

# Realizing a decentralized society

The UKG will actively cooperate with the economic community to achieve a nation with a bilateral structure.

The UKG will lay out Kansai's vision and direction and seek to transfer the nation's functions and authority, including local agencies. It will also strive to boost the presence of the region-wide union as a body responsible for wide-area administration and appeal that it is more than sufficient to serve as an organization for dealing with the nation's functions and authority. These efforts will redress the centralized administrative framework and excess concentration of population and industry in the Tokyo Metropolitan area to realize a highly individualistic and vibrant Kansai, and thus create a decentralized society that can determine and execute the priority of its policies.

## ■ Working to create a nation with a bilateral structure

### ○ Transferring government agencies

The UKG will provide support to make the transfer of branch offices to local governments workable from the perspective of regional revitalization, in addition to realizing a nation with a bilateral structure. It will also work with member organizations to consider and implement policies that utilize Kansai's characteristics.

### ○ Creating a Disaster Management Agency

The UKG will continue to promote the creation of a Kansai-based Disaster Management Agency, a bilateral organization with expertise in a series of disaster countermeasures, including investigative studies and scenarios of disaster prevention measures based on past lessons.

### ○ Construction of a back-up structure of capital functions

The UKG will continue to request that the national government take necessary measures, including its policy conversion, to form a bilateral structure of the nation with the decentralization of national functions and authority to local areas in normal times so that the central functions of the capital can be maintained in case of any emergency.

## ■ Transferring the national government's functions and authority, including the transfer of local agencies.

### ○ Regional transfer of government agencies

The UKG will work in cooperation with stakeholders, including UKG Member Prefectures/Cities, to realize the transfer of the administrative services and authority of the national government's branch offices to local governments as well as the entire transfer of the jurisdiction of branch offices.

### ○ Transferring the national government's functions and authority

The UKG will seek an en masse transfer of the national government's functions and authority, appropriate for the region-wide union, by utilizing the proposal scheme relating to the government's Decentralization Reform. At the same time, the UKG will consider other effective means to realize the transfer of authority from the national government.

# Cooperating and working with affiliated organizations

○ In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, the UKG will participate in the Kansai SDGs Platform as a body designed to bring together actors from a wide spectrum in Kansai, and work to disseminate and enlighten the SDGs' philosophy.

○ While further encouraging advanced public-private partnership initiatives, including the promotion of women's active roles in society and the promotion of life-long sports, the UKG will also promote active exchange with foreign countries and cooperation and collaboration with UKG Partner Prefecture/City members (Fukui and Mie Prefectures) as well as municipalities closest to residents.

○ The UKG will also aim to facilitate residents' understanding of the merits of the UKG, actively send out information about the Union's offices and reflect the opinions of residents on the Union's measures and policies.