

“The Second Capital Osaka” that Supports and Leads Japan into the Future

Vision for the Second Capital

A summary of the mid- to long-term policies that Osaka Prefecture, the City of Osaka and the City of Sakai will work on together in order to make the region the “Second Capital” of Japan and help it serve as an engine for the growth of the country as the western center.

This vision shows **the basic concepts** of “the Second Capital that Osaka aspires to become”, **strategies to realize them** and **the future image of Osaka**.

Necessity of the Second Capital

Create multiple core metropolitan regions that lead the growth of the whole country

Build national resilience and strengthen Japan’s ability to respond to unexpected disasters that hit the capital

Lead the transition to a decentralized system

Roles of the Second Capital Osaka

Serve as the capital of western Japan
The center and hub

Back up the functions of the capital
Become a viable alternative in both normal and emergency situations

Cement its place as an Asian metropolis
Possess new values and an identity distinct from Tokyo

A people-oriented metropolis
Make maximum use of the power of citizens

Promote initiatives that utilize Osaka’s potential

The Second Capital Osaka aspires to:

**Display its presence in the world
by demonstrating new values and an identity distinct from Tokyo**

A strength of Osaka lies in its geographical location which allows the area to form a larger metropolitan region with other major cities nearby that each possess their own unique characteristics. The Osaka metropolitan region has become one of the major densely-populated regions in the world. To realize the Second Capital Osaka, we will promote initiatives that also focus on the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe area and the wider Kansai region.