

The Role of the Minato Mirai 21 Area in the Revival of Yokohama City

Yokohama City



Situation

In 1965, Yokohama City announced its strategic initiative, “Six Major Projects”, aiming to become a unique, independent city by addressing its division into the Kannai/Isezaki-cho area, the city centre of Yokohama since the opening of the port, and the area around Yokohama station, which was a rapidly expanding downtown district as a railway junction and suburban area. The Minato Mirai 21 area commenced development as a core project of strengthening urban business, and was one of the major projects.

Action

- Construction began in November 1983
- The total project area is 186 ha (87 ha is the area for housing)
- 76 ha developed as of August 2017 (approx. 87% development progress)

Impact

The Minato Mirai 21 area started out as a strategic project to change the urban structure of Yokohama and create a new type of city that would continue to develop along with its history and memory, while integrating a variety of services and formulating a high-quality urban area.

In addition, as the city matures, area management efforts to develop and improve the city are currently underway. The administration, the private sector and the citizens are working together to enhance the value of the area, including environmental and disaster mitigation measures.

