

Report of the Council for the Relocation of the Diet and Other Organizations

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Expectations and Acknowledgments

The Council knows that the relocation cannot be completed in a short period and that the relocation should be overseen by those responsible for a long time. It hopes that this report provides an opportunity for people to deepen their understanding of the relocation of the capital functions and that a consensus can be reached. The Council members heartily hope that the development of the new city would represent the will of all the people.

The Council would like the Diet, the supreme legislative organization, which has led the investigations of the relocation of capital functions, to receive this report as the fruit of our earnest efforts, to study the future of Japan from a global perspective, and to reach an appropriate conclusion that can resist criticism from both inside and outside Japan.

The Council would also expect the national government to study the systems and procedures required for the relocation of the capital functions while observing and respecting the examination processes in progress at the Diet.

As discussed several times here, the relocation of capital functions is a huge, trans-century project that would greatly influence Japan's future. Vast amounts of documents and legwork were needed to conduct the Council inquiries and deliberations. The Council would like to thank all the organizations and individuals who cooperated in these inquiries and deliberations.

In particular, the individuals from the candidate regions were considerably helpful. They presented documents containing information about the region and valuable statements about how the relocation of the capital functions should be considered. The Council believes that this huge project has been conceived and promoted as a plan of national significance not only by the people from the few candidate sites chosen, but also through the concerted efforts of the people from the areas related to the candidate sites. We offer them our deep respect and gratitude.