

2. Strategies to Establish and Develop the Second Capital Osaka (1)

We will proceed strategically with initiatives to make Osaka recognized as a “top runner” that leads other metropolitan regions together with the capital, Tokyo.

[To establish the second capital]

Considering Osaka’s potential, we will lay the foundation for the second capital by around 2020 by proceeding with initiatives to develop the **functions** required and the **systems** to support them. By showing the effectiveness of these initiatives, we will **encourage the national government** to develop systems to support our efforts in establishing Osaka as the second capital.

[To develop as the second capital]

Osaka must **improve its global competitiveness** in order to serve as the western center and an engine for the growth of Japan with a strong international presence, as well as to ensure its development as the second capital. For this point, we will simultaneously proceed with initiatives for **economic growth** utilizing the effect of the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan and the integrated resort (IR).

