

Background on the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations

Since late 1950s:	Scholars, researchers, and others concerned offered proposals for relocating capital functions by relocating the capital city or sharing capital functions among several cities.
Feb. 25, 1975:	Diet members and others established the Roundtable Committee on the Issue of a New Capital City (also called the Roundtable Committee on the Promotion of Building a New Capital City).
Nov. 1977:	The government identified the issue as significant in the Third Comprehensive National Development Plan.
Jun. 1987:	The government identified the issue as significant in the Fourth Comprehensive National Development Plan.
Jan. 23, 1990:	The Roundtable Committee on the Issue of Capital Functions Relocation organized by the Minister of the National Land Agency was established.
Nov. 7, 1990:	The House of Representatives and the House of Councillors adopted the resolution on the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations.
Dec. 19, 1990:	The Expert Committee on the Issue of Capital Functions Relocation was organized and established by the Prime Minister.
Aug. 5, 1991:	The Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations was established in the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors.
Jun. 22, 1992:	The Roundtable Committee on the Issue of Capital Functions Relocation released its report.
Jul. 21, 1992:	The Expert Committee on the Issue of Capital Functions Relocation released its report.
Dec. 24, 1992:	The Act for Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations was promulgated and enforced.
Apr. 20, 1993:	The Investigating Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations was established in the Prime Minister's Office based on the Act.
Dec. 13, 1995:	The Investigating Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations published its final report (on the significance and effects of relocation, criteria for selecting candidate sites for the relocation, etc.) and submitted it to the Prime Minister.

Jun. 26, 1996:	The amended Act concerning the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations was promulgated and enforced.
Dec. 19, 1996:	The Council for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations was established in the Prime Minister's Office based on the amended Act.
Mar. 31, 1998:	The government identified the issue as significant in the Fifth Comprehensive National Development Plan (the Grand Design for the 21st Century).
Dec. 20, 1999:	The Council for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations published its report (on the selection of candidate relocation areas, etc.) and submitted it to the Prime Minister. (The Prime Minister submitted the report to the Speakers of both Houses on December 21.)
May 18, 2000:	The Special Committee of the House of Representatives for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations adopted the resolution on the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations.
May 28, 2003:	The Special Committee of the House of Representatives for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations approved an interim report detailing past deliberations, etc. (The report was submitted to a plenary session of the House on May 29.)
Jun. 11, 2003:	The Special Committee of the House of Councillors for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations approved the interim report detailing past deliberations, etc. (The report was submitted to a plenary session of the House on June 13.)
Jun. 16, 2003:	The Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations was established.
Dec. 22, 2004:	The Chairpersons' Report was approved at the Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations and submitted to the Chairperson of the Committees on Rules and Administration of both Houses.