

Trends in the Diet

House of Councilors

At the meeting of the Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of the House of Councilors on November 6, Director-General Chikage Ogi of the National Land Agency (Minister of State) and the Committee members exchanged questions and answers. For details, please refer to the the Internet Homepage "The Record of the Proceedings of the Diet Retrieval System" (<http://kokkai.ndl.go.jp>).

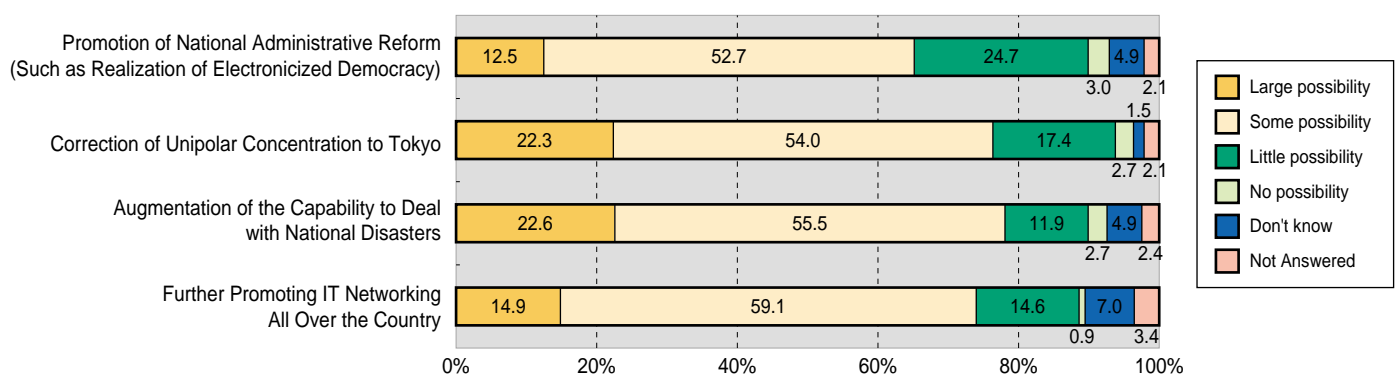
Questionnaire Survey about Advanced Information Networks

The National Land Agency established the "Panel for Studying How the Capital Function City Utilize Information Technology (IT)" and obtained information by means of questionnaires from the representative directors of companies whose stocks are listed on the first section of Tokyo and Osaka Stock Markets (1410 companies) and all prefectural governors, city and town mayors, and village headmen. The summary and partial of the questionnaire results are introduced here. For further details, please refer to the National Land Agency Capital Functions Relocation Homepage (<http://www.nla.go.jp/daishu/index.html>).

Results of Questionnaires about Business Siting Tendencies in the Era of Advanced Information Networks

- 1 . Method: Questionnaires were mailed to and retrieved from the representative directors of companies whose stocks are listed on the first section of Tokyo and Osaka Stock Markets (1410 companies).
- 2 . Questionnaires Statistics: 1,410 Mailed out 328 Returned (Rate of Return 23.3%) (As of October 6)
- 3 . Questions
 - Question 1 Main factors in deciding the location of the central sections of the company
 - Question 2 Sections that can easily be located separately considering the development of IT networking and those that cannot.
 - Question 3 Effects of IT networking development on locating and collecting central sections and human resources of the company
 - Question 4 Prospects of international information transmission capability of Japan resulting from IT networking development
 - Question 5 Possibility of the multiplier effect obtained by effectively coordinating IT networking and the capital functions relocation
 - Question 6 Locations of companies and organizations in the city, site of the capital functions relocation
- 4 . Summary of Questionnaire Results (For Question 5)

Question 5 Possibility of the Multiplier Effect Obtained by Effectively Coordinating IT Networking and the Capital Functions Relocation



Results of Questionnaires about Items such as Local Construction in the Era of Advanced Information Networks

- 1 . Method: Questionnaires were mailed to and retrieved from all prefectural governors, city and town mayors, and village headmen.
- 2 . Questionnaires Statistics: 3,281 mailed and 1,535 received (Rate of return 46.8%) (As of October 6)
- 3 . Questions

Question 1 On what points should efforts of coping with Information Technology (IT) in local public organizations be focused?

Question 2 How do you cope with administrative information networks expected to be completely implemented in local public organizations ten years or so?

Question 3 How do you cope with "Electronicized Government Formation" expected to be completely implemented in Japan in ten years or so?

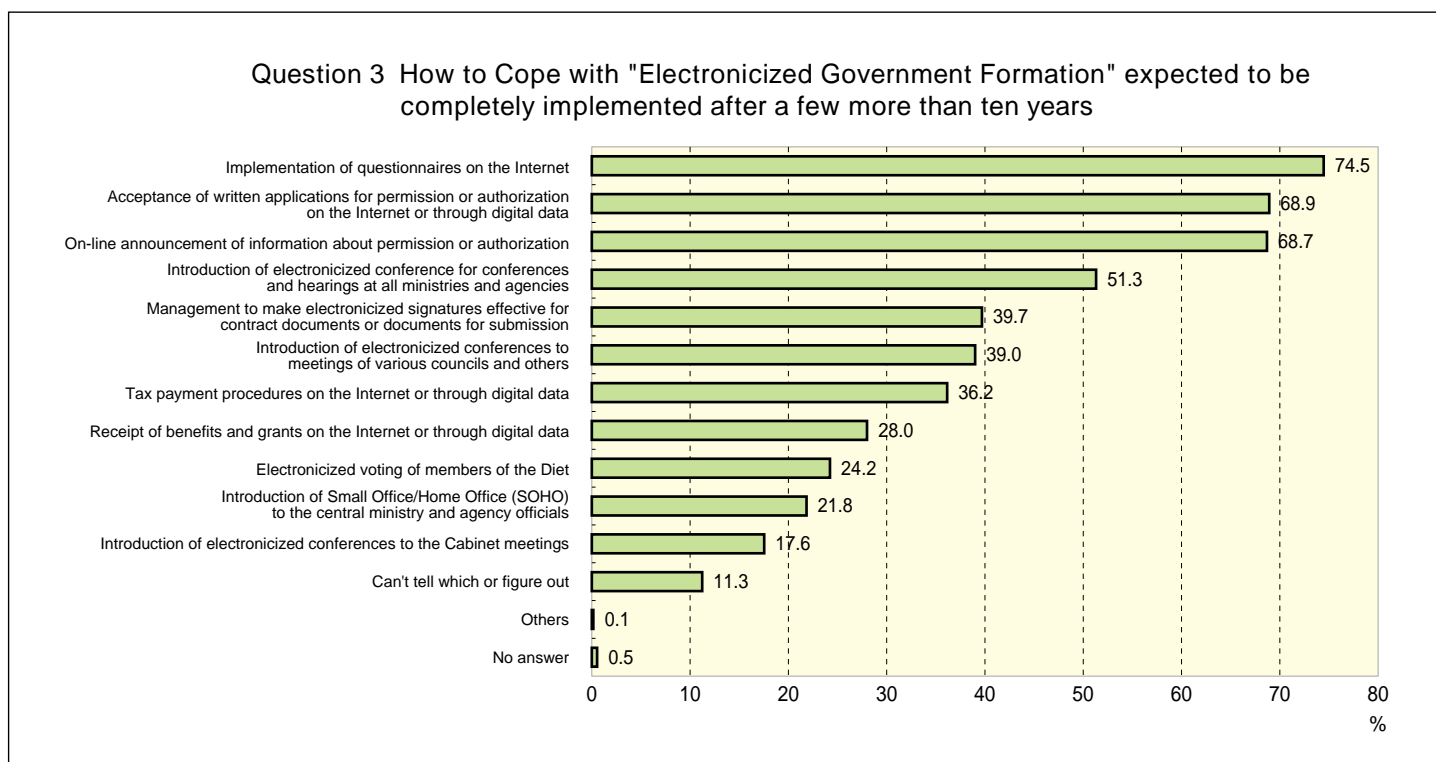
Question 4 Do you believe that regional differences in information exist?

Question 5 In what directions will Regional Differences in Information all over Japan progress as IT networking develops in the future?

Question 6 What will be the effects of IT networking development on the location and collection of companies and human resources in ten years or so?

Question 7 What measures related to information do you deem necessary for constructing independent and charming regions?

Question 8 What is the possible multiplier effect to be obtained by effectively coordinating IT networking and the capital functions relocation?
- 4 . Summary of the Questionnaires Results



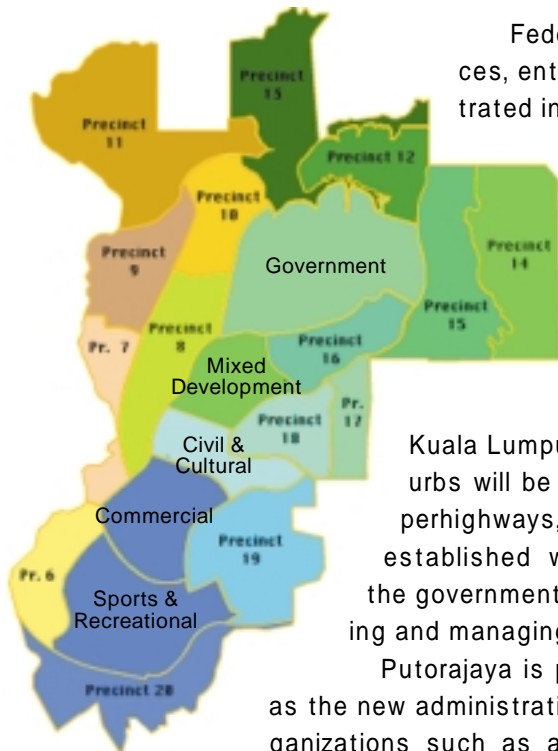
Capital Functions Relocation in Malaysia

Malaysia intends to relocate its administrative functions from its capital, Kuala Lumpur, to its suburbs to realize an IT networked government as part of its Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) Project.

The Project is introduced here in this edition.

Pictures and figures printed in this article are quoted from the Homepage of the Putrajaya Holdings Sdn. Bhd. (<http://www.pjholds.com.my>).

Malaysia is a federal country consisting of 13 states with a national land of 330 thousand km², a little smaller than Japan, and a population of 22.18 million (as of the middle of 1998). The country gives high priority to developing the Information Technology (IT) industry. It espouses the national development plan "Vision 2020" and focuses on IT networking of the government and citizens as well as constructing IT infrastructures necessary for networking.



Precinct

Federal administrative, legislative, and judicial functions, the king's palaces, enterprise headquarters functions, and commercial facilities were concentrated in the capital Kuala Lumpur. However, it was decided to relocate the administrative functions from Kuala Lumpur into its suburbs to realize an IT networked government as part of the Multimedia Super Corridor Project because of problems of overcrowding such as traffic congestion and ineffective construction of the IT infrastructures in the urban area.

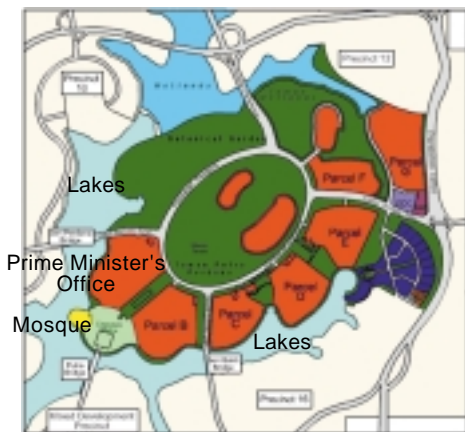
In practical terms, Malaysia plans to develop an area 50km north to south and 15km east and west to establish the Putrajaya (the new administrative city) and the Siberjaya (the new IT city). Kuala Lumpur city, the new Kuala Lumpur Airport, and the Science Park in the suburbs will be connected by high-capacity, high-speed communication networks, superhighways, and high-speed railroads. The Multimedia Development Corporation is established with 100% investment by the government as the nucleus for developing and managing the overall MSC.

Putrajaya is planned in the MSC Project as the new administrative city to which most of organizations such as administrative organizations of the Federal Government and the Prime Minister's Office will be relocated from Kuala Lumpur city.

Putrajaya is located roughly at the center of the MSC, 25km south of Kuala Lumpur city and 20km north of the new KL International Airport. Before the development, its site was classified in the coconut palm groves and forests land category.



Prime Minister's Office



Government Precinct

Putrajaya Development Schedule

Phase 1	1996 to 2000	Establishment of infrastructure, construction of ministry and agency buildings, houses, commercial facilities, mosques and development of parks
Phase 2	2000 to 2005	Construction of the central main streets, houses, mosques, and recreational facilities
Phase 3	2005 to 2010	Construction of houses, mosques, and recreational facilities

The development of Putrajaya is divided into three phases. The development just entered its phase 2, and relocation of the governmental organizations was began in 1998, following the completion of part of the ministry and agency buildings. The Prime Minister's Official Residence, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs have already been relocated.

As for the development progress, 60% of the ministry and agency buildings and 20 thousand houses were completed, and a population of 1,000 was relocated as of August 2000.

Relocation of all ministries and agencies is scheduled to be completed by 2005.



Mixed Development Precinct



Civic & Cultural Precinct

Major Recent Trends Related to the Capital Functions Relocation (from September 25 to October 25)

- September 27 The Capital Functions Relocation Working Group established in the Social Economic Productivity Headquarters (Foundation) (Chaired by Professor Takashi Onishi of the University of Tokyo) concluded and announced the "New Proposal for the Capital Functions Relocation -- To Formulate a National Consensus --"
- September 27 An investigative field tour of the candidate capital functions relocation site was conducted in Abukuma Region.
- September 29, October 3, and October 25 Regional women's conferences on the capital functions relocation were held in Chuno Region on September 25, in Tono Region on October 3, and in Seino Region on October 25
- On October 14 and 15 A cultural exchange meeting was held between parents and children from the Metropolitan Region and local district, "Water, Village, and Mountain Experiencing Tour" was conducted in Nishishirakawa-gun, Fukushima Prefecture.
- October 14 and 22 An investigative tour concerning the capital functions relocation was conducted in Nasu Region.
- October 21, 22, etc. The "Dreamy New City" Painting Displays were held in Shiga Prefecture
- October 23 Mie, Shiga, Kyoto, and Nara Prefectures announced the Mie/Kio New City Concept.

Mini-Lecture on Capital Functions Relocation Vol. 1

In this column, details of various discussions about capital functions relocation in the past will be explained understandably.

In this first mini-lecture, we would like to focus on the scale of relocation (area). The area of the new city and relocation site, assumed in trial model calculations at the Council for Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations, is described here. How big is the Diet city, 1,800ha?



From the Capital Functions Relocation Pamphlet
Prepared by the National Land Agency

Area of the New City, Relocation Site

	Area
First Phase	1,800ha
1/2 Case	4,800ha
Maximum Case	8,500ha

*The first phase covers relocation focusing on the Diet
1/2 case is the case when a half of the administrative organizations are relocated
The maximum case is 1800ha when all administrative organizations are relocated

1,800ha is 23 times as big as Tokyo Disney Land. The areas of Chiyoda and Chuo Wards cover 2,200ha.

Accessing Various Information

Various information concerning the capital functions relocation has been provided on the National Land Agency Homepage on the Internet.

Also if you are interested in items in this leaflet and others, please let us know. We will pleasingly send related documents to you. We are awaiting your contact.

We are Waiting for Your Contact

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