

市長あいさつ

夢と希望の持てるまちづくり

地方自治体の再構築を目的とした市町村合併が進められ、平成17年3月28日に霞ヶ浦町と千代田町が合併し、新しく「かすみがうら市」が誕生いたしました。かすみがうら市は茨城県南部のほぼ中央に位置しており、わが国第2の湖霞ヶ浦と関東の名峰筑波山系の南麓にはさまれ、温暖な気候と水の恵みや大地の恵みを受けている資源豊かなまちであります。

21世紀初頭の今日、少子高齢化や成熟社会の到来により社会経済情勢は厳しく、大きな転換期を迎えており早急な行政改革が求められております。本市においても、総合計画を柱に行政改革を推進し、経営感覚を取り入れながら、市民との協働による行政運営に取り組みしているとごさいます。今後も本市の恵まれた自然環境を生かしながら、「市民が夢と希望の持てるまちづくり」を一步一步着実にすすめてまいりる所存でございます。

最後に、この市勢要覧を一人でも多くの方々にご覧いただき、本市の豊かな自然や文化、そして歴史などをご理解いただく一助になれば幸いに存じます。

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Message from the Mayor, Toward establishment of a city full of dreams and hope

With the consolidation of municipalities for the purpose of restructuring, Kasumigaura Town and Chiyoda Town were consolidated into the new Kasumigaura City on March 28, 2005. Kasumigaura City is located in the center of the southern part of Ibaraki Prefecture, between Lake Kasumigaura, the second largest lake in Japan, and the southern foot of the Tsukuba Mountain range. It is blessed with bountiful resources of a warm climate, water, and fertile land. Today, at the beginning of the 21st century, we face a major turning point under severe social and economic conditions caused by a declining birthrate and a growing proportion of elderly people as well as the coming of a mature society. Thus, administrative and financial reforms must be accomplished as soon as possible. Kasumigaura City is pressing ahead with administrative reforms based on the Master Plan and making a commitment to administrative management with the cooperation of the citizens, introducing business management awareness. We will push ahead with the policy of "establishment of a city where the citizens can pursue dreams and hopes" step by step in the future, by making use of the bountiful natural environment. Finally, we hope that this summary will help many people to understand the bountiful nature, culture, and history of our city.