

From Sustainability to Survivability

In the 21st century, the human race faces numerous crises, such as global warming, environmental degradation and the depletion of natural resources. These crises represent a serious threat to future generations.

To tackle this imminent threat, Kyoto University believes a shift in focus is necessary: from the concept of sustainability, the meaning of which has been weakened through inappropriate popular use, to that of survivability.

This represents a shift in focus to more pressing concerns such as developing a new durable culture to ensure the rights of the future human and ecological community, wise control of global economies and population growth aided by innovative technology, and the utilization of interplanetary space.

Building on its unique academic traditions, Kyoto University is dedicated to seeking solutions to the urgent issues of survivability which the human race now faces.

