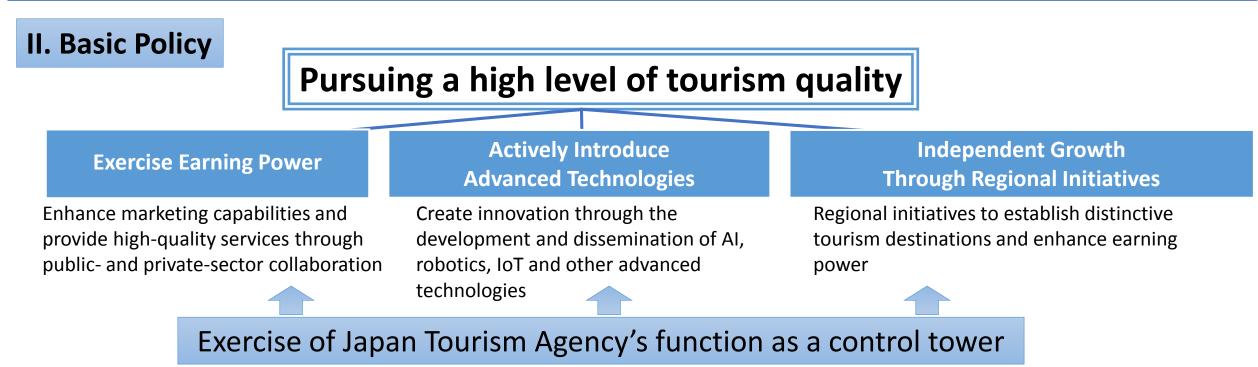
# Keidanren<br/>Policy & ActionOpinion on Revision of Tourism Nation Promotion Basic Plan [Outline]<br/>- Making Japan a World-Class Tourist Destination Through Regional Initiatives -

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## I. Introduction

- 1. Tourism is a key industry and <u>a prime agent for the stimulation of consumption</u>. As such, it is the cornerstone of revitalization of local economies and recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake.
- 2. In the next five years covered by the new Tourism Nation Promotion Basic Plan, Japan's economic and social circumstances will undergo significant changes. <u>They will mark a watershed period that will determine whether Japan can overcome the issues faced to take off towards its goal of becoming a tourism nation and a world-class tourist destination.</u>



## III. Goals (goal-setting policy)

- 1. Goals should definitely be achieved and maintained through close public-private cooperation.
- 2. Specific numerical targets should place emphasis on the goals set for each segment, latent demand, and the accumulated figures and averages for the duration of the Plan.

## **IV. Concrete Measures**

#### **1. Enhancement of Growth Capacity of Tourism-Related Industries**

#### (1) Stimulation and creation of consumption

Establishment of information platforms Establishment of places to encourage consumption Simplification and digitization of duty-free scheme Creation of new markets Staggering of leave

## (2) Development and promotion of technology

Investment in research and development of self-driving

#### 2. Systems to Accommodate Influx of Tourists

#### (1) Transport infrastructure

Strategic development of airports, sea ports and secondary transport

#### (2) Large-scale MICE facilities

Development integrated with surrounding facilities, etc.

#### (3) Ensuring safety and security

Enhancement of functions for communication of disaster information through development of Wi-Fi infrastructure, etc.

vehicles, robotics, etc.

Promotion of dissemination of technologies

### (3) Regulatory reform

Design of *minpaku* (private lodging) scheme, review of Hotel Business Act

Relaxation of regulations regarding use of national parks and roads, etc.

### (4) Development and Securing of Human Resources

Relaxation of visa eligibility requirements for key human resources

Enhancement of development of highly-skilled tourism workforce, etc.

## 3. Independent Growth Through Regional Initiatives

#### (1) Support for establishment of DMO

(Destination Management/Marketing Organization)

Intensive support for model DMOs of good quality

## (2) Securing funding

Establishment of independent funding sources, early implementation of national government budget

#### (3) Promotion of tourism in disaster-affected areas such as Tohoku

Development of education/tourism resources, etc.

## V. Conclusion - Keidanren's Actions

To assist in achieving the above goals, Keidanren will enhance to stimulate demand (leave reforms, industrial tourism promotion, and establishment of places to encourage consumption), develop a high-quality tourism workforce, and collect and communicate success cases about tourism destination management in various regions.