



## ~ Think Together about the Capital Functions Relocation of Japan ~

### Trends in the Diet

#### House of Representatives

At a meeting of the Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations held on August 7, Mr. Eiji Nagai was assigned as the chairman again.

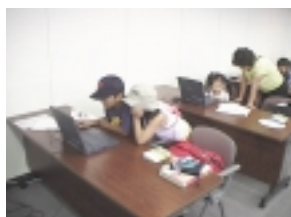
#### House of Councilors

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### Youth-Oriented Public Relations Being Promoted

#### "Children's Kasumigaseki Visiting Days" Held

"Children's Kasumigaseki Open House Days" were held on August 22 and 23. About forty children from 6 to 13 years old participated in the event at the Capital Functions Relocation Corner of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MLIT). They were informed about the capital functions relocation using personal computers and "toured" the virtual capital function city using the "Capital Function City Experiencing CD-ROM." They had two vigorous days, exploring the capital function city, enjoying quizzes, or having active conversations between parents and children interacting through personal computers.



#### Insects from the Forest Relates a Story about the Capital Functions Relocation on the Internet.

On the Capital Function Relocation Homepage, you can watch the "Youth-oriented Story about the Capital Functions Relocation" in which lovely insects from the forest relates a story about the capital functions relocation. Please visit the Homepage at <http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/daishu/info/info-f.html>.

#### Youth-Oriented Pamphlet "A Story about the Capital Functions Relocation" Being Distributed

MLIT is distributing a pamphlet titled "A Story about the Capital Functions Relocation" to school children and junior high school students who are learning about the capital functions relocation. Those who want to obtain the pamphlet are invited to contact MLIT.

# Concept of Japan's New Capital

(Interim Report)

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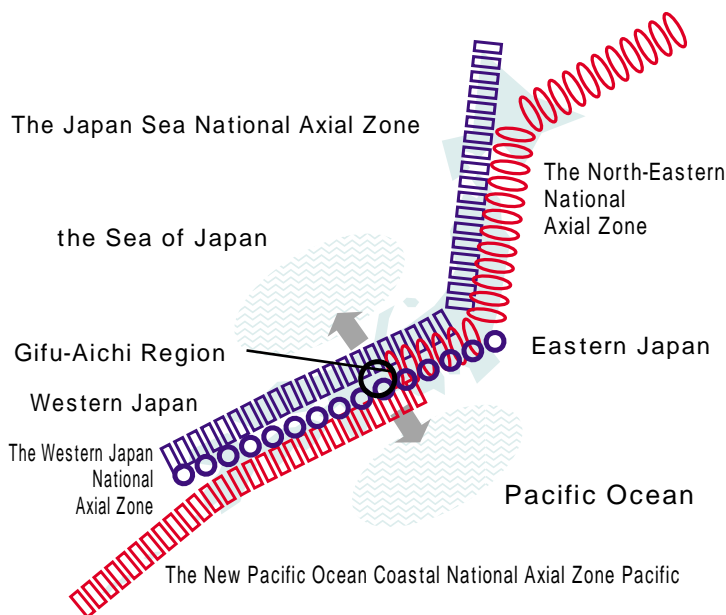
## 1. Introduction

The Gifu-Aichi New Capital Promotion Council, composed of various organizations in Gifu and Aichi Prefectures, announced its "Concept of Japan's New Capital" (Interim Report) in April 2001. The details of the concept are introduced here.

Remarks: In the concept, "the new city to which the capital functions are to be relocated" is simply expressed as the "new capital."

## 2 Benefits of Gifu-Aichi Region

The Gifu-Aichi region is located in the middle of Japan from both geographical position and population distribution viewpoints. It is also the inter-



section point of four national land axial zone that show the directions of national land development.

This makes the region a nodal point for culture, transportation, and information networks in Japan. The region has a highly-developed transportation network and is a convenient position for people to gather from all over the country and overseas.

Furthermore, the region not only has an ample urban culture including various cities but also enables routine communication with nature. Well-developed and usable land, and national or public land are available in the region, and many elements necessary for urban construction have already been provided.

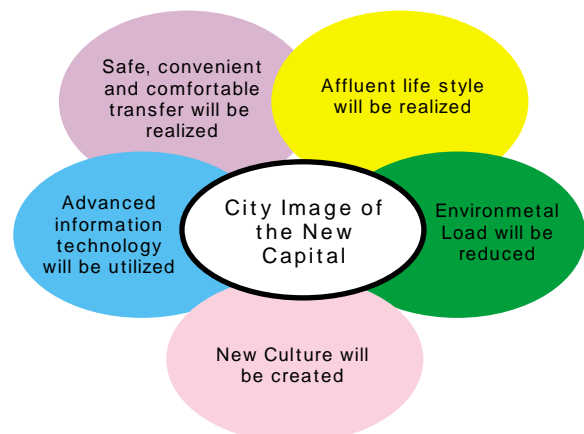
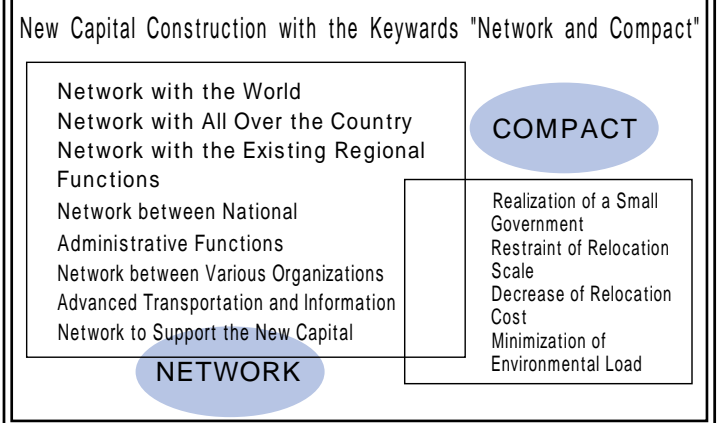
## 3. New Capital Construction with the Keywords, "Network" and "Compact."

The most important function of the new capital is to provide an environment in which effective policies can be planned, drawn up, and implemented. It is also necessary for the city to provide an affluent life so as to achieve a humane national administration.

The council selected the keyword "Network" and "Compact" for the new capital construction based on the conditions necessary for the new capital and benefits of the Gifu-Aichi Region.

"Network" implies not only the network with the world and all over the country, but also networking in facets of both software and hardware, such as cooperation with the existing regional functions and cooperation of various people and organizations to support the national administration.

"Compact" implies realizing a small government, a scale of relocation utilizing the existing



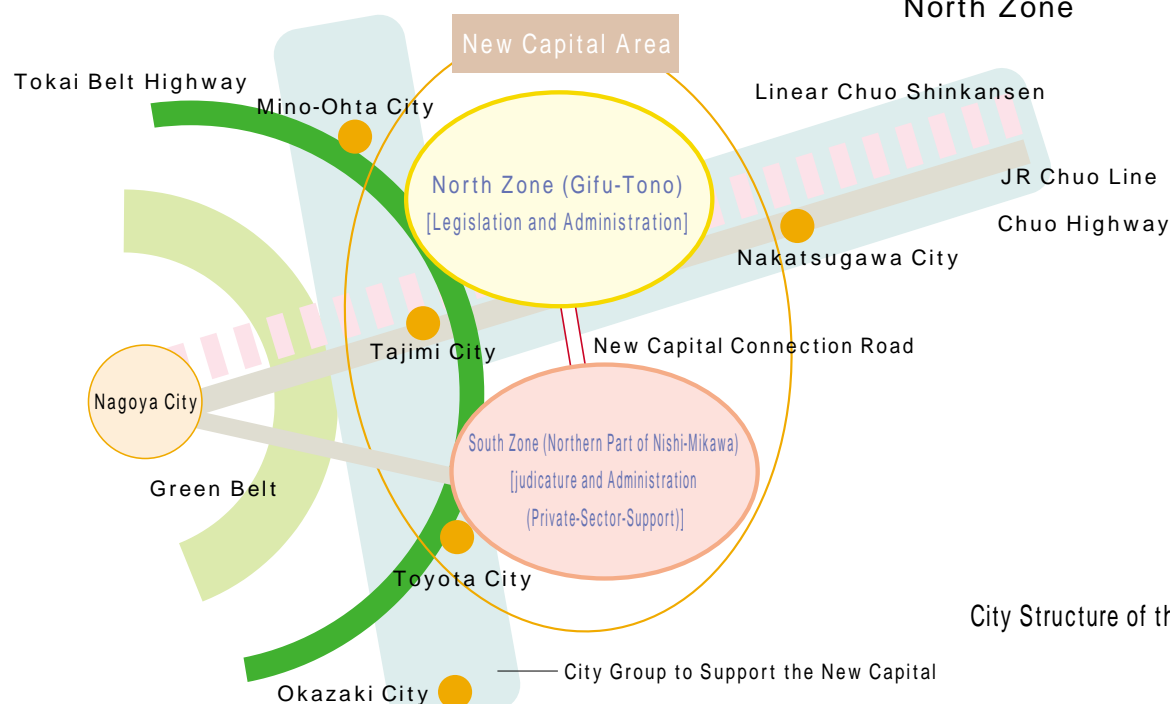
regional functions, and restricted environmental load. According to the council's trial calculation, a population of 200,000 would be relocated.

#### 4. City Structure Composed of Two Zones

Various city structure patterns for capital functions can be assumed in the Gifu-Aichi Region because of its abundant land. However, the council decided that the new capital will be composed of two zones tightly connected by the Tokai Belt Highway and the New Capital Connection Road, that is, the North Zone (Gifu-Tono Region) and the South Zone (northern part of Nishi-Mikawa).



North Zone



City Structure of the New Capital

The purpose of this decision is to distribute the capital functions and various other city functions to many cities as well as to consider the environment and minimize scale and cost of the relocation.

Legislative and administrative functions will be laid out in the North Zone, which has well-developed and usable land as well as ex-



South Zone

tensive national and public land. Linear Chuo Shinkansen service is expected in the zone. Private-sector-support-oriented administrative functions and judicial functions will be established in the South Zone, in which private activities are being developed utilizing world-class industrial technologies.

#### 5. Your Opinions Solicited

The concept details are introduced in a presentation on the council's homepage. Please visit the site!

We would like to further perfect the concept by gathering your opinions. Please give us your frank opinions

(homepage address: <http://www.gifuaichi.gr.jp/>).

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# ★ Topics

## Major Recent Activities Related to the Capital Functions Relocation in Each Region

August 21, 2001 The final match of the "Capital Functions Relocation Student Debate Contest" for high school and university students to discuss Japan's future in the twenty-first century based on the theme of the capital functions relocation was held at the Utsukushima Future Exposition. Iwaki High School won the championship in the high school student section, and Waseda University, in the university student section



August 2001 The Tochigi Prefectural Residents' Council for Promoting Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations guided parents and children on an investigative tour of the "Nasu Region" to study the relocation of the Diet and other organizations.

August 2001 Aichi Prefecture held a field trip to visit the Gifu-Aichi Region.

August 2001 Gifu Prefecture held a children's Tono Experiencing bus tour.

## Dispatch of Lecturers on the Capital Functions Relocation

If you would like to hear stories on or study the capital functions relocation, officials of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) office will visit you upon request. You are always welcome to request lecturers. The application method others details are as follows.

### 1. Application Method

Fill the necessary information (details of lecture desired; date desired; place of lecture; audience; and name, address, and telephone number of the contact point organization and the liaison) in the application form for requesting dispatch of lecturers, and send it to the application address by FAX or E-mail. MLIT officials will contact you to coordinate the date (about a month might be required from application to lecture due to in-house procedures).

### 2. Cost

No payment will be accepted. Traffic cost for the round trip might be shared according to circumstances.

### 3. Organizations Eligible for Dispatch of Lectures

Lecturers may be dispatched to educational organizations, civilian organizations, public-service corporations, and local public organizations. However, lecturers cannot be dispatched when admission fees or lecture's fees are collected from the participants.

## Accessing Various Information

Various information concerning the capital functions relocation has been provided on the MLIT Homepage on the Internet. Please visit this web-site.

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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