

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

[Systems] Realize systems that support the improvement of urban functions

To realize Osaka's growth as the second capital and enrich residents' lives with the fruits of that growth, we will proceed with initiatives concerning systems from the following viewpoints:

- How functions for the broader area should be in order to deal with associated challenges such as maintaining Osaka's urban competitiveness and the safety and security of the second capital area, as well as backing up of the functions of the capital.
- How the basic self-governing functions should be to support residents' lives and serve as the foundation of further growth.
- How relations with the national government should be.

➤ Realize a new metropolitan system suitable for the Second Capital Osaka (Osaka Prefecture and Osaka City)

In order to lay the foundation for the second capital and its development, it is necessary to dramatically reform the urban systems (broader area functions) managed by Osaka Prefecture and the City of Osaka.

It is also necessary to establish systems that improve the City of Osaka's basic self-governing functions so as to develop administrative services together with residences and in accordance with the needs of the area.

We are aiming to realize the special ward system based on the Act for the Establishment of Special Wards, as a new metropolitan system that meets the challenges mentioned above.

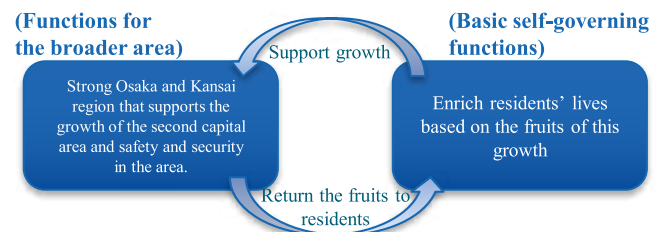
	(Existing) Osaka City	Special ward system
Basic self-governing functions	Governed by the Mayor and city assembly while adhering to the needs of residents	Osaka City will be abolished and replaced by special wards. Ward residents will be governed by the ward assembly and head of each ward who will be selected by them.
Functions for the broader area	Managed by Osaka Prefecture and the City of Osaka through discussion at the coordination meeting between designated city and prefecture	Integrated into Osaka Prefecture

➤ Improve the basic self-governing functions (municipalities in the prefecture) that support residents' lives in the Second Capital Osaka

The population of the country is decreasing and the birthrate is declining, while demand for social security is increasing and administrative issues are being diversified. In these circumstances, it is necessary to enhance administrative systems that enable municipalities in the prefecture to have basic self-governing functions at the same level as core cities, in order to provide services readily accessible by local residents in accordance with their demands.

Through active coordination by the prefecture, we provide opportunities for discussion to promote new cooperation, examine and research how self-governing functions should be, and approach the national government.

Image of the relationship between functions for the broader area and basic self-governing functions



➤ Enhance functions for the broader area that support urban functions of the Second Capital area (Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe area and the Kansai region)

Taking the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe area and the Kansai region in the Second Capital area into consideration, we will work step-by-step on realizing a transfer of administrative functions and authority from the national government, and a transfer of the national governmental agencies themselves in cooperation with the Union of Kansai Governments, in order to improve our urban functions further.

Purpose of establishment
Create a new era starting from Kansai!
- Realize a decentralized society
- Main body responsible for the administration of the entire Kansai area
- Develop functions to host local operations of agencies of the national government



Source: Osaka Prefecture "Vision for Decentralization Reform Starting from Osaka, Revised Version" (March 2017)

➤ Initiatives to encourage the relocation of national governmental agencies and other organizations

We will improve functions for operations of national governmental agencies in Osaka and the Kansai region in cooperation with the Union of Kansai Governments and the business community, focusing on agencies scheduled to relocate to Osaka through regional revitalization and those that already have bases in Osaka and the Kansai region.

In addition, we will consider further possibilities in light of fulfilling our backup functions.

➤ Appeal for systems to support initiatives to realize the second capital

We will appeal to make Osaka and the Kansai region a core area to back up the functions of the capital and have the region recognized as an independent metropolitan area that leads the growth of Japan. In doing so, we will encourage the national government to develop systems that support our initiatives to realize the second capital. (a transfer of authority and financial resources, regulation reform, etc.)