Reconstruction Design Council
“Towards Reconstruction”
-Hope beyond the Disaster-
1. Overview of Reconstruction Design Council

(1) Legal Backgrounds
- The Council was set up on April 11, under a cabinet decision.
- Met 12 times during the 75-day period.
- The Council obtained a firm legal base on June 24.
  (as the basic act on Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction).
- 15 Members among industry, government and academia.

(2) Submission a report on recommendation
A report on recommendations was submitted on June 25,
Which is named as “Towards Reconstruction –Hope beyond the Disaster-”

(3) Seven Principles
The report begins with “Seven Principles for the Reconstruction Framework.”
(The seven principles were decided during meetings in May and served as
guiding principles of the discussions.)

(4) Key Points of the Report: There are 8 points
2. Key Points of the Report

(1) Concept of "Disaster Reduction"
The Council introduced the idea of "disaster reduction". It calls for a fundamental change in the disaster-related policymaking in Japan. Following points are mentioned here.
- a revision of a policy of Disaster Prevention in Japan.
- a change from depending too much on seawalls.
- a conducting routine evacuation drills
- keeping evacuation roads in good condition.
- land use control to avoid living in vulnerable areas.

(2) Municipality-led reconstruction
The basic concept is "local areas take initiatives in reconstruction". (Local people shall talk among themselves and decide on the future.)

(3) Legal Framework to Address Tsunami Disaster
A new legal framework is introduced to deal with the last tsunami disaster. (as well as tsunami anticipated in future). Administrative procedures can be:
- time-consuming at times
- simplified and made into a one-stop-shopping process.
2. Key Points of the Report

(4) Rehabilitation of Agriculture & Fisheries

Measures to rehabilitate agriculture and fisheries are recommended (as new industries instead of restoring them just as they used to be).

(5) Renewable Energy

The use of renewable energy is promoted
(A framework for the efficient and prompt installation of new energy systems is promoted).

(6) Stabilization of Electric Power Supply

The stabilization of Japan's power supply is urged by next year at the latest.

(7) Towards Recovery from Nuclear Disaster

A Recovery from Nuclear Disaster is the true Recovery from this disaster.

(8) Open Reconstruction

Post-Reconstruction shall be open to the world.
- foreign countries are welcome to join in reconstruction.
- a free trade system will be carried out.
3. Funding and Time Frame for Reconstruction

(1) Relief Money

Some 250 billion yen is given to disaster victims.

(2) Way of Funding

- Government bond (for private Sector)
- Taxation (for paying back new government dept at early date)
- Raising Donations
- Investment
- Financed by sound private sector

(3) Time Frame

- By End of July: Receive the report and come up with its basic Policy
- By this Autumn: Basic work on a full-scale supplementary budget necessary legislation
- In three years: Remove rubble in parallel with reconstruction work.
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