

Minato Mirai 21 Project Chronology

1965

- Feb. • City of Yokohama announces Redevelopment Plan, one of six major projects.

1978

- Nov. • Planning and Investigatory Committee for the Overall Improvement of Yokohama City Center and Waterfront Area established, Yoshinosuke Yasoshima Chairman.

1979

- Dec. • Planning and Investigatory Committee reports its basic plan.

1980

- Mar. • Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., decides to relocate its Yokohama shipyard.

1981

- July. • Interim report on the master plan for the Overall Improvement of Yokohama city center and waterfront area announced.
• Project Promotion Committee headquarters established.
- Oct. • Project officially named "Minato Mirai 21."

1983

- Feb. • Yokohama finalizes urban plan including Landly Readjustment.
- Mar. • Relocation of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' Yokohama shipyard completed.
- Aug. • Official decision made to bring sailing vessel Nippon Maru to Yokohama.
- Nov. • Minister of Transport authorizes landfill project on public works.
• Minister for Construction authorizes Landly Readjustment of over 35.1 ha.
• Yokohama Minato Mirai 21 project officially launched.

1984

- Feb. • Cornerstone-laying ceremony held for Minato Mirai 21 land reclamation site.
- July. • Yokohama Minato Mirai 21 Corporation established.

1985

- Apr. • Part of present Nippon-maru Memorial Park opened.
- Sep. • Minato Mirai 21 Teleport Plan announced.
• Yokohama Shintoshi Building opened. (work initiated 1983)



The sailing ship Nippon-maru started to be opened to the public in 1985.

1986

- July. • International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) decides to locate its headquarters in Yokohama.
- Oct. • Minato Mirai 21 District Heating and Cooling Co., Ltd. established.

1987

- Mar. • Reclamation work completed in Central District's Construction Zone No.1 (43 ha).
- June. • Pacific Convention Plaza Yokohama Corporation established.
- July. • Modification of Land Readjustment plan authorized (expansion to 63.4 ha).
- Dec. • Media City Yokohama Corporation established.
• Japanese Cabinet approved the construction of a National Convention Hall in Yokohama (Minato Mirai 21 District).

1988

- Jan. • Japanese government (MITI & Transport and Construction ministries) designates Pacific Convention Plaza Yokohama Corporation as an official conference facility (conference hall and exhibition site) under the Private Participation Promotion Law.
- Apr. • Temporary apportionment of part of the land defined under the Land Readjustment plan (63.4 ha) for Minato Mirai 21 Central district.
- June. • Minister of Construction authorizes basic Intelligent City plan.
- July. • Minato Mirai 21 Basic Agreement on Urban Community Development concluded.
- Oct. • Shinko District's Ichimonji area obtained license for reclamation of public works.

1989

- Jan. • Modification of Land Readjustment plan (expanded to 74.3 ha).
- Feb. • New Sakuragicho Station Plaza opened to public.

- Mar. • Minato Mirai 21 District Heating and Cooling Center plant completed; ceremony held to celebrate start of operation.
• Moving walkway completed.
• Media City Yokohama Corporation's urban style visual information system begins service.
• Yokohama Exotic Showcase (YES'89) opened.
• Yokohama Maritime Museum opened.
• Part of present Rinko Park opened.
• Bijutsunohiroba (Art Plaza) opened.



Yokohama Exotic Showcase (YES'89) took place in 1989.

- May. • Yokohama International Telecommunications Center, operated by IDC (International Digital Communications Inc.), begins service.
• Decision reached to use "Minato Mirai" for all street and home addresses in Minato Mirai 21 Central District.
• Former Takashima Yard District's land use plan approved during Japanese National Railways Settlement Corporation's liquidation proceedings.
- Oct. • Yokohama Exotic Showcase (YES'89) closed.
- Nov. • Yokohama Museum of Art opened.

1990

- Apr. • Yokohama Minatomirai Railway Company granted business license for Minatomirai Line.
- Nov. • T.R.Y. 90 Group, a consortium of 23 firms, was selected to develop Block 24 as a result of a competitive bidding for Minato Mirai 21 Central District business plan proposals.

1991

- Apr. • City refuse conveying pipeline system begins operation.
- July. • Pacifico Yokohama (Pacific Convention Plaza Yokohama, completed (work initiated 1989).
- Aug. • Yokohama Grand Inter-Continental Hotel opened.
- Oct. • Pacifico Yokohama Exhibition Hall completed (work initiated 1989).
- Nov. • Minato Mirai Pier and Marine Terminal (Pukarisanbashi Pier) completed (work initiated 1991).
• World Teleport Association's 7th general meeting (Teleport Yokohama '91) held at Pacifico Yokohama.

1992

- Feb. • Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlement (CITYNET) locates offices in Yokohama International Organizations Center in Pacifico Yokohama.
- Mar. • Former Takashima Yard District (21.9 ha) is incorporated into Land Readjustment area.
• City of Yokohama and the Japanese Ministry of Finance conclude a contract on exchange of the Aka-Renga warehouses and sites.
- May. • Minato Mirai Ramp begins operation in both directions.
- July. • Business Attraction Headquarters established by City of Yokohama.
- Nov. • Phase 1 of construction work for the Minatomirai Line starts.

1993

- Feb. • Japanese government approves the Yokohama Business Core City Basic Concept.
- Mar. • Applications for registration of developers of business development promotion districts in Minato Mirai 21 Central District opened with June deadline.
- June. • Minato Mirai 21 Recycling Promotion Council established.
• Cable City Yokohama established.
- July. • The Landmark Tower Yokohama opened (work initiated 1990).
- Sep. • Toshi Mirai Development Center Co., Ltd established.
• The Bank of Yokohama head-office building opens (work initiated 1990).
• Yokohama Royal Park Hotel Nikko opened.
- Nov. • Minato Mirai 21 celebrates 10th anniversary of founding.



A view of the Minato Mirai 21 district prior to the start of construction work (1980)



1983



1989

- Dec. • Committee on Minato Mirai 21 Promotion Measures established, Yoshinosuke Yasoshima Chairman.

1994

- Mar. • Phase-2 construction of Minato Mirai 21 Heating Plant Building (work initiated 1992).
- Apr. • Kokusai Bridge (Kokusai Boulevard) opened.
- National Convention Hall of Yokohama (work initiated 1991) opened.
- May. • First report on Minato Mirai 21 promotion measures released.
- June. • Mitsubishi Jyuko Yokohama Building (work initiated 1992) opened.
- July. • Former Takashima Yard District (Yohinko-Pool area) obtained license for reclamation of public works.
- Dec. • Bay Shore Route of Shuto Expressway (Haneda-Bay Bridge) opened.



The construction of facilities was progressing steadily (1994).

1995

- Feb. • Phase-2 construction of Minatomirai Line (Yokohama - Minatomirai) begun.
- Modification of Land Readjustment Plan authorized (extension of plan period to 2003 including 5-year settlement period).
- Apr. • Yokohama Marine Disaster Prevention Complex completed.
- Minato Mirai 21 General Information Center opened.
- Aug. • Minato Mirai 21 District holds first joint disaster-preparedness drill.

1996

- Jan. • Keiyu Hospital (work initiated 1993) opened.
- Feb. • Water area between piers in shinko district obtained license for reclamation of public works.
- Sep. • Sky Building (work initiated 1994) opened.
- Nov. • Authorization of completion of reclamation of former Takashima Yard District (Yohinko-Pool area).

1997

- Apr. • Yokohama Sakuragi Post Office (work initiated 1996) opened.
- July. • Queen's Square Yokohama (work initiated 1994) opened.
- Nisseki Yokohama Building (work initiated 1994) opened.
- Cross Patio opened to public.
- Whole of Minato Mirai Boulevard opened, including temporary two-lane zone.
- Kishamichi Promenade opened.
- Aug. • The Pan Pacific Hotel Yokohama opened.
- Sep. • Queen Mall Bridge opened.



Queen's Square Yokohama opened in 1997, marking the completion of the Queen Axis.

1998

- June. • Grand opening of the Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall (Small hall opened in February).
- Oct. • The parking lot information system began operations.

1999

- Mar. • Modification of Land Readjustment plan authorized (extension of plan to 2010, including a 5-year settlement period, and expansion of the planned area to 101.6 ha).
- May. • Yokohama Media Tower (work initiated 1997) opened, (Telecommunications Towers : Sept.).
- Sep. • The town developed in the Shinko District is opened to the public.
- Yokohama World Porters (work initiated 1997) opened.
- Unga Park opened.



Opening of the new town in Shinko District (1999)

- Part of the Aka-Renga Park opened.
- Oct. • Yokohama International Seamen's Center "Navios Yokohama" (work initiated 1997) opened.
- Employment and Human Resources Development Organization of Japan relocated to Nisseki Yokohama Building.
- Nov. • Grand Mall Park celebrates its grand opening.
- Dec. • Shinko Circle Walk opened to the public.

2000

- Mar. • Minato Mirai 21 police box of Tobe Police Station opens (construction work started in 1998).
- Oct. • Cross Gate opens (construction work started in 1998).



Yokohama Triennale 2001

2001

- Apr. • Shinko Park opened.
- July. • Pacifico Yokohama's exhibition halls are expanded (construction work started in 1999).
- Sep. • Yokohama Triennale 2001 opened.

2002

- Mar. • Yamashita Rinko Line Promenade opened.
- Pedestrian Plaza in front of Sakuragicho Station completed.
- Apr. • Aka-Renga Soko and Aka-Renga Park opened (Renovation work for Aka-Renga Soko started in 2000).
- May. • Yokohama hosted FIFA World™ Cup tournament.
- International Media Center opened in Pacifico Yokohama.
- Dec. • JICA Yokohama International Centre opened (work initiated 2000).

2003

- Mar. • Urban visual information system "MEW Vision" stopped its service.
- Oct. • Construction of M.M. Towers completed (construction work started in 2000).
- Nov. • Daiwa House Industry, Co., Ltd. was named as developer for the North-E part of Block 50.

2004

- Feb. • Minatomirai Line opened.
- Mar. • Pier Aka-Renga Opened (construction work started in 2004)
- FUJISOFT ABC Building opened (construction work started in 2002).
- Kenminkyosai Plaza Building opened (construction work started in 2002).
- Construction of Yokohama Minatomirai Manyo Club started.
- Apr. • Ordinance Concerning Special Assistance Offered to Businesses in Districts Specially Designated for Corporate Business Investment in the City of Yokohama (Ordinance for encouraging companies to set up business in the area) took effect.
- Leaf Minatomirai opened (construction work started in 2002).
- June. • Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. was named as the developer for Block 66.
- July. • Minato Mirai 21 Promotion Council established.
- Sep. • Minatomirai Business Square opened (construction work started in 2002).
- SEGA Corp. was chosen as the developer for Blocks 55 and 56.
- Oct. • Construction of M.M. TOWERS FORESIS started.
- Nov. • GENTO YOKOHAMA opened (construction work started in 2004).
- The Nissan Group was named as the developer for Block 61.
- Dec. • Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. and Pacific Management Corp. were named as the developers for Block 50 North-W part.
- The City of Yokohama announced plans for developing a Yokohama Minatomirai Sports Park (tentative name) in Block 60.

2005

- Jan. • LAND Co., Ltd. and Orix Real Estate Corp were chosen as the developers for Block 41.
- Feb. • Construction of condominiums in the south part of Block 50 started.



1994



1997



2005