

Rep. Yoko Kamikawa Policy Vision — “Let’s Create a New Landscape of Japan Together”

Seven New Landscapes Yoko Kamikawa Will Create

1. Creating the landscape of a new economy
 - a. Inflation relief and raising wages
 - b. Developing growth industries
 - c. Economic and fiscal policy resilience
2. Protecting the landscape of a beautiful hometown
 - a. Enhancing food and water security, food development
 - b. Realizing money-making local regions
 - c. Conducting “region-based/economic diplomacy”
3. Creating a landscape where “no one is left behind”
 - a. Realizing diversity in which anyone can thrive
 - b. Depopulation/education/childcare support to nurture the next generation
 - c. Social security for a Japan of “health and longevity”
4. Creating a new landscape in international coordination/security
 - a. Evolution of Kishida/Kamikawa foreign policy
 - b. Effective strengthening of defense capabilities
 - c. Responding to economic security risks
5. Creating a landscape resilient against climate change and disasters
 - a. Strengthening measures against climate change and disasters
 - b. National resilience/updating infrastructure, regionally dispersed energy/development of communications network
6. Creating a political landscape based on reform and dialogue
 - a. Securing thorough transparency
 - b. Developing high-standard compliance akin to corporations
7. Taking on the challenge of a new landscape in Constitutional amendment and governance
 - a. Realizing amendments to the Constitution via dialogue
 - b. Maximizing effect by “multiplying” numerous policies

Three Key Words

1. Network powerhouse Japan
 - a. Creating value and potential, “internationalizing local airports,” etc.
2. Contents/media powerhouse
 - a. Making the vitalization of the contents industry a national strategy, supporting next-generation of creators
3. The era of water
 - a. Shaping a safe and secure nation from the perspective of water and marine, “protecting water sources,” etc.

Rep. Yoko Kamikawa — Seven Policy Pillars

1. Creating the landscape of a new economy

Inflation Relief and Wage Hikes

- Implement strong inflation relief measures to protect lives and livelihoods and realize a real increase in wages.
- Raise the minimum wage to make progress on raising women's income.

Developing Growth Industries

- Craft a “Reiwa era industrial structure vision” toward developing new industry/domains like semiconductors, AI, bio, healthcare, aerospace, next-generation nuclear, blue economy, and push forth the social implementation of science and technology innovation. Accelerate the export of soft power represented by manga, anime, and arts and crafts.
- Develop a stable electricity supply structure. Determine operations of nuclear power plants based on safety standards.

Economic and Fiscal Resilience

- Pursue both the promotion of “saving to investment” and income redistribution to make the middle class larger.
- Begin “Reiwa’s fiscal resilience,” which maintains market trust and flexible and strong growth.

2. Protecting the landscape of a beautiful hometown

- Aim to fundamentally reinforce the sustainability of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, protect beautiful farmland, mountainous areas, and fishing villages, and enhance food security. Utilize digital technologies to raise self-sufficiency level.
- Redress regional disparities caused by depopulation and overconcentration, and vitalize regional industry and small- and medium-sized enterprises.
- Conduct “economic diplomacy derived from local areas” to support overseas expansion of local brands and products. Expand inbound tourism by utilizing local specialties.

3. Creating a landscape where “no one is left behind”

Realizing Diversity For Everyone to Thrive

- Support the participation of women in the decision making process in politics and industry-government-academia.
- Face upfront the “2040 crisis” where the junior baby boomer generation reaches retirement age of 65 and aim for a “sustainable society” where all citizens can thrive. Support reskilling and utilize AI and robots to foster a comfortable work environment.

Depopulation Measures/Education to Nurture the Next Generation

- Strengthen livelihood/housing support, etc., for safe child pregnancy/bearing/rearing. Take necessary measures like extending nursery care for children with diseases. Promote an increase in the use of paternity leave.
- Enhance scholarships for institutions like graduate school. Raise the rate of admissions to science-related institutions among women.
- Realize free lunches for mandatory education to reduce the burden on child rearing generations.

Social Security for a Japan of “Health and Longevity”

- Maintain universal health care and pension system through “Reiwa fiscal resilience.”
 - Promote healthcare services and reinforce prevention and health promotion efforts before illness to extend “health and longevity.”
 - Provide support for isolated individuals, people with disabilities, victims of crime, victims of sexual violence, etc., and make efforts to enhance relief measures for drug damage and pollution, etc.
4. Creating a new landscape in international coordination/security
 - Evolve the Kishida/Kamikawa foreign policy that developed a new Japan-U.S. alliance. Strengthen coordination based on a “free and open Indo-Pacific” and promote women, peace, and security (WPS).
 - Secure deterrence capabilities by strengthening defense capability in a realistic and effective manner.
 - Identify economic security risks and take countermeasures.
 5. Creating a landscape resilient against climate change and disasters
 - From the standpoint of sustainable development goals (SDGs), strengthen efforts to prepare for climate change and volatile disasters. Establish a new organization for climate change/disaster prevention measures and implement forestry management and comprehensive flood control policies.
 - Accelerate the development of regionally dispersed energy and telecommunications infrastructure alongside the maintenance/upgrade of existing infrastructure.
 - Strong promotion of reconstruction efforts in disaster-stricken areas like the Great East Japan earthquake and the Noto Peninsula earthquake.
 6. Creating a political landscape based on reform and dialogue
 - Secure transparency through the amended Political Funds Control Act and adherence to the LDP governance code.
 - Develop high-standard compliance akin to corporations and introduce screenings by lawyers, etc.

7. Taking on the challenge of a new landscape in Constitutional amendment and governance
 - Engage in dialogue with the public and realize amendments to the Constitution.
 - Revise the positioning of councils and expert panels and clarify the government's responsibility. Multiply numerous policies like “economy” and “foreign policy” to create a multiplier effect for policies.