



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

### Recent moves concerning the relocation of the administrative capital in Korea

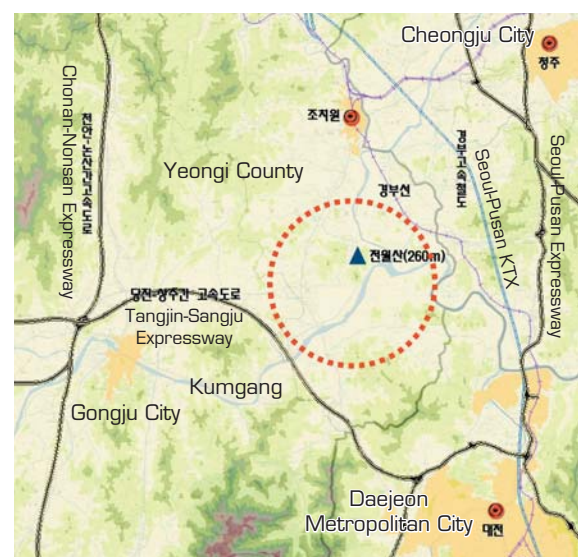
In South Korea, the Presidential Committee on Administrative Capital Relocation selected the Yeongi-Gongju region in Chungcheongnam-do as the final site for the new administrative capital (August 11). The relocation of the administrative capital was a campaign pledge of President Roh Moo-hyun. It is expected that the relocation will relieve the over-concentration in Seoul and balance regional development. The Committee, co-chaired by Lee Hai-chan, the Prime Minister, and Kim An-je, Honorary Professor of Seoul National University, gave the highest marks to the Yeongi-Gongju region in the evaluation of the four candidate sites.

Candidate sites were:

1. Jincheon-Eumsung region in Chungcheongbuk-do
2. Chonan region in Chungcheongnam-do
3. Yeongi-Gongju region in Chungcheongnam-do
4. Gongju-Nonsan region in Chungcheongnam-do

The Committee has already determined seventy-three major government agencies, including Cheong Wa Dae (Office of the President), that will move to the new administrative capital. The Parliament and Supreme Court will determine themselves whether they will move to the new capital or not. After a detailed land survey in the Yeong-Gongju region, authorities concerned will determine and announce definite locations for the new administrative capital by the end of December. Land purchases will start in 2005. Construction will start in the latter half of 2007, after development and execution plans are made and other procedures are completed. After 2012, government agencies will be relocated in phases.

**Yeongi-Gongju region in Chungcheongnam-do, the selected site for the new administrative capital**



The Yeongi-Gongju region is located approximately 160km south of Seoul.

**Map of the four candidate sites**



### Candidate sites and their rankings in the evaluation

A	Jincheon-Eumsung region	Fourth
B	Chonan region	Third
C	Yeongi-Gongju region	First
D	Gongju-Nonsan region	Second

## 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 June. Please visit the Web page at [http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/daishu/online/online\\_f.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/daishu/online/online_f.html) for more information.

### Professor Manabu Oishi (Professor, Tokyo Gakugei University)

Born in 1953. Held many posts, including Researcher of the Tokugawa Institute for the History of Forestry, Special Researcher of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Assistant Professor of Meijo University, and Assistant Professor of Tokyo Gakugei University, before taking up the present post. Was also a member of the Mie Prefectural History Compilation Committee and is in charge of the background research for an NHK epic historic drama, *Shinsengumi!*, which has been on the air since January, 2004.

Theme: Relocating capital functions based on the 400 years of history of Edo and Tokyo

- Topics
- How we should understand the Edo period
  - Edo as the capital and the capital functions
  - A symbol of a new society
  - Edo and Tokyo's 400 years of history is important
  - Edo, Tama, and Kofu, connected by the Koshu Kaido
  - Contemporary significance of relocating capital functions



### Mr. Yasuhiko Murai (Director, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art)

Born in 1930. Became a Professor of Kyoto Women's University in 1966, Professor of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies in 1987, Professor of the University of Shiga Prefecture in 1995, and the President of the Graduate School of Kyoto University of Art & Design in 2001. Took up the present post in 2004. Is also a Professor Emeritus of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies. Was awarded the Scholarship Award for Tea Ceremony and its Culture in 1992.

Theme: Capital relocation in ancient Japan and the construction process of the capitals

- Topics
- Founding of capitals in ancient Japan
  - Development process of Heian-kyo (ancient Kyoto)
  - Emergence of urban people created urban-rural distinctions
  - Formation of machi (urban communities) in Heian-kyo and urban culture
  - Dynamics to advance capital relocation
  - What kind of ingenuity is required in developing a new city
  - Things to be done in today's capital functions relocation



## Professor Shigeru Inoue (Professor, Tokiwa University)

Born in 1941. Entered Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc., a leading financial newspaper in Japan. Was an Editorial Board Member and Editorial Writer in charge of municipal, regional, and urban issues. Wrote editorials and essays for the newspaper. Became a Professor of Tokiwa University in 2000. Is a Friend of Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. Held many posts, including a Member of the Central City Planning Council, Member of the Traditional Crafts Industry Council, and Member of the Coal Mining Area Development Council.

Theme: Kyoso (co-creation) of local communities and relocating capital functions

- Topics
- Three reasons why the capital functions should be relocated
  - The direction toward a sustainable forest city
  - Universal design, as the philosophy of the new city
  - Attractiveness of cultural cities
  - From kyoso (competition) to kyoso (co-creation)
  - Communities with kyoso (co-creation) philosophy are the torchbearers of local communities
  - How to proceed with relocating the capital functions



## ★ Topics

### Prefectural governments concerned with relocating the capital functions and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) met to exchange information

The information exchange meeting between prefectural governments concerned with relocating the capital functions and the MLIT was held from 10:30 AM to noon on Wednesday, July 14 in an MLIT conference room.

The MLIT made a presentation on the proceedings up to now in the Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations, MLIT's budget in 2004 and promotion activities for relocating capital functions, recent moves concerning the relocation of South Korea's administrative capital, and other topics. Prefectural governments made a presentation on their recent activities and other topics. After the presentations, there was a question and answer session and exchange of opinions.





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## Recent Major Activities Related to Relocating the National Diet and Related Organizations in Each Region

- From July 1, five prefectures of the Northeast Region (Miyagi, Yamagata, Fukushima, Ibaraki, and Tochigi) posted backlit advertisements for promoting the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations. The prefectures posted the advertisements saying "Let's invite the new capital, a city we can boast about to the world, to the To-chigi-Fukushima Region!" in JR stations in their prefectural capitals (Sendai City, Yama-gata City, Fukushima City, Mito City, and Utsunomiya City).
- On August 10, the Chairpersons' Council of Three Shiona Areas, which consist of the Kitanasu, Minaminasu, and Shioya areas in Tochigi Prefecture, for Promoting the Relo-cation of the National Diet and Related Organizations to the Nasu Region and the Liai-son Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Special Committees on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations in the assemblies of the same areas, which consist of sixteen cities, towns, and villages, invited Susumu Hasumi to Nishinasuno Town and held a lecture meeting titled "The Present Situation of the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations, and its Future." Mr. Hasumi is a member of the House of Representatives and the Inter-party Conference Committee of Both Houses on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations.
- In August, Gifu Prefectural Government held a bus tour for elementary school pupils in the fifth and sixth grades and their parents. The tour, Kids' Bus Tour to Experience the Tono Region and Learn about Relocating the Capital Functions, was carried out using five different routes. Participants visited the candidate site for the relocation, facilities in the Tono Frontier Science Research City, and other places, and learned about relo-cating capital functions.
- On August 28, Aichi Prefectural Government held a Guided Tour of the Capital Func-tions Relocation Site for Kids and their Parents. The tour was intended for elementary school pupils in the fifth and sixth grades and their parents. Participants looked around the candidate site and listened to an explanation on relocating capital functions. The purposes of the guided tour were to explain the significance and necessity of relocating the capital functions and to provide the participants with a concrete image of the relo-cation.

## 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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