Comprehensive Special Zones

Concentration of National and Regional Policy Resources in Special Zones with High Potential for Realizing Pioneering Initiatives

- Tailor-made, integrated support for comprehensive and strategic challenges in selected regions (regulatory exceptions, tax, fiscal and financial measures)
- Promoted by using the “National and Local Councils” established in each Comprehensive Special Zone (CSZ) in order to promote collaborative projects between national and regional authorities.

Two types of CSZ:

For International Competitiveness

- Formation of industry clusters to serve as economic growth engines
- Environment & next-generation energy
- Agriculture
- R&D
- International ports
- Biotechnology & life science
- Business bases in Asia
- International distribution
- MICE

For Local Revitalization

- Enhancement of regional competitiveness through local revitalization initiatives driven by maximum utilization of regional resources
- Environment & next-generation energy
- Financial & social businesses
- Medical care, nursing care, health
- Tourism & culture
- Agriculture
- Biomass
- Distribution & transportation
Special Measures & Support Measures

**Regulatory Exceptions**

- Implementation of special measures in limited zones with responsibility of local government
  ⇒ Breakthroughs for full-fledged development of lifestyle innovation, green innovation and other progress.
- Prefectural or Municipal ordinance will come to determine matters concerning regional public affairs currently provided for Cabinet Order and Ministerial Ordinance
  ⇒ Breakthroughs for initiative accelerating reforms in regional authorities.

**Tax Support**

**For International Competitiveness**

- Corporate tax reductions (selections from investment tax credits, specially recognized depreciation, and taxable income deductions)
  ⇒ Formation of industry cluster bases for international competitiveness

**For Local Revitalization**

- Taxable income deductions for private investors targeting the relevant regional projects for local revitalization.
  ⇒ Concentrating investment by ambitious local capital in the “New Public Commons.”

**Fiscal Support**

- High-priority use of relevant ministerial budgets. Flexible distribution of coordination cost for development of Comprehensive Special Zone (2016 budget : ¥2.5 billion)

**Financial Support**

- Interest-rate subsidy system (within 0.7% for 5 years) (2016 budget : ¥670 million)
### Comprehensive Special Zones Designated Area

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**Special Zones for Reconstruction**

- No. 28: “Sagami Robot Industry” (Kanagawa Prefecture)
- No. 29: Create Regional Growth Model in Disaster Prevention and Disaster Mitigation in “Fujinokurou” (Shizuoka Prefecture)
- No. 30: “Okayama New Health Care Style Special Zone” (Okayama City)
- No. 31: “Island of Tourism in Kyushu –Asia” (Fukuoka Prefecture, Saga Prefecture, Nagasaki Prefecture, Kumamoto Prefecture, Oita Prefecture, Miyazaki Prefecture, Kagoshima Prefecture, Fukuoka City)
- No. 32: “Base of Marine and Environmental Industry in Nagasaki” (Nagasaki Prefecture, Nagasaki City, Sasebo City, Saikai City)
- No. 33: Formation of Cancer Medical Industry Base in ‘Gunma’ (Gunma Prefecture)
- No. 34: Health Creation in “Shiga” (Shiga Prefecture)
- No. 35: Local Revitalization through Use of “Nara Park” (Nara Prefecture)
- No. 36: Creative Use and Inheritance of Grassland with Thousand Years History (Aso City, Minamioguni Town, Oguni Town, Ubuyama Village, Takamori Town, Minamiaso Village, Nishihara Village, Yamato Town)