



~ Think Together about the Capital Functions Relocation of Japan ~

Trends in the Diet

House of Councilors

The Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of the House of Councilors (Chaired by Mr. Giichi Tsunoda) dispatched its members to the "Tochigi and Fukushima Region" on January 16 and 17, 2001. When they arrived, they were given outlines of the local organizations' plans by their officials, including Governor Akio Fukuda of Tochigi Prefecture and Governor Eisaku Sato of Fukushima Prefecture, and they gathered information at observation points such as Nasunogahara in Tochigi Prefecture and the Fukushima Airport in Fukushima Prefecture.

Capital Functions Relocation by the Republic of Korea (Relocation of Central Governmental Organizations)

In the Republic of Korea (ROK), some central governmental organizations were relocated to Kwachon City, at a distance of 15km from Seoul, and Taejon Metropolitan, at a distance of 150km from Seoul, to cope with the overcrowding of its capital, Seoul, and effectively utilize its national land. A summary of the relocation of Korean central governmental organizations is introduced in this issue.

In the ROK, 45.9% of the national population, 54% of manufacturers, and 85% of public organizations were concentrated in the metropolitan area which occupies only 11.8% of the national land. This caused land price escalation, housing shortages, and serious traffic and environmental problems in Seoul, and in other local cities, it caused population decrease, and development delays, thus impeding effective national land utilization.

Therefore, some central governmental organizations were relocated to Kwachon City in 1982, and to Taejon Metropolitan in 1998. Collective relocation of hygienic and medical organizations to Chungchongnam Prefecture is scheduled in the future.

Present Locations of Central Governmental Organizations

Seoul Metropolitan Seshuu Road First Government Office Building	Eight Organizations Including Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ministry of Unification, and Ministry of Administration and Autonomy Only extremely pivotal organizations are left in Seoul. In addition Ministry of National Defense and Ministry of Culture and Tourism are separately scattered in Seoul City
Kwachon City in Kyonggi Prefecture Second Government Office Building About 15km from Seoul Special City	Twelve Organizations Including Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Science and Technology, and Ministry of Construction and Traffic Organizations subject to the relocation are selected from those other than central governmental organizations in which ministers are taking their offices (equivalent to the ministries proper in Japan)
Taejon Metropolitan Third Government Office Building About 150km from Seoul Special City About One to Two Hours by Train or Bus	Eleven Organizations including Customs Agency, Procurement Agency, Railroad Agency, Statistics Agency, Forest Agency, Military Affairs Agency, Small and Medium Enterprises Agency, and Patent Office Organizations subject to relocation are selected in accordance with the policy that organizations other than central governmental organizations in which ministers are taking their offices and independent of other governmental organizations (extra-ministral bureaus) should be relocated as much as possible

As for information communication between governmental organizations and other organizations, a total of 75 organizations, including the First to Third Governmental Office Buildings (Seoul, Kwachon, and Taejon), the Ministry of Legislature, wide-area cities, and wide-area self-governing bodies, are connected by the governmental high-speed communications network. In particular, a system to enable video conferences between Quing Tai (Presidential Office), and the First and Second Governmental Office Buildings (Seoul, Kwachon), and large conference room systems to enable 20 to 30 persons to hold video conferences, have been constructed in the First and Second Governmental Office Buildings. These systems are scheduled to be connected to the Third Governmental Office Building (Taejon) in the future.

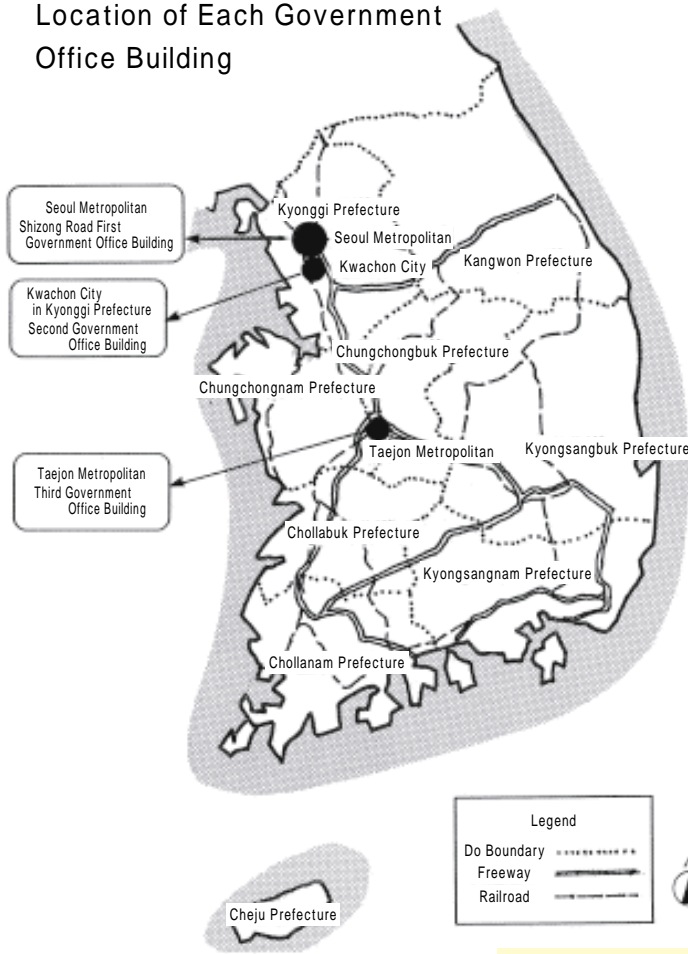
Reference: Collective Relocation of Organizations related to health and medication to Chungchongbuk Prefecture Osong-banji

Scale of Site: 910ha (First Step: 495ha Second Step: 415ha)

Organizations Relocated: Three organizations, Food Stuff and Pharmaceutical Safety Agency, National Research Institute of Health, Health Industry Promotion Agency, and 61 related enterprises

Project Expenditure: Approximately 57.1 billion yen (First Step: 46.1 billion yen, Second Step: 11.1 billion yen)

Location of Each Government Office Building



Appearances of Government Office Buildings

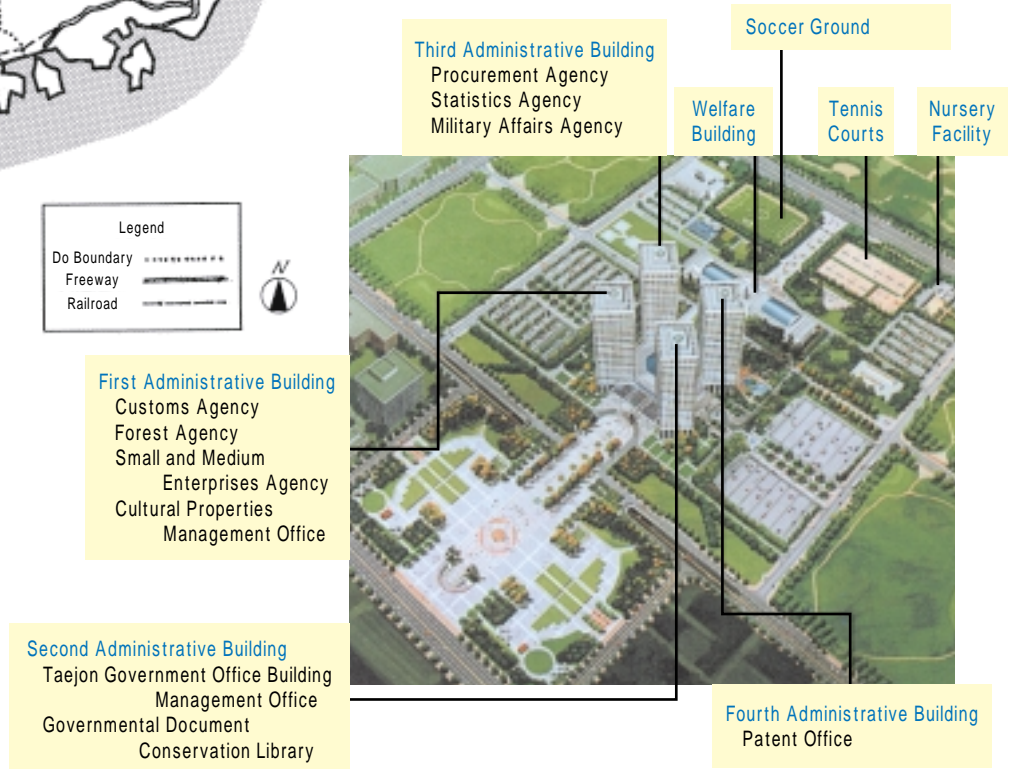


General View of the Third Government Office Building in Taejon Metropolitan



Front View of the Third Government Office Building in Taejon Metropolitan

Whole Perspective of the Third Government Office Building in Taejon Metropolitan



*Compiled from the "Guide for Civil Officials to be Relocated to Taejon" prepared by the Taejon Government Office Building Management Office, Ministry of Administrative Autonomy, ROK.

Contribution: A New Proposal for the Capital Functions Relocation

-- Construction of a Relocation Concept to Change Japan

Study Group for the Capital Functions Relocation (Chaired by Professor Takashi Onishi of the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo)

The Study Group for the Capital Functions Relocation, which consists of 11 experts on capital functions relocation problems, was established in the JAPAN PRODUCTIVITY CENTER FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in July 2000, and has carried out five studies. The Group concluded proposals for realizing national consensus formation and proposals for a capital functions relocation concept as the result of these studies, and forwarded them to the Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of each of the House of Representatives and House of Councilors, the National Land Agency, related self-governing bodies, and other organizations on December 22, 2000. Outlines of the proposals are described below. The group expects that these proposals will lead to fruitful discussions on the capital functions relocation and rouse public response.

Four Proposals for Realizing National Consensus Formation

- (1) The Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of each of the House of Representatives and House of Councilors should deepen discussions based on the the significance and objectives of the relocation.
- (2) Public opinion should be roused and consensus should be formulated through public involvement.
- (3) Methods of relocation should be restudied considering capital division as an additional choice.
- (4) The new capital should be a model to highlight the "New Japan" at home and abroad.

Four Proposals for a Capital Functions Relocation Concept

- (1) The capital functions relocation should go hand-in-hand with national administrative reform, and the population of the new city should be around 200 thousand.
- (2) The relocation should adopt both collective and breakup methods at the same time. The Diet and central ministries and agencies could go to the new city and the Supreme Court, external organizations, and special corporations could go to other regions.
- (3) The existing city and greenery should be utilized to minimize the size of newly developed land.
- (4) A capital functions relocation promotion organization should be established under the direct control of the Prime Minister.

* For details, please contact to the JAPAN PRODUCTIVITY CENTER FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT or refer to the Internet Homepage (<http://shinto.jpc-sed.or.jp/index.html>).

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Examples of capitals that are located separately from the Diet and other organizations as well as economic center cities are introduced here.

	Names of Capitals				Economic Center Cities	Cities with the Most Population
		Diet	Administrative Offices	Supreme Court		
the United States of America	Washington D.C	Washington D.C	Washington D.C	Washington D.C	New York	New York
the Republic of Italy	Rome	Rome	Rome *	Rome	Milano	Rome
India	Newdelhi	Newdelhi	Newdelhi	Newdelhi	Bombay	Calcutta
Australia	Canberra	Canberra	Canberra	Canberra	Sydney	Sydney
the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Amsterdam	Hague	Hague	Hague	Amsterdam	Amsterdam
Canada	Ottawa	Ottawa	Ottawa	Ottawa	Toronto	Toronto
the Swiss Confederation	Bern	Bern	Bern	Lausanne	Zurich / Basel	Zurich
the People's Republic of China	Beijing	Beijing	Beijing	Beijing	Shanghai	Shanghai
the Republic of Chile	Santiago	Valparaiso	Santiago	Santiago	Santiago	Santiago
the Federal Republic of Germany	Berlin	Berlin	Berlin / Bonn	Karlsruhe	Rhine and Ruhr District	Berlin
the Republic of Turkey	Ankara	Ankara	Ankara	Ankara	Istanbul	Istanbul
the Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Islamabad	Islamabad	Islamabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Karachi
the Federatic Republic of Brazil	Brasilia	Brasilia	Brasilia	Brasilia	Sao Paulo	Sao Paulo

* Some central ministries and agencies has been relocated to Euru in the southern part of Rome. Shown blue letters are capitals.

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INPAKU (Internet Fair 2001 Japan) Started on December 31

The Capital Functions Relocation Planning Division of the National Land Planning Bureau, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport is exhibiting a Capital Functions Relocation Pavilion at the Internet Exposition. Please take a look at it! (Address of the Internet Exposition: <http://www.inpaku.go.jp/>)

Capital Functions Relocation is Being Studied at Various Schools

Haruo Shimada Research Group of the Economics Department, Keio University

On December 2, 2000, members of the Haruo Shimada Research Group of the Economics Department, Keio University, took up the capital functions relocation as a subject of discussion. They discussed this matter by splitting into two groups, one for and one against the relocation.

Because of their careful prior preparations, plenty of arguments from both sides were developed in the process of arguments, questions, answers, responses and conclusions in spite of the time limit. A lecture was then given by Professor Haruo Shimada in order to deepen the participants' understanding of the relocation.

The Kunio Fukuda Seminar of the Department of Commercial Science, Meiji University

On December 22, 2000, the National Land Agency (NLA) officials were permitted to participate in the study meeting of Juniors of the Fukuda Seminar of the Commercial Science Department, Meiji University.

At the lecture meeting, the NLA officials were allowed to introduce details of study of the research group carried out by the NLA on environments, opinions were then actively exchanged on the significance and economic effects of the capital functions relocation.



Major Recent Trends Related to the Capital Functions Relocation In Each Region

December 13, 2000 The New City Construction Promotion Council (established in the Social and Economic Productivity Headquarters) announced "Urgent Appeals for the Capital Functions Relocation" and the results of the "Questionnaires Survey of Opinion Leaders on the Possibility of Realizing the Capital Functions Relocation."

December 14, 2000 The Gifu Prefectural Committee for Economic Development announced "Proposals for the Capital Functions Relocation."

December 16, 2000 The Mie-Kio New City Forum" was held in Mie Prefecture

December 22, 2000 The Capital Functions Relocation Research Group (established in the Social and Economic Productivity Headquarters) announced its final proposals

From November 2000 to January 2001 Deputy governors and others from four prefectures related to the Mie-Kio Region exchanged opinions with 22 prefectures in Hokuriku and west Japan.

Beginning in December, 2000 "Hokuto Region Capital Functions Relocation PR Posters" have been displayed at major railroad stations in Hokkaido and Tohoku.

Accessing Various Information

Various information concerning the capital functions relocation has been provided on the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport 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.

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