

December 18, 2006

### **Todofuken Kaikan Hall**

On Monday, December 18, National Governor' s Conference was held in the Todofuken Kaikan Hall.

In the Conference, a discussion was held on handling "Guidelines Concerning Public Procurement Reform of the Prefectures (Immediate Report)" arranged by the Project Team on Public Procurement (Chairman Ueda, Governor of Saitama) based on a series of scandals such as bid-rigging cases by governors etc. with regards to public procurement in each prefecture, and in the future, execution according to these guidelines was approved and an "Eradication Declaration on the Dishonesty in Public Procurement such as Collusive Bidding at the Initiative of Government Agencies etc." was also adopted.

(On Monday, December 25, Governor Ueda of Saitama Prefecture (Chairman of the Project Team on Public Procurement of Prefectures) described these guidelines and made a request regarding these matters to important officials such as Minister Kan of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.)

In addition, following future activities regarding the reform of the decentralization of authority and discussions for monetary contributions which are not based on the laws or ordinances of the State, an examination of the mid-term summary of the Subcommittee of Issues of Reform of Local Government System Investigation Committee, the budget for the 2007 fiscal year of the Association, operational situation of the Decentralization Promotion Policy Center, etc. were reported on and approved.

In conclusion, Vice-Minister Takino for Policy Coordination of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications explained the main local financial measures in the 2007 fiscal year concluded that day and an exchange of opinions was carried out.



Overview of the Governor's Conference