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The time is now for Kansai to take a leap forward on the occasion of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, the World Expo 2025 Osaka–Kansai, and the anticipated opening of MICE/IR. Currently we are undergoing a major transformation resulting from changes in the world order and the coming of the digital age. Kansai is also facing many social issues common throughout Japan, such as the population decline because of low birth rates, aging, and widening disparities.

Utilizing the free and open-minded spirit that is Kansai's strength, we must be fully aware of fairness and social responsibility as companies and do our best for the success of the World Expo. At the same time, we must build a social and economic system that will sustainably grow even after 2025.

Based on the two-day discussions under the theme "Now Is the Time for Kansai to Soar: Leading the Driving Force to Development," we will work on the following points as One Kansai toward the year 2025 and beyond.

- We will aim to build a free and open international trade system based on multilateral cooperation. Despite the increasing uncertainty in the world due to situations such as the U.S.–China friction, Brexit, climate change, and spread of new infectious diseases, we will aim to further increase the domestic demand and continue attempting to create business overseas, while reinforcing the global information collection structures and strengthening our ability to flexibly respond to risks.
- We will implement management that is appropriate for the new age, which is based upon digital technology. We will also aim to realize a society of "well-being," that is, a physically, spiritually, and socially healthy and fulfilled state, by utilizing Japan's uniqueness and technology.
- We will aim to realize "Kansai that shines through sports" to revitalize the region and economy through sports, including the creation and passing down of the legacy of the World Masters Games. We will also do our best to form and establish a venture ecosystem with a global leadership, including the efforts to make Kansai qualified as a startup ecosystem hub city by the government.
- International and intergenerational dialogs will be valued, recognizing that diverse values and ideas are indispensable for discovering and solving various social issues.