New National Spatial Strategy (Regional Plans)

[Basic Concept]

- In view of the new national plan (approved by the cabinet in August 2015), the roughly 10-year national spatial development strategy of about eight national blocks has been formulated after consideration and consultation by the regional plan council, which consists of the national government, local governments, and economic organizations.
- By the mutual cooperation among regions that are unique and based on the development of national land promoting interaction-led regional revitalization in which people, goods, and information interactively and actively come and go and by a compact and networked structure, the achievement of money-making national land and national land where we can continue to live is pursued.
- Achievement of balanced national land development that uses each unique regional individuality and that is appropriate for the future era.

Main initiatives that are common to each block

- Promotion of required infrastructure development, productivity improvement by maximizing stock effects, and competitiveness enhancement in industries
- Promotion of attractive tourist resort development by collaboration between public and private sectors, further expansion of inbound tourism
- Disaster prevention and reduction suitable for regional characteristics, measures against aging buildings, ensuring safety and security by the development of a disaster-resilient national land
- Nurturing and securing regional community supporters, formulation of sustainable communities

Creating Regional Blocks by the Collaboration of the National and Local Governments

- Consideration and promotion in the Regional Plan Council, which consists of the national government, local governments, and economic organizations
- Promotion of cooperation over the border of government ministries, municipalities and public and private sectors

- Tokyo governor and prefectoral governors
- Mayors of cities designated by ordinance
- Chiefs of economic groups Economic Federation
- Chambers of commerce and industry and others
- Heads of a national local branch office
- The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Districts for Regional Plans

- Tohoku Area
- Hokuriku Area
- Metropolitan Area
- Shikoku Area
- Chugoku Area
- Kyushu Area
- Chubu Area
- Kinki Area

(Regarding Hokkaido and Okinawa, the each plan is formulated by other laws)

The regional plan council mainly promotes the plan in collaboration with the national and local governments and the public and private sectors

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Main initiatives of each block

**Tohoku Area**

**Main Theme**

From Earthquake Recovery to Self-Sustaining Development

- **Cooperation with the metropolitan area, Hokkaido, and the Hokuriku Area**
- **Expansion of air routes and port function**

### Number of international guests

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Target: 1.5 million guests in 2020

- **Environmental improvement for international tourists**

  [Developmental promotion for Free Wi-Fi environment]

- **Winter sightseeing**

  - Snowdrifting experience tour (Goshogawara City, Aomori Prefecture)
  - Stove train (Tsugaru railway)

Formation of the wide area sightseeing route

Source: JR Hokkaido

Cooperation by opening of Hokkaido Shinkansen


- Cooperation using Hokuriku Shinkansen

- Cooperation as a wide interaction area extending over three prefectures of Fukushima, Ibaraki, and Tochigi

- New regional forming by various cooperation and exchange promotion

Source: Tsugaru Railway Company website

Source: NTT East website

Source: Tohoku Tourism Promotion Organization website

Source: Peach Aviation Limited

Source: Tokyo Tourism Promotion Organization website

Source: Tohoku Tourism Promotion Organization website
Main initiatives of each block

Metropolitan Area

Main Theme
Developing a Refined Interactive Metropolitan Area Based on Safety and Security

Legend
- Axis Concept
- Area Concept
- Region Group Concept
- Interaction Area Concept

The 13 cooperation groups

1: The northern Kanto new industry axial
2: Developing the new logistics axial that connects Eastern Japan and Western Japan to each other and the world
3: The key area of developing national land and exploiting the Sea of Japan and Pacific sides
4: The future axial of a maritime country
5: The interaction area of Mt. Fuji, the Southern Alps, and the Yatsugatake Mountains
6: The maritime culture urban area
7: The FIT wide interaction area
8: The area of interaction of Nikko, Aizu, and Joalhu connected by a historic road
9: The international urban cities in southwestern metropolitan areas
10: The international airport area in Tamagawa
11: The area of interaction connecting the metropolitan areas to the Tohoku area, Hokkuru area, and Hokkaido area
12: The intellectual interaction center of Tsukuba and its surroundings
13: Developing points of export for wholesale markets around international airports

Developing the Interactive Metropolitan Area

- Creating the 13 cooperation groups to foster interaction throughout the Tokyo metropolitan area and to develop an interactive metropolitan area that eases the overconcentration in Tokyo
Main initiatives of each block

**Hokuriku Area**

**Main Theme**

The Key Area of Developing National Land and Exploiting the Sea of Japan and Pacific Sides

**Best Practice**

**Hokuriku Area**

- Technology accumulation in the textile industry and the new material industry
- R&D and production of carbon fiber composite materials

**Chubu Area**

- Agglomeration of automakers and aircraft makers
- Application study processing and assembly of carbon fiber composite materials

Using the industrial characteristics and strengths owned by both the Hokuriku Area and Chubu Area and creating various industrial clusters in the area from the Sea of Japan to the Pacific have resulted in productivity improvements in both areas.

**Aiming to fulfill life with further safety/security and prosperous environment**

- Aiming to become the world class cluster of carbon fiber composite materials with the cooperation of the Chubu Area
Main initiatives of each block

**Chubu Area**

**Main Theme**

Area of Interaction for the World’s Manufacturing

**Best Practice**

Development of the new Chubu area that uses linear motor technology

- **Japanese heartland, Chubu** -

Development of urban and provincial areas created by wide area cooperation

〈San-En-Nanshin-Area-Relationship〉

**New Industry**

(Multi-generation industrial technologies for transport equipment, new agriculture, healthcare-related industry, light energy industry)

**Aerospace Industry**

**Food and Agriculture Industry**

**Food Processing Industry**

(Brewing Industry)

Collaboration between government, industry and academia

San-En-Nanshin cluster promotion conference

Harvest in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture

Processing raw sake into products in Iida city, Nagano Prefecture

[Photo courtesy of Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation]
Main initiatives of each block

Kinki Area

Main Theme

Base of Interaction with Asia Through History and Innovation

Best Practice

Battery Strategy Research Center

Production value of lithium ion batteries

230 billion yen (2010)

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3,850 billion yen (2025)
(Kansai Target value)

Kansai No. 1 share in Japan 60%

Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Production results for main products in 2012”

Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster

Northern part of Kyoto Prefecture (5 cities and 2 towns)
In the area, the total population is 294 thousand people, and the gross production within the area is 1.1 trillion

Interaction Example

Local food x Landscapes x Trains

The Restaurant Train, KURO-MATSU

Kansai Tango Railway

Interaction Example

Tango Silk Crepe x Fiber Technology

Product Development of Spider Silk

Several cities are connected by strengthening of networks

“Maritime Kyoto” brands Provide Sighting Promotion

Tourism Resources (the Ine no Funaya Houses/Amanohashidate)

Kansai International Airport:
Visitors from Asia has increased rapidly

Kobe Airport

Nanki Shirahama Airport

Osaka International Airport

Sakaisenboku Port

Linear Chuo Shinkansen

Super Mega Region

Kansai Inova

International Strategic Comprehensive Special Zone

Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster

Umekita Knowledge Capital

Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster
Main initiatives of each block

Chugoku Area

Main Theme
Interacting with the Uniqueness of Setouchi to the Sea of Japan and the World

Best Practice

Promotion of cooperation between cities
[Area of Nakaumi, Shinjiko, Daisen]

Iwami ginzan silver mine
Izumo-taisha

Hagi reverberatory furnace

International Exchange with East Asian Countries

Liquefied Hydrogen Production Plant
Industrial Complex

Encouragement of internal migration and settlement that can take advantage of the attractiveness of the area
[Grade A gourmet town (Ohnan-cho, Shimane prefecture)]

One hour by highway from Hiroshima!

Ohnan-cho

Restaurants which use the ingredients acquired in local areas

Iwami wagyu beef

Yearly sales: 32 million yen
The number of yearly visitors: 24 thousand visitors

Agricultural training for new farmer candidates
Main initiatives of each block

**Shikoku Area**

**Main Theme**
Conveyance to the World by Interaction over the Area

**Best Practice**

Shikoku, which could also mean "Worth Seeing Country," activating its tourism by a mindset of the beauty of nature and hospitality

Holy ground for cyclists

The last Japanese fresh stream, Shimanto River

The wide area sightseeing route

The New York Times introduced only Shikoku in Japan for the theme of "The 52 places to go in 2015"

Iwaya-ji Temple (Ehime prefecture)

Whale watching

Rafting the rapids of the Yoshino River

Art in Setouchi

Naruto whirlpools

Traditional dance called Awa Odori

**Perishable food is delivered to dining tables in East Asia the next day**

Making it possible to quickly deliver perishable food to East Asian markets.

Shikoku, which could also mean "Resourceful Country", enhancing its industrial competitiveness for self-sustainability and continuous development in the region
Main initiatives of each block

Kyushu Area

The Main Area for Japanese Growth - The New Wind from the West -

Best Practice

- Kyushu Shinkansen
  Opening of West Kyushu route (Nagasaki route) expands the exchange with the Kinki area

- Export promotion of agricultural, forestry, and fishery products
  Overseas expansion of the agricultural, forestry, and fishery products acquired only in Kyushu

- Use of containers to preserve freshness
  ⇒ Compared to conventional transportation by air
  The costs have been reduced to one-tenth

- Export value of agricultural, forestry, and fishery products, and food
  ⇒ The value will be doubled by 2020

Development of “Gateway Kyushu” 'Activation of Key Industries and Regional Industries'
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
National Spatial Planning and Regional Policy Bureau,
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