My Number System
~Basic Outlines and Future Plans~
The Social Security and Tax Number System is...
Social infrastructure to improve administrative efficiency,
enhance public convenience,
and realize a fairer and more just society.

A fairer and more just society
Because it will make it easier to ascertain people’s income and receipt of other administrative services, the system will prevent improper evasion of payment responsibility and unfair receipt of benefits, and provide fine-tuned assistance to those who really need it.

Improved administrative efficiency
The system will greatly save time and labor needed to compare, transcribe, and input various types of information in administrative organs, local governments, etc. It will promote linkage among multiple operations and eliminate waste arising from work overlap.

Enhanced public convenience
The system will simplify administrative procedures and lessen the burden on residents by reducing the number of accompanying documents, etc., needed for procedures. It will allow residents to check the information on them that administrative organs possess and receive notices on various services from those organizations.
Beginning in January 2016, your Individual Number will be required for administrative procedures related to social security, taxation, and disaster response.

Individual Numbers will only be used for legally stipulated administrative procedures in the areas of social security administration, taxation, and disaster response.

**Social security**
- Pensions
- Labor
- Healthcare
- Welfare

**Taxation**
- Acquisition of pension qualification, pension confirmation and payment
- Acquisition of unemployment insurance qualification, insurance confirmation and payment
- Hello Work-related affairs
- Collection of medical insurance premiums
- Welfare benefits, public assistance
- Notation on income tax returns, notifications, records, etc., submitted to tax authorities
- Internal administrative work of tax authorities

**Disaster response**
- Payment of funding for rebuilding the livelihood of disaster victims
- Preparation of disaster victims' books
- Notation on income tax returns, notifications, records, etc., submitted to tax authorities
- Internal administrative work of tax authorities
- Etc.
My Number and My Number Card

**My Number**
- A 12-digit number designated and notified to each and every resident in Japan
- Only used in administrative procedures in the areas of social security, taxation and disaster response stipulated by the My Number Act
- Notification cards are for the purpose of notifying individuals of their My Numbers.
  Notification card alone cannot be used as an identification document.

**My Number Card**
- After the notification of My Numbers, My Number Cards are issued at the request. It is a plastic card containing an ID photograph of the individual.
- Individuals can verify their My Numbers and identification only with this My Number Card.
- The IC chip contains an electronic feature for authenticating the card bearer (electronic certificate).
- My Number Card is necessary to login to the Mynaportal.

- The front side of the My Number Card can be used widely as a photo ID card for both the public and private sectors.
- My Number is not used when using the electronic certificate (public key authentication) of the My Number Card.
Three Features of the My Number Card

My Number
- Can only be used for legally stipulated administrative procedures in the areas of social security, taxation and disaster response, or administrative duties stipulated in the ordinances of local governments.
- The use of My Number is restricted by law such as administrative agencies and employers; other entities are prohibited to collect or store My Numbers such as by photocopying the back of an My Number Card.

Electronic certificates
- For the bearer’s signature and for user identification.
- In addition to administrative agencies, private business operators approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications can now also use electronic certificates. Example: Internet banking services of financial institutions, etc.

Free space
- Municipalities and government agencies can use within the confines of the law.
- Example: Seal registration card, ID card of government officials.
- Private business operators can now also use My Numbers as determined by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.
### Safeguard for My Number — Learning from the Number Systems in Other Countries

A thorough comparison of the number systems in Japan and other countries

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<td>SSN (Social Security Number)</td>
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<td>12-digit number</td>
<td>9-digit number</td>
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<td><strong>Meaning of numbers</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>The first 6 digits represent the date of birth</td>
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<td><strong>The range of allowed use</strong></td>
<td>Limited to social security, taxation and disaster response</td>
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<td><strong>Usage by private business operators</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Identify verification</strong></td>
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Safeguard for Personal Information

1. Safeguard in My Number System

Legislative safeguard in the My Number System

- Identity confirmation (verification of the My Number, identity (existence))
- Excluding cases stipulated by the My Number Act (*), prohibition of the collection and storage of specific personal information (personal information including My Number in its contents) and creation of specific personal information files
- Monitoring and supervision by the Personal Information Protection Commission
- Strengthening of penalties

Technical safeguard in My Number System

- Decentralized administration of personal information
- Information sharing by using codes instead of directly using the My Numbers
- Restriction and management of persons who can access the personal information by access control
- Encryption of communications

2. Security of the My Number Cards

- No personal information that is strictly private is recorded on the My Number Cards (IC chip)
- For any lost or stolen cards, the Call Center for the Social Security and Tax Number System is available and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
Public key authentication services such as e-Tax that were limited to the procedures of administrative agencies can now be used in various services of private companies.

For online banking and shopping, personal authentication allows cheap and speedy identify verification at customer registration (account opening); much secure user verification at login compared to an ordinary ID/password system; monitoring changes in customer information, etc.
Future Usage of My Number Card

Maternal and child health information/notifications
- Maternal and child health information can be viewed anytime, anywhere
- Notification of immunization from municipalities to personal electronic PO Box to prevent any missed clinic visits

Internet banking
- Login to Internet banking site by reading the My Number Card with a smartphone for authentication

Ticketless services
- Smooth entry to a concert hall by using My Number Card

Evacuation instructions/supervision at the time of disaster
- Promptly calling out for people to evacuate
- Checking health status, providing remote support

Supporting local economy
- Various services such as point services offered by municipalities can be used with one My Number Card
- Exchange points accumulated from private services for municipality points and use them in shopping districts, etc.

Improved convenience of administrative services
- Utilizing the infrastructure of the convenience store certificate issuance service in other settings such as the office of local public entities

One-stop Service
- Easy verification of the existence of pensioners through a cable TV
- Submission of the application for enrollment in nursery from home

Providing appropriate support for residents at evacuation centers
- Preparation of relief supplies according to evacuation situations by promptly grasping the current evacuation situations

Sharing infrastructures of various services offered by public and private sectors

Improvement of the convenience of residents, improvement of productivity, etc.
Revitalization of regional economies, spreading a virtuous cycle
Functions of Mynaportal

1. Mynaportal is a **online Web service** where you may examine a record of how information concerning you that contains your My Number has been shared on your personal portal site. Also, **delivery services of private business operators and public fund payment services such as social insurance premiums and taxes** are under way.

2. At present, the specific services planned to be provided by Mynaportal are as follows:

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**Scheduled to start service in 2017**
Mynaportal “One-stop Service for Childcare”

Users can use the search function to find the service that suits them the most. Users can apply for the service online without having to go to the government office. Procedures that can be easily forgotten are notified to users by a push notification.