

## **Rep. Toshimitsu Motegi Policy Vision — “My Envisioned Politics and Economic Revitalization of Japan”**

### **My Envisioned Administration**

- A new administration that “sets goals, brings together a team, and delivers results.”
- Create the best team with “innovative ideas” and “ability to resolve challenges” based on bold personnel appointments and commit to results through comprehensive power. Respond to changes and a variety of situations domestically and internationally through an “administration with stability and executive ability.”
- Secure funding through an increase in tax revenue via growth strategy, promote a “no tax hike” policy.
- Having committed to delivering results, the leader takes responsibility if results do not come to fruition within three years.

### **Commitment to Political Reform**

- First, signal a commitment to creating a “completely new LDP” and push forth political and party reform.
  - Scrap the policy activity fee left as a “point of discussion” in the revised Political Funds Control Act.
  - Revise the party’s regulatory/management structure and finances with no exceptions. Pursue “visibility” of party income and expenses, as well as the crystallization of legal revision to pay taxes on fundraising party income as “business income.”
  - Consider and crystallize a new presidential election framework which better reflects the voices of party members and regional organizations.

### **Approach to Political Efforts**

- Foundation of the campaign is regional revitalization. Vitalize regions and create regional employment to prevent situations where depopulation results in the closure of schools (like his school). Push forth “remodeling of the Japanese archipelago” and “redressing overconcentration in Tokyo.”
- Having worked in the private sector, encourage firms to consider various measures to improve profit margins first before taking the easy step of raising prices when business sours. Statecraft should be the same. This is the basic approach to economic and fiscal management.
- Worked to shift Japan to positive growth and leave deflation behind, as well as realized free nursery education; finalized a tough trade deal with the Trump administration. Utilize these various experiences to manage the administration during what is anticipated to be a tough environment.

- Japan faces tough challenges both at home and abroad. In addition, sentiment is growing among citizens that the burden on them is increasing. The priority now is to improve the sense of fulfillment for each individual through a serious revitalization of the economy.
- A desire to create a new Japan where everyone can have confidence and pride in and enjoy the era of one hundred year lifespan with hope and security for the future.

### **Economic Revitalization and Promoting a “Zero Tax Hike” Policy (Six Pillars)**

- Realize an increase in income and salary for every individual by improving growth rate and productivity. This is the highest priority for the new administration.
- First, swiftly craft and implement a comprehensive economic policy package to secure the shift toward economic recovery.
- It is possible to secure adequate funding through anticipated tax revenues from economic growth and an increase in non-tax revenue like the foreign exchange fund special account (¥185 trillion).
- Push forth defense reinforcement and childcare support measures, while suspending the ¥1 trillion defense tax hike and added insurance premiums for the childcare support fund and finding new funding sources.
- Utilize the newly secured funding for a bold distribution of resources into national resilience to reinforce regional infrastructure in preparation for disasters, as well as into the three securities — economy, energy, and food security.
- Implement the three key policies toward economic revitalization and raise nominal growth rates first to the mid-2 percent range and further in successive years, and stabilize positive real wages. Work toward a situation in which the end of deflation can be declared within six months.
  - Highly effective measures to improve SME growth capability and productivity
  - Fundamental reform of Hello Work toward resolving the labor shortage and fostering an environment in which every individual can thrive in
  - Expanding investment in growth sectors, talent development and advanced semiconductors, and strategic sectors like GX

## Rep. Toshimitsu Motegi Policy Vision — The Six Policy Visions

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### Remodeling of the Japanese Archipelago and Redressing Overconcentration in Tokyo

- Expand investment in strategic sectors to resolve social challenges like climate change and depopulation.
- Remodel the Japanese archipelago through the dispersion of the hubs of strategic sectors like chip manufacturing hubs and data centers to rural areas, and promote “measures to redress overconcentration in Tokyo” for a new era.
- There is a need to redress the “overconcentration of knowledge.” Uplift local universities and other unique characteristics to top-class in the country and establish these institutions as hubs of business innovation and talent development attracting younger people from around the world.
- Create agriculture, forestry, and fisheries industries that make money via exports and improvements in value-added and expand support for agriculture in mountainous regions

toward securing food security and vitalizing agriculture, forestry, and fisheries industries according to each region's specialties.

- Locate strategic businesses/projects near electricity supply hubs to create local employment. Accelerate green transformation from this perspective.
- Accelerate reconstruction efforts related to the 3.11 triple disaster with an eye toward medium- to long-term retirement of nuclear power plants.
- Absolutely strengthen Japan's economic, energy, and food security through these measures.

### **Social Security Reform for the “Era of 100-Year Life” and the Promotion of an Active, Diverse Talent Pool Including Women and Youth**

- The basic approach to reform will be moving from an “Age to Pay” structure to “Ability to Pay” and creating a society where a diverse talent pool coming from all generations can live a fulfilling life.
- Full implementation of digital technology in social security to introduce a burden and handout structure based on “individual data” rather than the “standard household.”
- Revise the monthly standard bonus ceiling for the active workforce and ask high income earners to pay their fair share. Meanwhile, reduce the burden on low-income households and households with children.
- Abolish all hurdles within three years to promote the empowerment of women.
- Revise the old-age pension for active employees to meet the desire of middle- to older-age groups.
- Secure the sustainability of the medical industry by moving forward with innovation in this growth sector and improving profitability and efficiency. For generic drugs, promote industry reorganization and significantly reduce costs.
- Streamline handout process for speedy handouts. Add a cashless payment function on My Number Cards on smartphones and utilize this for handouts.

### **Government Reorganization to Respond to Changing Times**

- Pursuit of key policies require a drastic reorganization of the government's organization.
  - Reorganization of ministries and agencies related to energy/Ministry of Environment
  - Make Hello Work independent and create an “Agency for Employment Selection”
  - Position the Cabinet Secretariat as the command tower and set up a whole-of-government “Task Force on Structural Reform” toward women's empowerment
  - Establish a “Headquarters for Project Succession/Reorganization” toward the improvement of SME vitality

## **Foreign Policy/Security: Toward a Japan Trusted in the International Community and Heightened Presence**

- First and foremost, create a country in which every citizen can have pride and confidence in, which is trusted by the international community, and has a heightened presence.
- Manage the bilateral relationship with the United States, the core of Japan's diplomacy and security, toward an “essential partner” supporting international peace and stability.
- Deploy Japanese diplomacy that balances tolerance and strength, responding to a diversifying international community, the growing influence of the Global South, etc.
- Aim to resolve the abduction issue toward the return of abductees from North Korea as soon as possible by swiftly materializing a summit.
- Expand common framework in the economic and commercial/trade fields (common rules in areas like the TPP, DFFT, generative AI).
- Develop a multi-faceted security structure.

## **Creating a Nation Which People Can Have Hope and Pride In**

- Amending the Constitution is the starting point of the party. Proceed with preparations toward the swift submission of amendments to include the emergency situation clause and inserting the JSDF into Article 9 and realize amendments within three years.
- On stable Imperial succession, deepen discussions into the future based on the idea that succession continues on the “male side of the male lineage” in the next generation after Prince Hisahito. First, consider concrete measures to secure the number of Imperial family members.
- Political reform (scrapping the policy activity fee, zero-base revision of the party’s regulatory/management structure and finances, etc.).
- Diet reform toward serious policy debate and speedy decision making.