

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

## Officers from Korea's Multi-functional Administrative City Construction (MACC) Agency Visited the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT)

On June 6, Mr. Lee Chung-Hui, the head of Korea's Multi-functional Administrative City Construction (MACC) Agency, and seven other officers visited the MLIT. They are working to relocate Korea's central administrative agencies to the Yeongi-Gongju Region in Chungcheongnam-do. The MACC and MLIT officers informed each other of how their work was progressing, explaining and discussing about the relocations in both countries. The officers all agreed to continue the flow of information between their two countries.

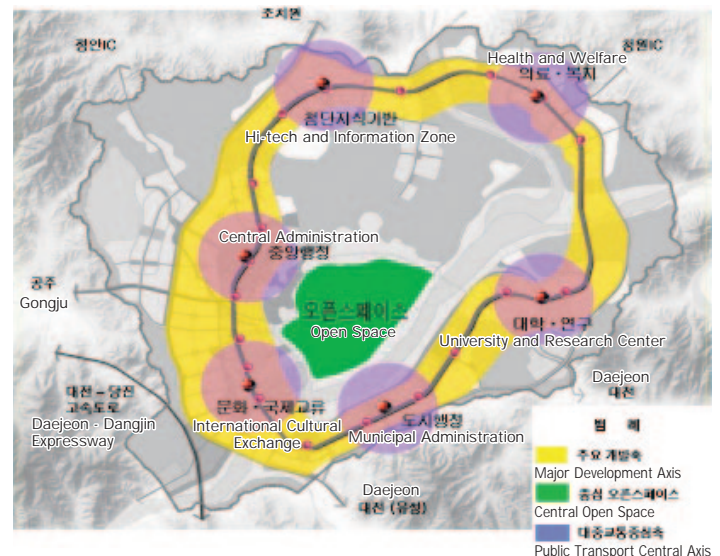


Mr. Lee Chung-Hui (The second person from the right)

In Korea, a draft for the master plan of the New Multi-functional Administrative City was announced in May, 2006. According to the draft, the new city will have a ring-like structure with an open central space of approximately three square kilometers, which will be surrounded by government agency buildings and residential areas. The new city will have over twenty communities, each of them with a population of twenty to thirty thousand. People will live in low-rise residential buildings with a population density of approximately 300 people per hectare. After the master plan is formally decided, the construction of the new city will start in FY 2007, and the relocation of administrative agencies will start by 2012.



The planned construction site for the New Multi-functional Administrative City  
(Source: Korea Institute of Construction Technology)



Master Plan of the New Multi-functional Administrative City  
(Source: MACC, Korea)

## Children's Kasumigaseki Tour

The MLIT will hold Children's Kasumigaseki Tour Days 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 virtual experience in a PC game. Children will also enjoy watching videos and solving quizzes on the capital function relocation. Advance registration is not required. Please come from 10:00-16:00 on Wednesday, August 23, or Thursday, August 24, to the reception desk in the lobby on the 1st floor of the MLIT Building (No.3 Chuo-Godochosha).

## 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 academics and business. The following lectures have been newly added from March. Please visit the Web page at <http://www.mlit.go.jp/kokudokeikaku/iten/onlinelecture/index.html> for more information.

### Mr. Naofumi Miyasaka (Assistant Professor at the National Defense Academy)

Theme: Measures required in the age of terrorism and decentralization of capital functions

#### Summary

- With the end of the Cold War, a small number of arms owned by small nations and terrorists became a major security concern. The location of the capital and the decentralization of capital functions will become more important.
- At present, the probability of terrorism in Japan is low. When relocating the National Diet and related organizations, however, we must foresee the distant future as well. It is important to start developing measures at this stage. The present concentration of all functions in one place makes us very vulnerable. It would be good to have some government agencies in other cities.



### Professor Miyoko Matsuda (Professor at Fuji Tokoha University)

Theme: The relocation of the National Diet and other organizations should be an experiment of environment-friendly model city

#### Summary

- Communities built in the new city where capital functions are relocated should be part of an environment-friendly model city. If people compare their own communities with this model city and consider improving their own communities, it will positively impact the whole country.
- The ten-year cost of relocating capital functions is approximately equal to the annual cost of waste disposal. If we reduce waste by 10%, we can raise the relocation cost in ten years. I recommend capital function relocation that will be a model for future environment-friendly cities.



**Mr. Toshimasa Suzuki (Executive Board Member and Chief Researcher of the Japan Research Institute, Limited)**

Theme: Risk management of companies and appropriate capital function relocation  
Summary

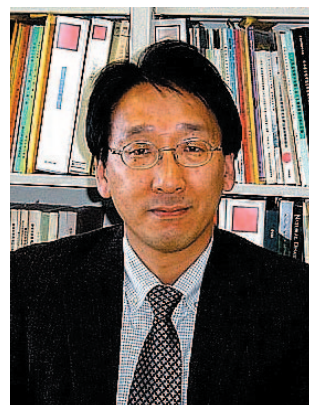
- The most important thing in company risk management is not protecting physical materials but securing functions.
- Concerning capital function relocation, the purpose of a capital in emergencies should be defined, the necessary capital functions should be determined, and the damages from losing such functions should be discussed. The discussion on capital function relocation should be very powerful so that it may influence existing Japanese cities.



**Professor Fumihiko Imamura (Professor at the graduate school of Tohoku University, and Director of the Disaster Control Research Center, School of Engineering, Tohoku University)**

Theme: Things to do in order to survive in an age of huge disasters  
Summary

- In recovering from a disaster, the highest priority should be given to protecting administrative functions. Their locations are now over-concentrated. If vulnerability from over-concentration is inevitable, it is best to share the same functions in different locations.
- There is a cycle of disaster, recovery from the disaster, forgetting the disaster, and then another disaster striking. The relocation of capital functions should be considered as an important way to break this cycle.



**Mr. Makoto Koriyama (Director of Security and Audit Research Department, the Center for Financial Industry Information Systems (FISC))**

Theme: The crisis management trend in financial institutions and capital function relocation

Summary

- Most financial institutions have already established emergency action plans. Manuals are developed for initial actions, temporary actions, and actions for full recovery. Major financial institutions have backup computer centers located outside the center of Tokyo.
- When a disaster occurs in the Tokyo metropolitan area, the government should provide accurate information, telling people and companies what to do. A place and facilities where the government can provide administrative services should be prepared as well. In order to prevent any interruption of services when an emergency arises, the backup of capital functions should be considered.





## Booklet of On-Line Lecture Meetings (Vol. 3) was published

We have published the Booklet of On-Line Lecture Meetings on the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations (Vol.3), which includes fifteen lectures delivered in FY 2005. If you would like a copy (Japanese language Only), please contact the address below.



## ★ T o p i c s

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

- On June 1, the Gifu-Aichi Council for Promoting Capital Function Relocation held the 2006 Regular General Meeting and Lecture Meeting in Nagoya City. In the lecture meeting, Professor Masaru Kitano of Meiji University delivered a lecture titled "New Japan - For the Realization of a Sustainable Developed Society."
- On June 10 and 11, the Tochigi Prefectural Residents' Council for the Relocation of the National Diet and Related Organizations had an information corner for the relocation of the National Diet and related organizations, as part of a Prefectural Residents' Day event that was held in Nikko City. Panels were exhibited and pamphlets were distributed to provide information on the relocation of the National Diet and related organizations.
- On July 15, a Presentation Meeting of the Shin-Shirakawa Life Park House land for sale in lots was held in Tokyo. The Fukushima Prefectural Government introduced Shirakawa City, which is located in a candidate site for the relocation, and distributed pamphlets and promotion gifts at the meeting, promoting the relocation of capital functions.

### Discussion on the Relocation is Taking Place around Japan

On Friday, May 26, members of the Komatsu Junior Chamber, Inc.(JCI) visited the Capital Functions Relocation Planning Division, MLIT. MLIT staff briefly explained about the relocation of the National Diet and related organizations, using pamphlets and other materials. Then the JCI members and MLIT staff had a lively discussion.



### 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 are pleased to send related documents to you. We are awaiting your contact.

### We are Waiting for Your Opinion

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