

Case of Hino District: Partnership to Solve Regional Challenges

Tottori Prefecture Hino
County Partnership
Conference
(Nichinan Town, Hino Town,
Kofu Town, and Tottori
Prefecture)



Situation To solve the problem related to the acceleration of population decline and aging society, three towns in Hino District (Nichinan Town, Hino Town, and Kofu Town) and Tottori Prefecture established the Tottori Prefecture and Hino District Partnership Conference in July 2015.

This partnership conference aims to maintain and improve administrative services and to facilitate efficient administrative management in Hino District, as well as solve various issues common to the area to contribute to sustainable development.

Action The member bodies implement policy collaboratively in three areas, which are ensuring a safe and secure living environment; job creation, industrial development, and tourism policy; and regional revitalisation and improvement of administrative functions and resident services. In recent years, they work on projects such as establishment of development of a resilient region, damage control against harmful birds and wildlife, and snow removal and maintenance of roads.

Impact As of July 2015, the Partnership Agreement between the prefectural government and municipalities was the first of its kind in Japan. It features a flexible and timely response to challenges not only related to specially-selected issues but also those issues which are common to the region
