



~ Think Together about the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations ~

Trends in the Diet

House of Representatives

In the meeting of the Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of the House of Representatives held on October 18, Mr. Hiroshi Nakai was newly nominated for Chairman of the Committee.

Composition of the Special Committee is described below.

Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations (House of Representatives)

Chairman: Mr. Hiroshi NAKAI (LP)

Directors: Mr. Ryotaro TANOSE (LDP); Mr. Yasufumi TANAHASHI (LDP); Mr. Susumu HASUMI (LDP)
Mr. Yukihiro YOSHIDA (LDP); Mr. Nobumori OTANI (DPJ); Mr. Koichiro GENBA (DPJ);
Mr. Masatomo KAWAI (NK); Mr. Susumu SHIOTA (LP)

Members: Mr. Hiroyuki ARAI (LDP); Mr. Masatoshi ISHIDA (LDP); Mr. Tsutomu SATO (LDP);
Mr. Takashi SASAGAWA (LDP); Mr. Kazuna MATSUMOTO (LDP); Mr. Ichizo MIYAMOTO
(LDP); Mr. Eita YASHIRO (LDP); Mr. Masayoshi YOSHINO (LDP); Mr. Yoshimi WATANABE
(LDP); Mr. Takashi KAWAMURA (DPJ); Mr. Mamoru KOBAYASHI (DPJ); Mr. Masaharu
NAKAGAWA (DPJ); Mr. Yoshio MAKI (DPJ); Mr. Keiichi ISHII (NK); Mr. Tsuneo YAJIMA
(JCP); Ms. Reiko OSHIMA (SDP)

LDP: Liberal Democratic Party DPJ: Democratic Party of Japan and Club of Independents NK: New Komeito
LP: Liberal Party JCP: Japanese Communist Party SDP: Social Democratic Party

In the meeting of the Special Committee held on October 31, the Committee members listened to an explanation about the "Report on Preliminary Investigation of the Scale and Methods of the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations" presented by the Director of the Special Investigation Office for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations, and then a discussion session was held.

House of Councilors

In the meeting of the Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of the House of Councilors held on October 18, Mr. Soko Shimabukuro was newly nominated for the Chairman of the Committee.

Composition of the Special Committee is described below.

Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations (House of Councilors)

Chairman: Mr. Soko SHIMABUKURO (PIC)

Directors: Mr. Masayuki KUNII (LDP-NCP); Mr. Yoshihiko YAMASHITA (LDP-NCP);
Mr. Takenori EMOTO (DP-SR); Mr. Shuichi KATO (NK)

Members: Mr. Akito ARIMA (LDP-NCP); Mr. Yoshihisa OSHIMA (LDP-NCP); Mr. Toyoaki OTA (LDP-NCP);
Mr. Eisuke KAWAMOTO (LDP-NCP); Mr. Tetsuo KUTSUKAKE (LDP-NCP); Mr. Sanzo HOSAKA (LDP-NCP);
Mr. Iwao MATSUDA (LDP-NCP); Mr. Taisuke SATO (DP-SR); Mr. Kiyoshi HASEGAWA (DP-SR);
Mr. Kenji HIRATA (DP-SR); Ms. Hiroko WADA (DP-SR); Mr. Shozo KUSAKAWA (NK);
Mr. Takujiro HAMADA (NK); Ms. Miyo INOUE (JCP); Mr. Kiyoshi NISHIKAWA (PIC)

LDP-NCP: Liberal Democratic Party-New Conservative Party DP-SR: The Democratic Party and The Shin-Ryokufukai
NK: New Komeito JCP: Japanese Communist Party PIC: Parliamentary Innovation Club

Preliminary Investigation Concerning the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations by the Investigation Bureau the House of Representatives

The Chairman of the Special Committee for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations of the House of Representatives issued an order for a preliminary investigation concerning a review of the scale and methods of the relocation of the Diet and other organizations to the Director-General of the Investigation Bureau of the House of Representatives on July 30, 2002. After investigation by the Investigation Bureau of the House of Representatives based on this order, a report was made and submitted to the Chairman on October 16.

(Reference) Index of the "Report of Preliminary Investigation Concerning a Review of the Scale and Methods of the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations"

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"On-Line Lecture Meeting" Being Held

On the MLIT Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations Homepage, lecture meetings have been held with forty-two intellectuals in various disciplines, such as academic and economic sectors, making presentations. The following new lectures have been added. Please visit this web site:

(<http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/daishu/online-f.html>)

(Sorry, Japanese Only)

August

Mr. Toshio Ojima (Professor of Waseda University)

Theme "Environments of Capital Functions"

- Main Items:
- Is the Location of the Head of State the Capital?
 - Is the Location of the Diet and Other Organizations a Place that Functions as the Capital?
 - Urban Environments for the New Capital Functions
 - A New Capital Function Image of Japan



September

Ms. Yuchiku Rinoie (Li-Dynasty Fusui Fortune-Teller)

Theme "How Should a City be Forecasted by Fusui Fortune-Telling?"

- Main Items:
- Fusui Fortune-Telling was Used in Constructing the Capital
 - Capital Relocated Seeking a Better Place
 - How People may Live under the Best Condition Should be Striven for.
 - A City Should be Constructed to Realize National Hope.



October

Mr. Hideo Nakamura (Representative Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yoshimoto Kogyo Co., Ltd.)

Theme "The Way of the Capital to Vitalize Japan"

- Main Items:
- Tokyo is Reaching its Limit - The Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations Should be decided Quickly
 - Politics and the economy as well as culture have reached a monopolar concentration.
 - The media should be utilized to gain people's acceptance.
 - Cities friendly to and suitable for women should be constructed



Mr. Shunichi Ikeda (Assistant Professor of Australian National University)

Theme "Abundant Life in the Bush Capital"

- Main Items:
- Special Area for the Capital
 - Living in the "Bush Capital" (Canberra)
 - Convenience of the "Bush Capital"
 - Capital Functions Relocation of Japan



November

Mr. Hiroshi Aramata (An author)

Theme "The Japanese People Have Improved Their Social Circumstances through Capital Functions Relocation"

- Main Items:
- Edo, where people succeeded in experimenting with active urban construction to implement the capital functions relocation
 - Clarify "what should be reduced" or "what should be added" in relocating capital functions.
 - Up-to-date Information Infrastructure should be constructed to make a frontier model of information control.
 - Construct the new city for the nation by giving hints to each other.



A Pamphlet on the "The New Relocation Site City as an International City" Has been Prepared

The "Panel for Studying the New Relocation Site City as an International City" (chaired by Professor Takashi Todokoro of the Takasaki City University of Economics) investigated and studied how the new relocation site city should be as an international political city, and a pamphlet was prepared based on the Panel report.

The pamphlet explains clearly using diagrams the significance of constructing an international political city, the roles and functions of an international city, and the importance of the new relocation site city to have an international city image.

Those who wish to obtain a copy of this pamphlet may contact the address listed in the latter part of this leaflet.



★ Topics

"Children's Kasumigaseki Visiting Day" Held

The "Children's Kasumigaseki Visiting Days" were held on August 22 and 23. The MLIT "Capital Function City Experiencing CD-ROM" Corner was also visited by about ten children to experience a virtual capital function city. They enjoyed two lively days while exploring the capital function city as well as enjoying quizzes, and having a cheerful conversations in front of the personal computers.



Recent Major Activities Related to the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations

On October 8, a round table conference of prefectural governors of the candidate capital function relocation sites (eight governors) was held in Tokyo, and they made a joint appeal titled "The Revival of Japan by the Capital Functions Relocation." They included their desire that the nation understands the primary significance of the capital functions relocation and considers it to be their own concern ("Capital Functions Relocation Three Region Liaison Conference Homepage" (<http://www.gifuaichi.gr.jp/sanchiiki/index.html>)).

Lectures on Demand (Lecturer Dispatch) for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations

Any group or organization wishing to listen to the various topics on the relocation of the Diet and other organizations or study them as part of their study group activities may request MLIT officials to visit them to give the necessary explanations. The methods of application is described below. They will visit any place throughout the country to give insight on this project. Please feel free to request this helpful service.

1. Method of Application

Prepare a "Application Form" complete with the necessary items (subject of lecture, desired date and time, place of lecture, audience of lecture, name of organization, and the contact name, address, and telephone number of the contact person) and send it to the address given below by FAX or E-mail. The MLIT officials will contact you to coordinate the date and time of the class (about a month would be required from application to implementation of the class).

2. Cost

Remuneration is not necessary, but round-trip transportation expenses may be requested depending on the circumstances.

3. Dispatch Destination

Dispatch destinations are basically education-related organizations, such as schools, Non-Profit Organizations (NPO), Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and regional public organizations. However, lecturers will not be dispatched if admission fees or lecture fees are to be collected.

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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