

# Measures and Support for Regional Revitalization

## Office for Promotion of Regional Revitalization

- Promoting the National Strategic Special Zone: a project for reviving the economy of Japan.
- Supporting the voluntary and independent local activities for regional revitalization.

PROMOTION OF GROWTH STRATEGY BY A BREAKTHROUGH FOR BOLD REGULATORY AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

### ◎ National Strategic Special Zone

In areas designated by the national government, bold regulatory reforms and other measures will be comprehensively and intensively promoted for projects carried out jointly by the central government, local governments, and the private sector.

- [Supportive measures]
- regulatory exceptions
  - tax support
  - fiscal support

THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WORKING AS ONE FOR REGIONAL REVITALIZATION

Regional revitalization by strengthening urban functions

#### ◎ Urban Renaissance

International competitiveness and disaster prevention functions is promoted through urban regeneration.

- Urban Renaissance Urgent Development Area (62 Areas)
- Special Urban Renaissance Urgent Development Area (11 Areas)

[Supportive measures]

- deregulation of urban planning codes
- tax support
- fiscal support
- financial support

#### ◎ Revitalization of Central Urban Districts

Public supports for central city redevelopment projects that will contribute to city revitalization to create an attractive central urban district.



Regional revitalization by the introduction of regulatory exceptions

#### ◎ Comprehensive Special Zones

Tailor-made, integrated support for comprehensive and strategic challenges in selected regions is extended.

- ① CSZ For International Competitiveness (7 zones)
- ② CSZ For Local Revitalization (41 zones)

[Supportive measures]

- regulatory exceptions
- tax support
- fiscal support
- financial support

#### ◎ Special zones for structural reform

National regulations that impede the activities of private businesses, local governments, NPOs and others are reformed or adjusted in limited areas, so as to promote structural reform and regional revitalization.

[Supportive measures]

- regulatory exceptions

- ※  are legal measures
- ※ number of areas/zones are as of the end of 2013

Measures for other specific policy agenda

#### ◎ Regional Renovation

Voluntary and independent measures taken by local governments for economic activation and job creation in the area are supported. (Approved number of projects: 1,648)

[Supportive measures]

- fiscal support
- financial support

#### ◎ Specific Regional Renovation

Intensive support is extended to selected regions with key policy agenda of nationwide importance, such as responding to an aging population with falling birthrates. (Approved number of projects: 6)

[Supportive measures]

- fiscal support
- tax support
- Special local bonds

#### ◎ Eco-Model City

13 cities and 7 towns were selected in FY 2008 and FY2012 respectively as the cities, towns and regions taking on the challenge of pioneering approaches with high-level goals towards realizing a low-carbon society, including the substantial decrease of greenhouse gas emissions.

#### ◎ Future City

11 cities and regions which are superior in the three areas of environment, society, and economy were selected in FY2011.

[Supportive measures]

- action evaluation, publication
- local support by the well-informed person