

Dear Members

The City of Kanazawa is working on various activities based on the Creative City Promotion Program which formulated in March 2010. We'd like to inform you that the Futamata Japanese Paper Revitalization Program Examination Committee has produced a report.

This Committee was set up to revitalize the Futamata Japanese Paper which is the rare traditional craft of Kanazawa in May 2010 and had three meetings so far. The members have been examined the plans for material production systems, training of successors and, expansion of uses and market since its first meeting.

The committee put together tasks and practical measures to maintain a manufacturing process of raw materials and traditional papermaking for the revitalization of the Futamata Japanese Paper.

These are the main practical measures.

- training of successors:
 - establish a Futamata sector at the Rare Traditional Craft school
- expansion of uses and market:
 - Organization for Creating Kanazawa Craft Business (provisional name) will cooperate with Japanese Papermaker to develop a new product, hold an exhibition and sale at Messe
- material production system:
 - cultivate the paper mulberry experimentally

Not only Japanese Papermaker and administration but also cooperate with citizens and entrepreneurs to revitalize the Futamata Japanese Paper. We make an effort to practice these measures steadily. We will utilize the advantage of being Japanese Paper-producing district where people can learn and practice the technique and knowledge of whole process; cultivation, papermaking and marketing. In the future, Futamata will be the place to learn the Japanese Paper making and known all over the world as a wonderland of Japanese Paper.

The Creative City of Craft, Kanazawa will continue working on various activities to produce creative successors.

I wish you all the best and success more and more.

Yours sincerely

Japan Creative City Kanazawa promotion coordinator

(Bags and Crafts made of Paper)

(Paper Mulberry field in harvesting season)

