

## Green Asia International Strategic Comprehensive Special Zone Regional Council Agreement

(Name)

Article 1 – This Council will be known as the Green Asia International Strategic Comprehensive Special Zone Regional Council (hereinafter the “Regional Council”).

(Purpose)

Article 2 – Based on the regulations of the Special Synthesis Area Act (enacted 1 August 2011) (hereinafter “The Act”), the Regional Council will discuss the necessary measures to draft an application for designation, make plans, and implement the Green Asia International Strategic Comprehensive Special Zone (hereinafter “The Special Zone”) that will incorporate the vitality of Asia’s economic growth and act as a hub for Japan’s economic growth by promoting and strengthening growing industries centering on the environment through collaboration between public and private sectors. The Regional Council will also promote the establishment of the Special Area in a joint initiative between local governments.

(Business)

Article 3 – The Regional Council will conduct the following business in order to achieve the aims set out in the previous article:

- (1) Discuss matters relating to the application for Special Zone status designation
- (2) Support discussions between national government and the local government committees.
- (3) Draft and amend plans for the Special Zone
- (4) Discuss necessary matters related to the enacting of the Special Zone proposals.
- (5) Other matters necessary to attain the goals of the Regional Council.

(Members)

Article 4 – The Regional Council shall consist of the following members, as per Appendix 1:

- (1) Fukuoka Prefecture, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka City
- (2) Persons who can, or who are considered to be able to carry out Special Zone operations.
- (3) Persons who have a close relationship with the Special Zone or its implementation.
- (4) Other persons deemed necessary by (1).

(Officers)

Article 5 – The Regional Council will consist of the following officers:

- (1) One President
- (2) Two Vice Presidents

2 Officers will be selected internally by members.

(Duties of Officers)

Article 6 – The President will represent the Regional Council and oversee its activities

2 The Vice Presidents will assist the President.

(Subcommittees)

Article 7 – The Regional Council will establish subcommittees to discuss matters related to the Special Zone project.

2 Each subcommittee will have a subcommittee chairman who will represent the subcommittee and summarize its affairs.

(Representative meeting)

Article 8 – A representative committee within the Regional Council will be established to examine the matters specified in Article 3 and to enact operations and decisions made by the Regional Council. The representative committee will be made up of persons designated by the President from officers, subcommittees' chairmen and persons specified in Item 3 and 4, Article 4. The structure of the representative committee is as per Appendix 2.

3 The President will convene the representative committee when required.

(Office)

Article 9 – An office shall be established and jointly operated by Fukuoka Prefecture, Kitakyushu City and Fukuoka City to process the Area Committee's affairs.

(Supplementary Articles)

Article 10 – In addition to articles stipulated in this Agreement, the President shall stipulate the necessary matters relating to the operation of the Area Committee.

Supplementary Provisions

(Effective Date)

1 This Agreement will be enacted on 23 September 2011.

(Transitional Measures)

2 With regard to subcommittees established prior to the enactment of this Agreement, the subcommittee's date of establishment shall be backdated with the approval of the Regional Council.