



~ Think Together about the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations ~

Trends in the Diet

The Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations

The seventh meeting of the Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations was held on Friday, May 28, 2004.

Committee members expressed their opinions freely as in the last meeting. They discussed the committee's agenda of "Method for seeking the Diet's decision", particularly the method for seeking the Diet's decision on the following points:

- 1. Whether the Diet would agree or disagree with the relocation**
- 2. How the site should be decided from among the candidate sites**

The Committee agreed that they should continue the discussion, and the Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson would discuss and decide how and where they could conclude this discussion.

Let's Enjoy the Virtual Experience of the New Capital Function City!

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) will hold a Children's Kasumigaseki Tour Day for elementary school and junior high school students. The tour programs include Let's Enjoy the Virtual Experience of the New Capital Function City! in which the image of the new capital Function city will be introduced through videos and virtual experiences in a PC game.

Please come from 10:00-16:00 on Wednesday, August 25, to the reception desk in the lobby on the 1st floor of the MLIT Building (No.3 Chuo-Godocho).

Application in advance is not required. Please come directly to the reception desk on August 25. For further information, please visit the following Web page. We are looking forward to seeing many children at the event.

(http://www.mlit.go.jp/event/child/child_.html)

On-Line Lecture Meetings Being Held

On-line lecture meetings are being held on MLIT's Web page for the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations. Lecture meetings have been held with intellectuals in disciplines including academic and economic sectors. The following lectures have been newly added from May. Please visit the Web page at http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/daishu/online/online_f.html for more information.

Ms. Nanami Shiono (Writer)

Born in Tokyo in 1937. Received the Mainichi Shuppan Bunka Prize for "Cesar Borgia, Aruiwa Yuganaru Reikoku" in 1970. Received the Suntory Gakugei Prize in 1982 and the Kikuchi Kan Prize in 1983 for "Umi no Miyako no Monogatari". Received the Shinchosha Gakugei Prize in 1993 and the Shiba Ryotaro Prize in 1999 for "Roma-jin no Monogatari".

Theme: What Japan must do to diversify risk

- Topics
- Capitals of the Roman Empire and their changes
 - Diversification of risk as Japan's objective
 - How to diversify the risk of relocating capital functions
 - Thought that is required to diversify the risk of relocating capital functions
 - Merits of dispersing capital functions to four cities
 - Turning Shikoku into Florida
 - Flexible switching is required
 - How to develop and pursue a plan



Booklet of On-Line Lecture Meetings (Enlarged Edition) is published

The Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations is related to the entire nation, every one of us. In order to translate this plan into reality, extensive national discussion is essential. Therefore, in order to encourage and increase discussion among a wide variety of people, the MLIT has been presenting On-Line Lecture Meetings. Leading persons in various sectors of society have delivered these lectures on the Internet since FY 1999.

The lectures cover many fields including human civilization, history, national land structure, disasters, economy, environment, and even feng shui. We have published a collection of 70 lectures, the Booklet of On-Line Lecture Meetings on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations, to which 19 lectures delivered in FY 2003 were added.

The booklet will be distributed in a variety of places. If you would like a copy, please contact the address below.



A video, **Development of an Environment and Energy Conscious New City**, is now available on the Internet

The MLIT made a video, "**Welcome to the New City! -Development of an Environment and Energy Conscious New City**", which introduces an environment and energy conscious new city. The video includes animation films showing life in the city, introduction of overseas examples, and an interview with Midori Miyazaki of the Chiba University of Commerce.

As the Report of the Council on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations (December 1999) and other such reports point out, it is hoped that the new city will be a model city for the world in terms of environmental consciousness. The new city must exist symbiotically with the environment, by bringing in knowledge and technologies and preserving the present environment of the site. The city must also make positive efforts to create new natural environment.

We hope the video arouses broad discussion among people on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations and the image of an environment and energy conscious city.

The video can be downloaded from our Web page at <http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/daishu/index.html>.

Welcome to the New City! -Development of an Environment and Energy Conscious New City

Contents (Approximately 23 minutes)

1. Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations
2. Interview with an expert
3. New city
4. Transportation in the new city
5. Offices and residences in the new city
6. What is an environment conscious city?
Overseas examples



The following advisors assisted us in making this video.

Tamiko Akaboshi (Comic artist, essayist)

Kazuo Iwamura (Professor of Musashi Institute of Technology, Representative Director of Iwamura Atelier Co., Ltd.)

Shinichi Kitamura (Professor, University of Yamanashi)

Masaaki Naito (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University)

Konoe Fujimura (Representative Director of the Japan Association of Environment and Society for the 21st Century, Representative Director of Eco Planning Co., Ltd.)

Stories (3-5) Original idea: Konoe Fujimura Cartoon: Tamiko Akaboshi

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Recent Major Activities Related to the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations in Each Region

- The eight Prefectural Governors of the three candidate sites presented a request to the members of the Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations on June 16. The request states, "We strongly request the Inter-Party Conference Committee members return to the initial intent of the Resolution on the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations (1990) and the Act for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations (1992), recognize the responsibility of the Diet, and respect the Interim Reports of the Special Committees of both Houses which strongly urge implementing the relocation. We also request the members make concrete proposals for immediately implementing the relocation.
- The three candidate sites jointly made a poster with the slogan, "Japan's security, vitality, and structural reforms start with capital function relocation." An advertising campaign using the poster will be carried out in major JR stations throughout Japan.
- On April 26, the Fukushima Prefectural Government held the "Fukushima Congress for Capital Function Relocation in 2004" in Fukushima City.
- On May 18, the Gifu Aichi Council for Promoting Capital Function Relocation held their Annual General Meeting and Lecture Meeting for Capital Function Relocation in Nagoya City. In the lecture meeting, writer Shuzo Taki presented a lecture, "Capital function relocations in history".
- On May 27, the Gifu Tono Convention for Inviting Capital Functions held their Annual General Meeting and Lecture Meeting in Nakatsugawa City. In the lecture meeting, Professor Tatsuo Ito, the President of Nagoya Sangyo University, presented a lecture, "How the capital function relocation should be advanced."

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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