawa City shall review the content of this Code as required in response to future changes in the environment and social circumstances.

Article 9. Entrustment

In addition to items stipulated herein, the Mayor of Edogawa City will stipulate necessary matters in regard to the enforcement of this Code.

Supplementary provisions

This Code shall come into effect as of the date of its promulgation.