

Tokyo Financial City Vision

Vitalizing Japan's Financial and Capital Markets as a Pillar to the New Growth Strategy

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Seven Proposals

The purpose of Tokyo Financial City Vision is to propel Tokyo, the heart of Japan's financial services, to the status of top international financial center. It envisions the enhancement of financial assets held by households, the strengthening of ties with Asia, as well as the leveraging of National Strategic Special Zones by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government

1. Create a Framework for Realizing Tokyo Financial City Vision
 - Establish bodies such as a liaison council and other associated organizations through the joint efforts of the national government, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the private sector
 - Assign the Mayor of Tokyo Financial City to actively conduct promotional activities overseas
 - Set up a forum for sharing and generating information
2. Implement tax incentives unique to the Tokyo Metropolitan area utilizing National Strategic Special Zones
 - Build a cost structure that is competitive vis-à-vis other international financial centers through the conditional reduction of regional corporate income taxes
3. Accelerate the move from savings to investment through the enhancement of household financial assets
 - Revise asset-building support measures such as NISA; Japan's Individual Savings Account and defined contribution plans for the benefit of households
 - Respond to infrastructure funding demands and address the needs of the super-aged society
4. Develop a market infrastructure for Tokyo to act as a financial hub in Asia
 - Examine ways to transform Tokyo into a multicurrency market
 - Create an environment for Tokyo to serve as an Asian capital funding and investment center

5. Establish Tokyo as a global asset management city
 - Diversify the ways of managing public pension funds and foreign reserves
 - Develop a city where both domestic and foreign financial institutions including asset management businesses actively engage in their operations
6. Promote Tokyo as a center for financial training and international personnel exchange
 - Expand financial training at public educational institutions (from elementary schools to university) and in the workplace
 - Advance international personnel exchanges through a financial training system
7. Plan urban development projects in view of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
 - Provide further medical and government services in English and ease regulations regarding international schools
 - Diversify funding instruments through the issuance of Olympic bonds and inflation-indexed Tokyo Metropolitan bonds