



## **Working toward the realization of "Urban Air Transportation Revolution" in cooperation with a European Community of Municipalities and Regions, the "Urban Air Mobility Initiative Cities Community – UIC2"**

Mie Prefectural Government is in agreement with the activity and policy of UAM Initiative Cities Community of the EU's Smart Cities Marketplace, hence establishing itself to be a UIC2 International City/Region Partner. Mie Prefectural Government is the first governmental body out of Europe which will be joining the Community (UIC2).

Mie Prefectural Government supports the activities and philosophy of the "UAM Initiative Cities Community (UIC2)", a municipal and regional liaison community to which European cities and regions belong, and became an "International City/Region Partner" to realize the urban air transportation revolution.



### **1) Purpose**

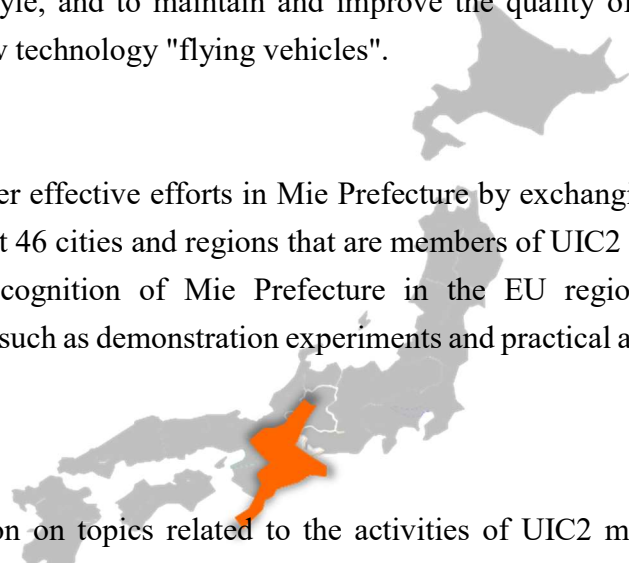
In Mie Prefecture, we are aiming to solve various regional issues such as transportation, tourism, disaster prevention, lifestyle, and to maintain and improve the quality of life. and to create a new business, utilizing the new technology "flying vehicles".

### **2) Expected outcome**

- It is possible to consider effective efforts in Mie Prefecture by exchanging information on various issues faced by the current 46 cities and regions that are members of UIC2 and efforts to solve them.
- By increasing the recognition of Mie Prefecture in the EU region, efforts toward the air transportation revolution, such as demonstration experiments and practical application in the prefecture, will be accelerating.

### **3) Agreement content**

- To exchange information on topics related to the activities of UIC2 members (cities and regions) regarding regulations, technology, co-creation/social acceptability, etc, as part of being an International City/Region Partner of UIC2.
- Support the basic concept of the UIC2 Manifesto on the Multilevel Governance of the Urban Sky, "It



is necessary to build a system from the perspective of residents centered on cities/regions", and work toward its realization in the EU and Japan through necessary cooperation such as exchanging opinions and best practices.

#### 4) Others

##### (1) About UIC2 (UAM Initiative Cities Community)

###### Overview

UIC2 is a community of currently 46 European cities/regions, established in 2017 as part of the EU's Smart Cities Marketplace, with the support of the European Commission (EC) to work toward the sustainable mobility planning and implementation of Urban Air Mobility (UAM) such as drones and "flying vehicles" in the EU region. Since drones and "flying vehicles" are expected to fly at relatively low altitudes, based on the philosophy that it is necessary to build a system not only from the technical perspective, but also from the perspective of residents in cities/regions, UIC2 members develop mobility and policy demonstrators to discuss the role and authority of cities/regions in the emerging UAM ecosystem, and make informed bottom up knowledge-sharing and recommendations to the EU institutional stakeholders such as the aviation authorities (EASA: European Union Aviation Safety Agency) and EC's sustainable mobility policy-making bodies.

UIC2 -UAM Initiative Cities Community, Leader: Dr. Vassilis Agouridas, Head of EU Public Co-Creation & Ecosystem Outreach at AIRBUS Urban Mobility.

##### (2) UIC2 International City/Region Partner

Local government bodies and organizations outside the EU that cooperate with UIC2 and its governmental member to work toward the practical and sustainable application of drones and flying vehicles while proactively framing and nurturing social acceptance aspects in each region.



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