

Discussion Points

5th Reconstruction Design Council Meeting
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Interpreting the Great East Japan Earthquake

- Starting the recovery process: Remembering and honoring those lost
- A wake-up call for modern civilization
- The defining features of the disaster
- Impacts on industry, the economy, and people's lives
- Things relearned from the disaster etc.

Community development

- Basic concepts
- Developing secure and safe communities
- Community development that values human bonds; designing trailblazing communities etc.

Core principles for rebuilding

- Basic philosophy of nation building: building disaster resilient nation
- Role-sharing/coordination among actors: Community-based reconstruction
- Form of "creative reconstruction"
- Reconstruction based on solidarity and mutual assistance that span the entire nation etc.

Local socioeconomic revival

- Reviving local industries that support the local economy and employment
- Securing job opportunities
- Social security and education etc.

Perspectives for our deliberation

- Vastness/diversity of the disaster region (spatial axis)
- The long-term path to recovery (time axis)
- The direction of reconstruction efforts etc.

Reconstruction challenges

- Dealing with institutional obstacles to rebuilding
- Securing reconstruction actors and building the consensus needed for reconstruction
- Strengthening national readiness to earthquakes
- Recording and scientifically analyzing the disaster as well as preserving/sharing lessons learned
- Securing the financial resources for reconstruction etc.

Responding to the nuclear accident's impact

Reconstruction and Japan's Socioeconomic Revival

- Reviving Japan's economy
- Energy/environmental policy
- Social security policy
- National land policy etc.