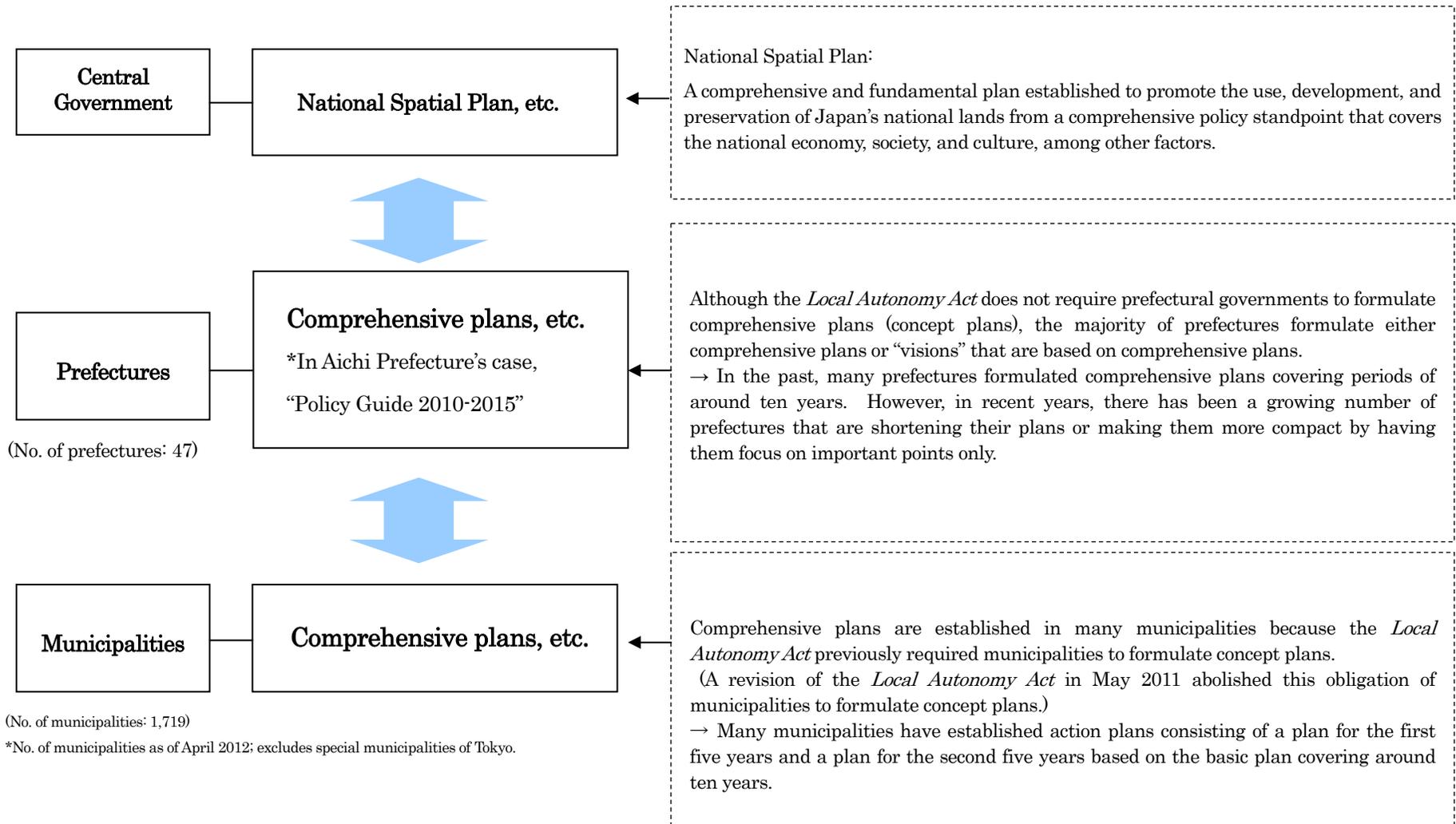


Comprehensive Plans by the Central and Local Governments



Outline and Transitions of the Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan and Policy Guidelines

Name of Plan	Date Formulated	Period of Plan	Plan Features	Objectives (concept) of Plan and Planning Background
The First Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan	15 December 1958	1958-1965 (8 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualization of the Chubu economic region • Effective use of prefectural land and appropriate layout of urban and rural areas 	<p>Seeking comprehensiveness and planning ability Moving from development of specific areas to integrated development of the prefectural region</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the plan formulation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of Nagoya as a major metropolis through city mergers - Attitudes toward the local administrative system, including the role of prefectural governments
The Second Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan	17 August 1962	1961-1970 (10 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualization of the Chukyo metropolitan area • Development of industrial centres in three inland and three coastal areas 	<p>Development of the national economy and improvement of social services for local residents</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the revision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ise Bay Typhoon disaster - Expansion of the prefectural economy beyond short-term planning
The Third Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan	26 January 1970	1970-1985 (16 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of the Chukyo metropolitan area and Ise Bay • Improvement of the metropolitan area 	<p>Building new local communities</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the revision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expiration of the 2nd regional plan - Compliance with new tasks - Compliance with the <i>New Comprehensive National Development Plan</i>
The Fourth Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan	24 March 1976	1976-1985 (10 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource and environmental restriction-type plan • Development of region centred on river basins (river basin area development) 	<p>Building Aichi Prefecture into a place that is comfortable to live</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the revision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compliance with new development originating after the Oil Crises
The Fifth Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan	29 March 1982	1982-1990 (9 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task-setting type plan • Improvement of permanent residential area 	<p>Building Aichi Prefecture into a place overflowing with humanity and vitality</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the revision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compliance with long-term assignments for the 21st century - Compliance with national plans and revisions
The Aichi Prefectural Plan for the 21st Century (The Sixth Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan)	27 March 1989	1989-early part of the 21st century (roughly 15 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision-focused plan • Regional development taking into consideration the rest of Japan and the whole world (national central axis/industrial and technological capital/new Ise Bay Urban Region/World Exposition) 	<p>Building an attractive and appealing Aichi Prefecture</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the revision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expiration of the 5th regional plan - Responding to changes in society and economy at the start of the 21st century - Compliance with national plans and their revisions
2010 Aichi Prefectural — Jump towards the New Century — Plan (seventh)	27 March 1998	1998-2010 (13 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasizing comprehensiveness and the horizontal (cross departmental) nature at every stage of development and implementation • Emphasizing cooperation and coordination that reaches beyond the borders of administrative districts and the scope of regional development leaders • Emphasizing proposals that make full use of Central Japan International Airport and the EXPO 2005 Aichi — pillars of the vision-focused plan — in various fields and in every region 	<p>Aichi: a base of exchange and creation where the personalities of both the people and regions shine</p> <p>(Factors contributing to the revision)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responses to changes in society and the economy that go beyond traditional expectations - Responses to regional development that makes use of major projects designed to propel Aichi towards the 21st century such as the Central Japan International Airport and the 2005 World Exposition in Aichi - Compliance with the <i>New Comprehensive National Development Pan</i>

Guide to New Policies	31 March 2006	Long-term goals 2025 Target 2015 (10 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplanting a comprehensive and systematic approach to regional planning, establishment of strategic and focused region-building plan clearly defining the future direction of Aichi Prefecture (Concerning specific fields in which individual plans and such are being drawn up, in principle, implementation of their policies and projects will reflect this) 	Aichi: Moving Forward toward Global Prominence (Factors contributing to the revision) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The success of the World Expo and opening of the Central Japan International Airport
Policy Guide 2010-2015	29 March 2010	2010-2015 (6 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised based on the intent of policy guidelines assuming that flexible revision are carried out in accordance with the times and environment the • Based on structural changes to the socioeconomic situation, future region-building will incorporate the following three perspectives: "relationships and bonds," "sustainability," and "distinctive style". 	Towards making Aichi Prefecture a safe and hopeful place with a distinctive style (Factors contributing to the revision) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responses to large-scale changes in society and the economy such as the simultaneous global recession - Progress of milestone projects targeting 2010

Outline of the "Policy Guide 2010-2015"

"Policy Guide 2010-2015"

Prepared as a new compass for regional development over a six-year period (2010 to 2015). It is the product of a complete review of the basic objective and issues listed in the "Guide to New Policies" (formulated in March 2006) that was conducted based on changes in socioeconomic trends and the progress of major projects.

Reference: "Guide to New Policies" (formulated in March 2006) Target year: 2015
 - Basic objective: "Aichi Moving Forward to Global Prominence"
 - Presentation of main policy directions based on eight basic issues

I. Changes in socioeconomic trends and perspectives of region-building towards 2015

The social economy at a major turning point

- Advancement of the global economy and worldwide recession (Reversal from "Japan's most vibrant region" to unprecedented recession due to the financial and economic crisis that originated in the US. Unemployment falling to the worst level ever.)
- Deteriorating social peace-of-mind and reliability; loss of hope (Deteriorating confidence in social systems that provide peace of mind due to the crisis in the regional medical system, etc. Increasing number of young people having little hope for the future due to expansion of the non-regular employment system, etc.)
- Growing global problems concerning resources and the environment (Increasingly active international discussion towards building a post-Kyoto Protocol framework. Japan has announced its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 25% compared to 1990 on the condition that all major countries agree on ambitious goals.)
- Progressing decentralization (Four recommendations issued based on the "Act on Promotion of Decentralization Reform". Concrete initiatives will proceed under the Local Sovereignty Strategy Council. Major progress in municipal mergers.)
- Emergence of the "super aging society" (Aichi Prefecture's population will peak around 2015 to 2020. The peak population will be between 7.445 million and 7.482 million. The "super aging society" will begin manifesting itself in 2015.)

Perspectives of regional development towards 2015

Personal and community "relationships and bonds"

It will be necessary to build the foundation for a safe and secure society by rebuilding family and community bonds that have weakened amid increasing urbanization and the recent climate of excessive individualism and overemphasis on economic efficiency.

- Revitalizing households and families
- Improving problem-solving ability in communities
- Expanding linkage and complementation among communities

Economic and environmental "sustainability"

It will be necessary to break away from an industrial structure that is vulnerable to changes in the external environment, and to create a sustainably-built region in which new demand will be created through realization of a low-carbon and symbiotic society that instills peace of mind.

- Realizing a virtuous circle in which social security and stable employment produce economic vitality
- Building a complex industrial structure that is resistant to changes in the external environment
- Implementing strategic initiatives towards creating a low-carbon and symbiotic society and realizing an environment-friendly economy

Aichi and Chubu that have a distinctive style

With an eye to the broader region, it will be necessary to make Aichi a dignified prefecture with an international presence that can use its manufacturing strength as an advantage as well as create and communicate its new culture and values.

- Demonstrating "soft power" through cultural influence, etc.
- Building an international urban area that accepts various human resources and values and contributes to the world
- Improving overall attractiveness and interchange functionality in the "Chubu regional cooperation corridor"

II. Basic guidelines for regional development towards 2015

- Begin by breaking away from the crisis by rebuilding the economy and recreating a society that can meet people's needs in the areas of medical care, welfare, and other social systems.
- Then, aim to build a society that leads the way in the new age and in which people can have hope for the future, and to create a dignified Aichi with an international presence by shifting to a sustainable industrial and social foundation and, further, creating and communicating new culture and values.

For an Aichi Prefecture that is secure, hopeful about the future, attractive, and has a distinctive style

III. Basic issues and main policies

Basic issue 1: Building a "safe and secure" society that protects life

Basic issue 2: Making a society in which everyone can participate with a sense of "hope"

Basic issue 3: Creating industries that are "innovative" and "sustainable"

Basic issue 4: Creating an "environment-centred" society for the entire region

Basic issue 5: Developing an "attractive" Aichi that produces knowledge, inspiration, and vitality

Basic issue 6: Demonstrating "regional strength" and "cooperative strength" from the community level to the entire Chubu region

50 main policies, over 270 initiatives

Process of Formulating the Seventh Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan: The 2010 Aichi Prefectural “Jump towards the New Century” Plan

The 2010 Aichi Prefectural “Jump towards the New Century” Plan was formulated in March 1998. The work of formulating the plan took place over the course of two years, FY1996 and FY1997 (April 1996 to March 1998)

	Establishment of advisory council and committee to become main formulating body	Implementation of surveys	Dialogues with municipalities and prefectural residents	Liaison and coordination within the prefectural government office
FY1996 (April 1996 to March 1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An “advisory council” comprising university professors and other experts as well as experienced personnel from interested bodies and companies from within the prefecture was established as a preliminary step towards plan formulation. The council comprised three subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee 1: Discussion of regional development from viewpoints that stress autonomy and selectivity Subcommittee 2: Discussion of regional development from viewpoints promoting creation from exchange Subcommittee 3: Discussion of regional development from viewpoints concerned with human-nature coexistence and creation of comfortable, people-friendly community environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following operations and surveys were implemented to obtain basic resource data required for plan formulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population frame (predicted prefectural population of 2010) Industrial economy frame (predicted economic growth rate, industrial structure, and employment structure up to 2010) Questionnaire survey of 10,000 prefectural residents on long-term outlook Gathering of opinions via the Internet 	<p>Municipalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District study meetings <p>Study meetings with municipal planning division chiefs were held in 14 districts established within the prefecture (1 meeting in each district).</p> <p>Prefectural residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-building forums <p>Forums were held at 3 locations in the prefecture with the participation of academics and experts from both in and outside the prefecture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working groups on specific fields were set up within the prefectural government office (16 departments). *Members were assistant division chiefs and project managers involved in actual operations. In addition, information was supplied and opinions exchanged at already existing meetings of assistant planning division chiefs and managers.
FY1997 (April 1997 to March 1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A commission to serve as the main plan-formulating body was established based on the Aichi Prefecture Regional Planning Committee ordinance (promulgated on 24 March 1997; executed on 1 April). Aichi Prefecture Regional Planning Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of members: 60 (33 academic experts, 14 prefectural assembly members, 7 officials of regional branches of the central government, 3 municipal mayors, and 3 chairpersons of municipal assemblies) 4 task forces were set up under the committee: “overall coordination,” “citizens services,” “industry and economy,” and “prefectural land development” Period of activity: July 1997 to March 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following operations and surveys were implemented to obtain basic resource data required for plan formulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questionnaire survey of 10,000 prefectural residents Gathering of opinions via the Internet Basic survey on the roles of NPOs in community-building 	<p>Municipalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding of district planning meetings; dialogues were held with municipal mayors in 7 locations in the prefecture (1 meeting in each location). Holding of district liaison and coordination meetings; dialogues with municipal chiefs of planning division were held in 7 locations in the prefecture (3 meetings at each location). <p>Prefectural residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symposiums on the Aichi Prefecture Regional Plan; held at 3 locations in the prefecture. District meetings of prefectural government monitors; held at 4 locations in the prefecture. Roundtable meetings on civic activities; roundtables bringing together representatives of NPOs working in the prefecture were held at 3 locations in the prefecture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working groups on specific fields were set up within the prefectural government office (22 departments) *Members were assistant division chiefs and project managers involved in actual operations. In addition, information was supplied and opinions exchanged at already existing meetings of assistant planning division chiefs and managers.

Process of Formulating the “Guide to New Policies”

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Managing the Progress of the Policy Guide

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