

II DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Cabinet Office

(Duties)

(1) The Cabinet Office shall be tasked with assisting the affairs of the Cabinet concerning important policies of the Cabinet.

(2) Beyond the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the mission of the Cabinet Office is to appropriately carry out affairs related to the Imperial Family, honors and official systems (such as the Era Names and *the National Flag and National Anthem*), and other affairs to be performed as a country, promote the formation of a gender-equal society, promote civic activities, encourage the promotion and development of Okinawa, promote the resolution of the Northern Territories issue, protect citizens from disasters, promote fair and free competition among enterprises, secure national public order, ensure the proper handling of personal information, maintain order and ensure safety concerning the establishment and operation of casino facilities, ensure the appropriate functioning of finance, promote measures to realize a society in which consumers can lead safe, worry-free and affluent consumer lives, promote measures to bring about a society in which children can all grow up healthy as independent individuals, develop a foundation to support the implementation of government measures, ensure cooperation among relevant administrative agencies from the perspective of the government as a whole regarding measures related to the economy and a wide range of fields, and to ensure the smooth execution of administrative affairs that are appropriate for the Prime Minister to manage from the perspective of the entire government.

(3) The Cabinet Office shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in paragraph (1).

Imperial Household Agency

(Duties)

The Imperial Household Agency, as a government organization placed under the Prime Minister, takes charge of the state matters concerning the Imperial House. In addition, among the Emperor's acts in matters of state stipulated in Article 7 of the Constitution of Japan, the Agency assists His Majesty in receiving foreign ambassadors and ministers and performing ceremonial functions. It also keeps the Privy Seal and State Seal.

Fair Trade Commission

(Duties)

The Fair Trade Commission has the duty to achieve the purpose of the Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade, which is to promote fair and free competition, stimulate the creative initiative of enterprise, encourage business activity, heighten the level of employment and actual national income, and thereby promote the democratic and wholesome development of the national economy as well as secure the interests of general consumers by prohibiting private monopolization, unreasonable restraint of trade and unfair trade practices, preventing excessive concentration of economic power and eliminating unreasonable restraints on production, sale, price, technology, etc. , and all other unjust restrictions on business activity through combinations, agreements, etc. .

National Public Safety Commission (National Police Agency)

(Duties)

(1) The National Public Safety Commission shall take charge of police operation relating to the public safety of the nation, administer the affairs concerning police education, police communication, information technology analysis, criminal identification, criminal statistics and police equipment, coordinate the affairs concerning police administration, and thereby carry out duties to protect the rights and liberties of individuals and to maintain public safety and order.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the National Public Safety Commission is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with specific important policies of the Cabinet related to the duties given in the same paragraph.

(3) The National Public Safety Commission shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Personal Information Protection Commission

(Duties)

The Personal Information Protection Commission is to assume the duties of pursuing ensuring the proper handling of personal information (including taking measures such as giving guidance and advice to a person in charge of a process using an individual number, etc. (meaning a person in charge of a process using an individual number, etc. as prescribed in Article 12 of the Act on the Use of Numbers to Identify a Specific Individual in the Administrative Procedure (Act No.27 of 2013))) in order to protect individual rights and interests while ensuring smooth and proper management of the processes or services of administrative entities as well as ensuring due consideration of the value of personal information, and the fact that the proper and effective application of personal information contributes to the creation of new industries and the realization of a vibrant economic society and enriching quality of life for the Japanese public.

Japan Casino Regulatory Commission

(Duties)

The Japan Casino Regulatory Commission has the duties of maintaining order and ensuring safety concerning the establishment and operation of casino facilities.

Financial Services Agency

(Duties)

(1) The Financial Services Agency has a mission to secure the stability of financial functions in Japan and protect depositors, policyholders, securities investors, and any equivalent persons, and facilitating financing.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Financial Services Agency is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Financial Services Agency shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Consumer Affairs Agency

(Duties)

(1) The Consumer Affairs Agency shall be responsible for protecting and advancing consumers' interests, securing opportunities for consumers to make autonomous and rational choices about goods and services, and conducting affairs related to labeling regarding the quality of goods closely related to consumer life, in accordance with respect for the rights of consumers and support for their self-reliance and other basic principles set forth in Article 2 of the Basic Act on Consumer Policies (Act No. 78 of May 30, 1968), and toward the realization of a society in which consumers can lead safe, worry-free and affluent consumer lives.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Agency is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Consumer Affairs Agency shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Children and Families Agency

(Duties)

(1) The Children and Families Agency is charged with handling functions related to increasing the welfare and improving the health of children (meaning people in the process of physical and mental development; the same applies hereinafter) and their families, providing other such support for children's healthy growth and for parenting, and advocating for children, based on the importance of the family's role in child-rearing and on the principle of making considerations that give due weight to the views of the child in accordance with the child's age and maturity, and that prioritize children's best interests, in order to bring about a society in which children can all grow up healthy as independent individuals.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Agency is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Children and Families Agency shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Digital Agency

(Duties)

(1) Assisting the affairs of the Cabinet concerning the formation of a digital society together with the Cabinet Secretariat based on the basic principles for formation of a digital society (digital society provided for in Article 2 of the Basic Act on the Formation of a Digital Society) specified in Chapter II of the Basic Act on the Formation of a Digital Society (Act No. 35 of 2021).

(2) Endeavoring to swiftly and intensively enforce administrative affairs concerning the formation of a digital society based on the basic principles.

Reconstruction Agency

(Duties)

(1) Assisting the affairs of the Cabinet concerning reconstruction in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (meaning the earthquake that occurred off the Pacific coast of the Tohoku region on March 11, 2011 and the subsequent disaster brought about by accidents which occurred at the nuclear power plant; the same applies hereinafter) together with the Cabinet Secretariat based on the basic principles for Article 2 of the Basic Act on Reconstruction in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake(Act No.76 of 2011).

(2) Facilitating the smooth and prompt implementation of administrative affairs concerning the reconstruction in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake, which should be implemented proactively and integrally, based on the basic principles for Article 2 of the Basic Act on Reconstruction in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications is to perform the following:

- ensure the comprehensive and efficient implementation of administration through the management and administration of the basic administrative system
- realize the principle of local autonomy
- establish a foundation for democratic politics, and liaison and coordination among the national government, local governments and local governments
- ensure and promote the appropriate and smooth distribution of information by electromagnetic means
- ensure and promote the fair and efficient use of radio waves
- ensure the proper and reliable implementation of postal services, and prompt and appropriate resolution of pollution disputes
- coordinate mining, quarrying or gravel mining with the general public or various industries
- protect the lives, bodies and properties of citizens through fire fighting
- administrative affairs and laws (including orders based on laws) that do not fall under the jurisdiction of other administrative organs

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications is also charged with assisting with the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Environmental Dispute Coordination Commission

(Duties)

The Commission is to assume the duties of pursuing the prompt and appropriate resolution of environmental disputes and coordinating mining, quarrying, or gravel gathering with the general public interest or agriculture, forestry or any other industries, and contributing to procedure involved in expropriation or use of land or any other things or superficies.

Fire and Disaster Management Agency

(Duties)

The duties of the Fire and Disaster Management Agency shall be to protect the lives, bodies and properties of citizens by means of designing and drafting a system concerning fire defense as well as conducting fire defense-related affairs, including those to be dealt with over a wide area.

Ministry of Justice

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Justice's duty is maintaining and improving the basic legal system, maintaining law and order, protecting the rights of the people, ensuring the unified and proper handling of disputes related to the interests of the country, and fairly managing immigration and foreign nationals' residency.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Justice is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Justice shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Immigration Services Agency

(Duties)

(1) The Immigration Services Agency's duty is equitable control over all those who enter and depart from Japan and the residency of foreign nationals residing in Japan.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Immigration Services Agency is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Immigration Services Agency shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Public Security Examination Commission

(Duties)

Public Security Examination Commission is an extra-ministerial bureau of the Ministry of Justice with the aim of contributing to ensuring public safety. Upon receiving a request of the Director-General of the Public Security Intelligence Agency for regulatory actions on subversive organizations stipulated in the Subversive Activities Prevention Act or the Organization Act, the Commission examines the request from an objective and neutral viewpoint and makes a decision on whether control measures are necessary, and if so, what control measures should be taken.

Public Security Intelligence Agency

(Duties)

The duty of the Public Security Intelligence Agency is to conduct investigation and request for dispositions regarding the controls on subversive organizations under the provisions of the Subversive Activities Prevention Act, and to conduct investigation, request for dispositions and control measures regarding the controls on organizations that committed indiscriminate mass murder under the provisions of the Act on the Control of Organizations Which Have Committed Acts of Indiscriminate Mass Murder, thereby ensuring the public security.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be tasked with contributing to the maintenance of a peaceful and secure international community, with promoting a favorable international environment through independent-minded and proactive efforts, as well as with promoting the interests of Japan and its citizens in the international community, while maintaining and developing harmonious external relations.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Ministry of Finance

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Finance's duty is to maintain stable public finance, to realize proper and fair taxation, appropriate administration of customs services, to manage treasury funds appropriately, to maintain confidence in the currency system, and to ensure stability of foreign exchange.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Finance is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Finance shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

National Tax Agency

(Duties)

The National Tax Agency's duty is to realize proper and fair taxation and collection of internal taxes, sound development of the liquor business, and to ensure proper administration of services by Certified Public Tax Accountants.

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's duty is developing creative human resources possessing rich humanity through the promotion of education and the development of lifelong learning as its core function, promoting academic research and scholarship, comprehensively promoting science and technology, developing overall policies related to sports and culture, and conducting appropriate administrative affairs related to religion.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duty referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Japan Sports Agency

(Duties)

The Japan Sports Agency's duty is developing overall policies related to sports, such as the promotion of sports in society.

Agency for Cultural Affairs

(Duties)

The Agency for Cultural Affairs' duty is developing overall policies related to culture, such as the promotion of cultural activities, promoting international cultural exchange, advancing social education through museums, and conducting appropriate administrative affairs related to religion.

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare shall be tasked with promoting and extending of social welfare and security, and of public health and developing of working conditions and other employment environment and ensuring employment, in order to guarantee and improve the lives of the people and contribute to economic development.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare shall be tasked with providing relief for repatriation relief, wounded and sick retired soldiers, bereaved families of war dead, and families and others related to unrepatriated persons, and liquidating for the former Japanese Army and Navy.

(3) In addition to what is stipulated in paragraph (1) and (2) , the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(4) The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Central Labour Relations Commission

(Duties)

The Central Labour Relations Commission has the duty to defend the workers' uniting and promote the fair adjustment of labor relationships.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) duty is to ensure a stable food supply, develop agriculture, forestry and fisheries, promote the welfare of agriculture, forestry and fisheries workers, promote rural and mountainous areas, fulfill the multifunction of agriculture, forest preservation and cultivation, promote forest productivity, and properly conserve and manage fisheries resources.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Forestry Agency

(Duties)

The Forestry Agency's duty is to ensure forest preservation and cultivation, secure a stable supply of forest products, develop the forestry, promote the welfare of foresters, and manage national forest projects adequately.

Fisheries Agency

(Duties)

The Fisheries Agency's duty is to properly conserve and manage fisheries resources, secure a stable supply of fisheries products, promote the fishery industry, and improve the welfare of fishermen.

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's duty is to develop Japan's economy and industry by focusing on promoting economic vitality in private companies and smoothly advancing external relationships, and to secure stable and efficient supply of energy and mineral resources.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Economic, Trade and Industry shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Agency for Natural Resources and Energy

(Duties)

The Agency for Natural Resources and Energy's duty is to secure stable and efficient supply of energy and mineral resources and to promote their proper use.

Japan Patent Office

(Duties)

Japan Patent Office's duty is to develop Japan's economy and industry through functions associated with inventions, utility models, designs and trademarks.

Small and Medium Enterprise Agency

(Duties)

The Small and Medium Enterprise Agency's duty is to foster and develop small and medium-sized enterprises and to establish conditions sufficient to improve their management in view of the fact that sound, independent small and medium-sized enterprises make the national economy sound and develop it, prevent the concentration of economic power, and ensure fair business opportunities for those who wish to operate an enterprise.

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism is tasked with overseeing the comprehensive and systematic use, development, and conservation of Japan's national land; developing social capital to meet the aforementioned tasks; advancing transport policies; and ensuring the development of meteorological services and maritime safety and security.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Japan Tourism Agency

(Duties)

The Japan Tourism Agency is tasked with implementing comprehensive, planned projects toward making Japan a tourism-oriented country, such as negotiating and coordinating with the governments of other countries and regions as well as with domestic government ministries; collaborating with private businesses and local governments; and creating attractive tourist destinations.

Japan Meteorological Agency

(Duties)

The Japan Meteorological Agency is tasked with ensuring the sound development of meteorological services, and there by to contribute to the promotion of public welfare by preventing disasters, securing traffic safety, and promoting the prosperity of industries, and to offer international cooperation concerning meteorological services.

Japan Transport Safety Board

(Duties)

The mission of the Japan Transport Safety Board is to carry out investigations in an appropriate manner into the causes of aircraft accidents etc., railway accidents etc. and marine accidents, etc., and causes of damage caused by aircraft accidents, railway accidents and marine accidents, and to urge the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism or the parties relevant to the cause to implement the necessary measures based on the results of these investigations.

Japan Coast Guard

(Duties)

The Japan Coast Guard shall be responsible for ensuring maritime safety and security by conducting affairs for enforcement of laws and regulations at sea, maritime rescue, prevention of pollution of sea etc., keeping order of navigation of ships at sea, prevention and suppression of crimes at sea, investigation and arrest of criminals at sea, regulation on vessel traffic at sea, affairs for waterways and beacons, and any other affairs to ensure maritime safety as well as matters incidental to them.

Ministry of the Environment

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of the Environment is responsible for the conservation of the global environment, the pollution control, the protection and maintenance of the natural environment and other environmental conservation (including the creation of a favorable environment), and for ensuring safety in research, development, and utilization of nuclear energy.

(2) In addition to what is stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of the Environment is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(3) The Ministry of the Environment shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Nuclear Regulation Authority

(Duties)

Nuclear Regulation Authority's duty is to ensure safety in the use of nuclear energy (the mission shall include affairs concerning refining activities, fabricating and enrichment activities, interim storage activities, reprocessing activities and waste disposal activities concerning nuclear energy, as well as regulations on reactors, and affairs concerning regulations for implementing safeguards based on international commitments, and other regulations for ensuring the peaceful use of nuclear energy) for the purpose of contributing to the protection of the life, health, and property of the citizens, preservation of the environment, and national security of Japan.

Ministry of Defense

(Duties)

(1) The Ministry of Defense shall have the mission to manage and operate the Ground Self-Defense Force, Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Air Self-Defense Force (meaning the Ground Self-Defense Force, Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Air Self-Defense Force prescribed in Article 2, paragraphs (2) through (4) of the Self-Defense Forces Law (Act No. 165 of 1954); the same applies hereinafter) for the purpose of protecting the peace and independence of Japan and maintaining national security, and to conduct affairs related thereto.

(2) In addition to what is prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Defense shall be tasked with the appropriate performance of affairs incidental to the execution in Japan of the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America under the provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement between Japan and the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement") that are not under the jurisdiction of other administrative agencies.

(3) In addition to what is prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Ministry of Defense is also charged with assisting in the Cabinet functions associated with the Cabinet's specific essential policies that are relevant to the above-mentioned duties.

(4) The Ministry of Defense shall assist the Cabinet Secretariat in carrying out the duties referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency

(Duties)

The Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency shall be tasked with the proper and efficient execution of research and development, procurement, supply, and management, and the promotion of international cooperation, while strengthening the infrastructure for the development and production of equipment and others.