

Following the Great East Japan Earthquake, a “Bill on the Basic Guidelines and Organization for Reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake” was submitted by the Cabinet in May 2011, but it was later withdrawn. Subsequently, the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Special Committee on Reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake submitted the “Basic Act on Reconstruction in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake” as a Diet member-initiated bill, which was then passed and enacted (Act No. 76 of June 24, 2011).

Purpose

- The purpose of this Act is to promote smooth and prompt reconstruction following the Great East Japan Earthquake and to revitalize Japan.

Basic Principles

- Building new communities, with the aim of achieving an ideal vision of Japan in the mid-twenty-first century
- Reflecting the views of diverse members of the public (including women, children, and persons with disabilities)
- Solidarity and cooperation among all the people of Japan
- Pioneering measures to tackle challenges such as energy constraints
- Ensuring regional safety and security, revitalizing economy, preserving social bonds, and fostering a society of coexistence
- Consideration for the reconstruction of areas affected by the nuclear power plant accident

Responsibilities of the State and Other Parties

- The national government is to establish the basic guidelines for reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake.
- Local governments are to take the measures necessary for the reconstruction.
- The people of Japan are to endeavor to provide support to those affected by the disaster and to engage in other forms of mutual assistance.

Basic Measures

- Smooth and flexible implementation of the State’s measures
- Securing reconstruction funds through expenditure reductions and the use of financial investment funds
- Issuance of reconstruction bonds and clarification of the repayment plan
- Transparency of the flow of national reconstruction funds

Report on Reconstruction Progress

- Until the Reconstruction Agency is dissolved, the government is to report annually to the Diet on the progress of reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake.

(Note) Added when the Reconstruction Agency Establishment Act came into effect.

Basic Guidelines for the Establishment of the Reconstruction Agency

- The Reconstruction Agency is established under the Cabinet for a limited period.
- The Reconstruction Agency is responsible for the planning, formulation, overall coordination, and implementation of national reconstruction measures.
- The headquarters is dissolved upon the establishment of the Reconstruction Agency, and its functions are transferred to the Reconstruction Agency.

*The provisions regarding the Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Headquarters were removed upon the enforcement of the Reconstruction Agency Establishment Act.

東日本大震災発生後、閣法として「東日本大震災復興の基本方針及び組織に関する法律案」が提出（平成23年5月）されたが、撤回され、改めて、議員立法として、衆議院東日本大震災復興特別委員長から「東日本大震災復興基本法」が提出され、可決・成立した（平成23年6月24日法律第76号）。

目的

- ・東日本大震災からの復興の円滑かつ迅速な推進と活力ある日本の再生を図ることを目的とする。

基本理念

- ・新たな地域社会の構築、21世紀半ばにおける日本のあるべき姿を目指して実施
- ・多様な国民の意見の反映（女性、子ども、障害者等）
- ・国民一人一人の連帯・協力
- ・エネルギー制約等の課題解決に資する先導的施策
- ・地域の安全・安心、経済再生、絆の維持、共生社会
- ・原発被災地域の復興についての配慮

国等の責務

- ・国は、東日本大震災復興基本方針を定める。
- ・地方公共団体は、復興に必要な措置を講ずる。
- ・国民は、被災者への支援その他の助け合いに努める。

基本的施策

- ・国が講ずる措置の円滑かつ弾力的執行
- ・歳出の削減、財投資金の活用等による復興資金の確保
- ・復興債の発行、その償還の道筋の明確化
- ・復興に係る国の資金の流れの透明化

復興状況の報告

- ・政府は、復興庁が廃止されるまでの間毎年、国会に、東日本大震災からの復興の状況を報告
（注）復興庁設置法の施行の際に追加

復興庁設置に関する基本方針

- ・内閣に、期間を限って設置
- ・復興に関する国の施策に関し、企画・立案・総合調整及び実施に係る事務をつかさどる
- ・本部は復興庁設置の際に廃止、本部の機能は復興庁に引き継ぐ

※東日本大震災復興対策本部に関する規定は、復興庁設置法の施行に伴い削除