



EAROPH JAPAN – COUNTRY REPORT

1. General situation of Japan under the Abe administration

The new cabinet led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Liberal Democratic Party, started in December 2012 and so called “Abenomics”, development plan of Japanese economy, dramatically succeeded to recover in 2013 from long depression under the leadership of Democratic Party.

- Physical policies called “Three Arrows” of Abenomics to break away from the deflation quickly are as follows.
- The First Arrow:
This is the Adventurous Finance to pour big amount of money into the market and wipe away the deflation mind.
- The Second Arrow:
Accurate financial engine, working timely, of about 10 trillion yen, 100 billion USD, will create the governmental demand promoting the activation of private market.
- The Third Arrow:
This is the strategy to activate the private market by the deregulation and the creation of new social systems to activate the private fields and to empower the personal capabilities.

2. Urban Policy of Abe Cabinet

Urban policy is one of the important items of Abe cabinet and the following governmental targets are hoisted.

- Creation of compact cities with the advanced public transport systems:
It is to centralize the urban functions supported by a good public transportation systems and to remake the urban areas into the compact or smart urban areas with activated central areas.

- Creation of appealing regions:
Japan has diversified regions from north to south with their regional resources such as history, scenery and cultures. Then those attractive regions should be networked by exchanging their information and people and by utilizing their individual resources.
- Empower big cities to inflow foreign money, human resources and materials:
40 big private urban development projects will be completed by the year of 2020. Then those cities will have the stronger competitive power with the good security, safety and environment in addition.
- Expand the overseas cooperation:
Japan will expand the overseas cooperation against the various urban problems in developing countries especially in Asia and contribute to build up eco-cities by means of Japanese advanced technologies and know-hows.
- Introduction of the public and private partnership for urban developments:
As the private fields have a lot of ideas and powers in urban development, the public side should have a good partnership with them and take a positive attitude to introduce those ideas and powers.

3. Actions to Develop Above Urban Strategies

- Ministry of Land, Infra-structure and Transport has been making negotiations with the related ministries, local governments and private organizations to realize the above mentioned strategies.
- Urgent and various issues such as the preparation for Tokyo Olympiad 2020 and the counter measures against the population decrease are under discussion among the related organizations.
- In the suffered regions by East Japan Big Earthquake in 2011, various efforts are widely developed not only for the restoration but also for the betterment for the future. Urban development with the safer systems and better security, construction of better infra-structures, introduction of new industries and other various efforts are undergoing.