

# **Act on Promotion of Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (Tentative translation)**

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## **Chapter I General Provisions**

(Purpose)

Article 1 The purpose of this Act is to promote the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas comprehensively and in a centralized manner by setting forth the basic principles and basic policies and other basic matters for promoting the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas while establishing the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas, considering that such promotion will contribute to the promotion of tourism and regional economy while facilitating improvement of public finance.

(Definitions)

Article 2 (1) The term "Specified Complex Tourist Facilities" as used in this Act means the facilities integrating casino facilities (limited to those established and operated in the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas by a private business operator permitted by the Casino Administration Committee set forth in Article 11 as specified separately by law; the same applies hereinafter), convention and conference facilities, recreation facilities, exhibition facilities, accommodation facilities and other facilities that are deemed to contribute to the promotion of tourism, and which are established and operated by a private

business operator.

- (2) The term "Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas" as used in this Act means the areas approved by the national government as the areas where the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities may be established, based on an application filed by a local government as specified separately by law.

(Basic Principles)

Article 3 The development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas shall be promoted on the basic principles of realizing attractive stay-type tourism which is highly competitive in the international markets by utilizing creativity of the region and vitality of private sector, contributing to the promotion of regional economy, and ensuring the return of profits of sound casino facilities operated under appropriate supervision and control of the national government to the society.

(Responsibilities of National Government)

Article 4 The national government shall be responsible for promoting the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas in accordance with the basic principles set forth in the preceding Article.

(Legislative Measures, etc.)

Article 5 The government shall promote the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas pursuant to the provisions of the following Chapter, and shall take measures necessary therefor. In this case, the necessary legislative measures shall be taken within approximately one year from the enforcement of this Act.

## **Chapter II Basic Matters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas**

### **Section 1 Basic Policies for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas**

(Formation of Attractive Tourist Destination Highly Competitive in International Markets, etc.)

Article 6 The government shall take necessary measures to ensure that the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas are making use of regional characteristics while being equipped with core functions for forming an attractive tourist destination which is truly highly competitive in the international markets.

(Reinforcement of International Competitiveness of Tourist Industry, etc. and

Promotion of Regional Economy)

Article 7 The government shall take measures to make use of private sector funds, management ability and technological competency and other necessary measures to ensure that the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas facilitates the reinforcement of international competitiveness of the tourism industry and other relevant industries in Japan, increase of job opportunities, and vitalization of regional economy.

(Respect for Overall Concept of Local Government)

Article 8 The government shall take necessary measures to reflect overall concept proposed by the local government for the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (including the selection of contractors establishing and operating the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities), which is prominent one, in the promotion of the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas.

(Regulations Imposed on Persons Affiliated with Casino Facilities)

Article 9 A person who intends to establish and operate casino facilities (including a person who intends to be engaged in a business for establishing and operating such casino facilities), a person who intends to manufacture, import or distribute casino-related machines and equipment, and a person who intends to provide services to visitors to casino facilities (hereinafter referred to as the "Person Affiliated with Casino Facilities") shall follow the regulations of the Casino Administration Committee set forth in Article 11 as specified separately by law.

(Regulations concerning Establishment and Operation of Casino Facilities)

Article 10 (1) The government shall take necessary measures concerning the following matters in relation to the establishment and operation of casino facilities, from the viewpoints of appropriately preventing unjust acts in casino facilities and eliminating harmful effects resulting from the establishment and operation of casino facilities.

- (i) Matters concerning standards necessary for ensuring fairness of the games played at casino facilities;
- (ii) Matters concerning appropriate use of tips and other cash equivalents used at casino facilities;
- (iii) Matters concerning the regulations necessary for eliminating organized crime group members or other persons whose involvement in casino facilities is inappropriate from the Persons Affiliated with Casino Facilities and the visitors to casino facilities;
- (iv) Matters concerning the development of equipment, organization and other

- system for surveillance and crime-prevention conducted by persons establishing and operating casino facilities, for prevention of crimes and for reporting;
- (v) Matters concerning the regulations necessary for maintaining public moral environment and the like;
  - (vi) Matters concerning the regulations on advertisement and promotion;
  - (vii) Matters concerning the measures necessary for disseminating knowledge for protection of young people and otherwise promoting sound upbringing of young people; and
  - (viii) Matters concerning the measures necessary for preventing gambling addictions and other adverse effects which the visitors to casino facilities may suffer from the use of such facilities.
- (2) Beyond what is provided for in the preceding paragraph, the government shall take measures for establishing the scope of persons permitted to visit casino facilities and other measures necessary in relation to the entry in casino facilities, from the viewpoints of preventing adverse effects caused by use of casino facilities by or for persons other than foreign tourists.

## **Section 2 Basic Characteristics and Duties of Casino Administration Committee**

Article 11 The Casino Administration Committee shall be established under the Cabinet Office as its external organ as specified separately by law, and shall impose regulations on the Persons Affiliated with Casino Facilities to maintain order and ensure safety related to the establishment and operation of casino facilities.

## **Section 3 Payments to the Government, etc.**

(Payments to Government)

Article 12 The national government and the local government may collect payments from a person establishing and operating casino facilities as specified separately by law.

(Entrance Fees)

Article 13 The national government and the local government may collect entrance fees for casino facilities from the visitors as specified separately by law.

## **Chapter III Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas**

(Establishment)

Article 14 The Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (hereinafter referred to as the "Headquarters") shall be established within the Cabinet for promoting the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas comprehensively and in a centralized manner.

(Affairs under Jurisdiction of Headquarters, etc.)

Article 15 (1) The Headquarters shall take charge of the following affairs:

- (i) Matters concerning comprehensive adjustments for promoting the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas;
- (ii) Matters concerning planning of bills or proposed cabinet orders necessary to promote the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas comprehensively and in a centralized manner; and
- (iii) Matters concerning liaison and coordination with relevant organizations and groups for promoting the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas.

(2) For matters concerning the Headquarters, the competent minister as stipulated in the Cabinet Act (Act No. 5 of 1947) shall be the Prime Minister.

(Organization)

Article 16 The Headquarters shall consist of the Director-General of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas, the Vice Director-Generals of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas, and members of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas.

(Director-General of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas)

Article 17 (1) The Headquarters shall be headed by the Director-General of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (hereinafter referred to as the "Director-General"), and the Prime Minister shall serve in this capacity.

(2) The Director-General shall be in charge of general coordination of the affairs of the Headquarters, and shall direct and supervise the relevant officials.

(Vice Director-Generals of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas)

Article 18 (1) The Vice Director-Generals of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (hereinafter

referred to as the "Vice Director-Generals") shall be assigned in the Headquarters, the posts which shall be appointed from among the Ministers of State.

(2) The Vice Director-Generals shall assist the duties of the Director-General.

(Members of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas)

Article 19 (1) Members of the Headquarters for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (hereinafter referred to as the "Members") shall be assigned in the Headquarters.

(2) All of the Ministers of State other than the Director-General and the Vice Director-Generals shall serve in the capacity of the Members.

(Submission of Materials and Other Cooperation)

Article 20 (1) When the Headquarters finds it necessary for performing the affairs under its jurisdiction, it may require submission of materials, statement of opinions, explanations, and other required cooperation from the heads of the relevant administrative organs, local governments, incorporated administrative agencies (meaning the incorporated administrative agencies as provided in Article 2, paragraph (1) of the Act on General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agencies (Act No. 103 of 1999)) and local incorporated administrative agencies (meaning the local incorporated administrative agencies as provided in Article 2, paragraph (1) of the Local Incorporated Administrative Agencies Act (Act No. 118 of 2003)) and the representatives of special corporations (meaning corporations directly incorporated by law or corporations incorporated by special law with special act of incorporation, to which the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (1), item (ix) of the Act for Establishment of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (Act No. 91 of 1999) are applied).

(2) When the Headquarters finds it particularly necessary for performing the affairs under its jurisdiction, it may ask for necessary cooperation from persons other than those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

(Council for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas)

Article 21 (1) The Council for Promoting Development of Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas (hereinafter referred to as the "Promotion Council") shall be established within the Headquarters.

(2) The Promotion Council shall consist of 20 members or less who are appointed by the Prime Minister from among those who have the relevant knowledge and experience.

- (3) The Promotion Council shall study and deliberate important matters concerning measures taken to promote the development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas and state its opinion to the Director-General.
- (4) Whenever the Promotion Council has stated its opinion to the Director-General pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, it shall announce the content of such opinions to the public without delay.
- (5) Whenever the Director-General takes measures based on the opinion stated pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3), he/she shall notify the Promotion Council to that effect.

(Secretariat)

Article 22 (1) The Headquarters shall have a Secretariat to have it deal with the affairs of the Headquarters.

- (2) The Secretariat shall have a Secretary General and other necessary officials.
- (3) The Secretary General shall take control of the affairs of the Secretariat under the orders of the Director-General.

(Delegation to Cabinet Order)

Article 23 Beyond what is provided for in this Act, necessary matters concerning the Headquarters shall be prescribed by a Cabinet Order.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

(Effective Date)

- (1) This Act comes into effect as from the date of promulgation; provided, however, that the provisions of Chapter III come into effect as of the day specified by Cabinet Order within a period not exceeding three months from the date of its promulgation.

(Review)

- (2) After approximately five years from the enforcement of this Act, necessary review shall be made on the provisions of this Act and the measures taken under the provisions of Article 5.