

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

Recent Moves concerning the Construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City in Korea

In the Republic of Korea, the construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City is in progress. The recent moves concerning the construction are as follows:

1. In August of 2004, the Korean government decided to construct the new Administrative Capital in the Yeongi-Gongju Region in Chungcheongnam-do. In October of 2004, however, the Constitutional Court ruled that the Special Act for the New Administrative Capital Construction, which provided the ground for the construction, was unconstitutional.
2. The Parliament discussed the government proposal of replacing the act, to for construct the New Administrative Capital. Then, in March of 2005, the Parliament established and proclaimed *the Special Act for the Construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City in the Yeongi-Gongju Region as follow-up measures concerning the New Administrative Capital* (hereinafter referred to as "the Special Act"). An allegation was filed with the Constitutional Court, claiming that the Special Act was also unconstitutional. The allegation, however, was rejected in November, 2005.
3. In April of 2005, *the Promotion Committee for the Construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City* (hereinafter referred to as "the Promotion Committee") was established in order to discuss major issues concerning the construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City.
4. In October of 2005, the following Relocation Plan for the Central Administrative Agencies was established in accordance with the Special Act.

Agencies to be Relocated

Among 18 ministries, 4 commissions, and 16 offices, twelve ministries, 4 commissions, and 2 offices will be relocated from. Agencies to be relocated include the Ministry of Construction & Transportation, Ministry of Finance & Economy, Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development, Ministry of Culture & Tourism, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy, Ministry of Information & Communication, Ministry of Health & Welfare, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Labor, and Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Fisheries.

Agencies to stay in Seoul include Cheong Wa Dae (Office of the President), the Parliament, Supreme Court, Ministry of Unification, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs, and Ministry of Gender Equality.



The simplified map only shows basic geographical relationships and is not completely accurate.

Relocation Schedule

- Construction will start in 2008.
 - The relocation of the administrative agencies will start in 2012, and be completed in 2014.
5. In order to construct the New Multi-functional Administrative City as an international model city in the 21st Century, the Promotion Committee held an international competition to help plan the city. Five proposals were selected in November of 2005, and the ideas in the proposals will be included in the construction plan.
 6. In order to promote the efficient construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City, the Office for the Construction of the New Multi-functional Administrative City was established in January of 2006 in the Yeongi-Gongju Region, where administrative agencies will be relocated. The new office belongs to the Ministry of Construction & Transportation, with a vice-ministerial-level office head, and has 147 staff members in four sections.

On-Line Lecture Meetings

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 delivered by intellectuals in disciplines including academics and business. The following lectures have been newly added from November, 2005. Please visit the Web page at <http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/iten/onlinelecture/index.html> for more information.

Ms. Itsuko Hasegawa (Architect, President of Itsuko Hasegawa Atelier)

Born in Shizuoka Prefecture. In 1979, founded Itsuko Hasegawa Atelier. Received many awards, including the Japan Art Academy Award (2000) as well as the Japanese Prime Minister's Award for her contribution to achieving a gender-equal society (2005).



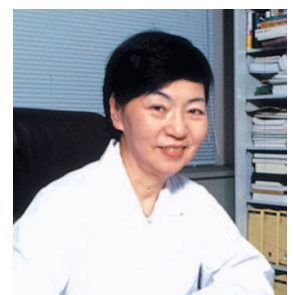
Theme: Ideal forms of cities in the future, and public buildings

Summary

- When capital functions are relocated, we need to create a city with an open environment, where people can lead new lifestyles, rather than bring our existing lifestyles into the new city.
- In the Edo period, Japanese were talented at bringing nature into their urban lives. We should learn from these examples, working hard to create environmentally-friendly cities.
- Future public buildings and cities should be designed from the perspectives of people who live there and use them, not the perspective of those who design them. When relocating capital functions, we should have a clear image of lifestyles in the city.
- Concerning public buildings, it is important to create public spaces that become integral parts of the lifestyles of citizens who use the buildings.
- When relocating capital functions, I hope that the new city creates a new image of architecture that symbolizes the new era, making a positive impact that is strong enough to change Japanese architecture.

Ms. Keiko Nakamura (Director-General, JT Biohistory Research Hall)

Born in Tokyo. In 1989, became a professor at Waseda University. In 1996, became a professor in the Cooperative Graduate School Program of Osaka University. Appointed to her present post in April, 2002. Held many posts, including being a member of the Central Education Council, member of the Council for the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations, member of the National University Corporation Evaluation Committee, and member of the Financial System Council.



Theme: Capital function relocation as a trigger to create a comfortable society

Summary

- Many people came to desire more relaxed lifestyles. In order to create a society where people can live comfortably, we need to be able to pay attention to the earth, nature, and person-to-person relationships in our everyday lives, even more than before.
- From the viewpoint of lifestyles, societies with one-polar-city are not desirable. It may be a good idea to relocate capital functions, which are symbolized by the Diet, away from Tokyo. This may shift our course to a more relaxed and comfortable society.
- In the 21st Century, more modest-sized cities, where suburban greenery exists within living areas, are desirable. The new city should have a landscape where lush greenery and urban functions co-exist symbiotically, not one that is moving to be a mini-Tokyo.
- Quality food, health, environment, culture, and education are important for quality of life. To improve quality of life, we should place greater emphasis on agriculture and culture.

Mr. Tamehito Reizei (Director, Foundation Reizei-ke Shiguretei Bunko)

Born in Hyogo Prefecture. After serving as a professor at Otemae Women's University and president at Ikenobo College, appointed to his present post in 2002. The 25th head of the Reizei family, which is famous for their *waka* poetry.



Theme: Capital function relocation from the perspective of Japanese tradition and history

Summary

- In the midst of globalization, Japanese identity is being questioned. Japanese poems tell us that the essence of the Japanese mind is infinite consideration.
- The essence of Japanese philosophy is *mui-shizen* (abandoning artifice, just being oneself, accepting anything as it is). The Japanese are open-minded to new ideas and new way of thinking. This is a characteristic of the Japanese. That is why change occurs little by little.
- We Japanese tend to understand things and nature as one thing. Therefore, emotional consideration matters. When we attempt reforms, or start doing something new, we need not only logic but also consensus-building or other such forces. For the issue of the capital function relocation, Japanese sensibility and forces like these might be necessary as well.
- In Japanese history, some forces acted when changes occurred. In order to change things, it is important to consider *fueki* (things that should not be changed) and *ryuko* (things that will be changed) on the same plane. As for the capital function relocation, we need to distinguish *fueki* from *ryuko*, considering what should be changed.

Professor Rika Kayama (Psychiatrist, Professor of Tezukayama Gakuin University)

Born in Hokkaido. After working as a clinical psychiatrist, started working as a critic, commenting on social and cultural issues, as well as reviewing books, in newspapers and magazines. Has deep insight into the emotional disorders of modern people.



Theme: Mentality of young people today and the issue of capital function relocation

Summary

- When seeking employment, students today tend to think the proximity to their parent's home is more important than the wage or what they do. In the past, young people used to have dreams or desires of moving somewhere away from hometown. In young people today, however, such dreams and desires are very rare.

- Recent crimes and shut-ins also indicate that the interests and actions of today's young people are inward-oriented rather than outward-oriented.
- The personal relationships of today's young people tend to be centered on their friends in the hometown. Their interests and actions rarely extend or develop beyond that. In the past, people developed their attention to society and enriched their personal relationships as they grow up. Such relationships, however, have changed.
- Some young people work very hard, addressing issues that are immediate to them. Through the experience, if they can learn that they can change something, they may find out that social issues are also an extension of their immediate issues. In the someday, we may have to let them think of the issue of the relocation of the Diet and related organizations as an extension of their immediate issues.

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

- On November 19 and 20, the Fukushima Biomass Fair was held at Big Palette Fukushima in Koriyama City. The Fukushima Prefectural Government distributed gifts at the Fair, to promote the relocation of capital functions.
- On December 5, the Group for Thinking about the Relocation of Capital Functions held a talk show in Gifu Prefecture, inviting Hitomi Sago, a graphic designer originally from Gifu City, and the Chairperson of "the Higashi-Mino and Northern Nishi-Mikawa Capital Concept Promotion Council". They discussed the necessity of the relocation, as well as other topics.
- On December 17, "the Tono Frontier Science Research City Promotion Council" held a lecture meeting inviting Professor Masaru Kitano of Shukutoku University. The Gifu Prefectural Government had a promotion booth in front of the venue. Panels were exhibited, pamphlets were distributed, and a promotion video was shown, explaining the significance and necessity of the relocation to the participants.
- From January 20 to February 2, the three regions and eight prefectural governments that are candidate sites for the relocation of capital functions put up posters with the slogan, "Japan's security, vitality, and structural reforms start with capital function relocation" in 21 major JR stations in the Tokyo metropolitan area.
- On January 31, "the Seminar for the Relocation of Capital Functions to the Chubu Area" and "the Liaison Conference of the Four Tokai Region Prefectures for the Capital Function Relocation" jointly held a lecture meeting in Aichi Prefecture, inviting Tadao Umesawa, an urban-development producer. The theme of the lecture was *Capital Function Relocation as a Strategy for Economic Recovery*.

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.

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