

May 18, 2007

### **Todofuken Kaikan Hall**

On Friday, May 18, National Governor' s Conference was held in the Todofuken Kaikan Hall. Governor Aso of Fukuoka was reelected as president and opinions were exchanged on activities for the Second Phase of Reform for the Decentralization of Authority in addition to an election of new officers. In particular, lively discussions were held on items to be included in the "Basic idea" put together by the government's Decentralization Promotion Committee, items to be included in "The Basic Policies for Economic and Fiscal Management and Structural Reform 2007" (Basic Policy) and securing increasing sources of local taxation, and correction of differences in taxable income. Out of the two items mentioned above, "The Basic Policies for Economic and Fiscal Management and Structural Reform 2007" (Basic Policy) was partially modified and put together as a conclusion of this Conference.

Additionally, the informal decisions of 24 Intellectual Center Special Members, the examination status of the Special Committee on Regional Systems, and the information regarding the National Convention for the Promotion of Decentralization held on June 5, etc. were reported at the Conference.

Moreover, after the conference ended, President Aso and Governor Yamada of Kyoto Prefecture, who is chairman of the Special Committee on Decentralization Promotion, held a press conference.



Overview of the Governor' s Conference



Press conference