

July 12, 2007

Kumamoto Prefecture

National Governor' s Conference was held at the "hotel nikko kumamoto" in Kumamoto City on Thursday, July 12 and Friday, July 13.

On the 12th, opinions regarding "Basic Policies 2007" etc. with Vice-Minister Takino for Policy Coordination, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications were exchanged following opening remarks by Chairperson President Aso and Governor Shiotani of the host prefecture of Kumamoto.

Later, following the start of proceedings, discussions were held on "Proposals /Requests for Government Policies and Budgets in the 2008 Fiscal Year" , and part of the original draft was modified and concluded.

Furthermore, discussions were held on "Future Ways of Proceeding/Policy of Activity for the Reform of Decentralization of Authority" , and a lively discussion was held on "Taxation System for Home Towns" .

In addition, part of the "Resolution to Support Tokyo' s Bid for the 2016 Olympics" was modified and concluded.

On the 13th, a proposal was made on the "Second Phase of Reform for the Decentralization of Authority"



Opening remarks by President Aso in the National Governor's Conference



Overview of the entire conference hall



Press conference