

## **On the Formation of the Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake**

( Cabinet decision  
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### 1. Purpose

In order for Japan to reconstruct itself successfully in the wake of the unprecedented devastation brought by the Great East Japan Earthquake, it is essential that all citizens living in this nation—not just the disaster’s survivors and the residents of affected regions—play their own roles in the recovery efforts, guided by a spirit of mutual support and solidarity. At the same time, it is also vital that the process of recovery not be limited to simply picking up the pieces, but instead be geared towards creative reconstruction that looks ahead to the future. For these reasons, the nation must quickly formulate a roadmap for reconstruction that will provide residents of the disaster areas with courage and hope for the future, and will lead to the rebirth of a prosperous and dynamic Japan shared by all its people.

Accordingly, the Government shall convene an advisory panel of intellectual figures under the name of the Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (hereinafter, “the Council”) for engaging in broad discussions of a framework for formulating reconstruction guidelines, and shall apply the Council’s opinions and recommendations to the development of reconstruction guidelines.

### 2. Composition

- (1) The Council shall be composed of members who possess expert knowledge of post-earthquake reconstruction, and shall be convened by the Prime Minister.
- (2) The chair of the Council shall be appointed by the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister may also appoint deputy chairs to assist the chair.
- (3) The Council may, if necessary, form study groups. Study groups shall be composed of members possessing expert knowledge of post-earthquake reconstruction who are appointed by the Prime Minister.
- (4) The head of study groups shall be appointed by the chair of the Council.
- (5) The Prime Minister may appoint a special advisor to provide advice to the Council where needed.

### 3. Miscellaneous

The Cabinet Secretariat shall administer general affairs of the Council.