

Outline of the Act on the Establishment of the Digital Agency

Purpose

The Digital Agency will be established, and matters in relation to its affairs and organization will be determined, in order to **promote measures for the formation of a digital society in a prompt and focused manner**. It assists the Cabinet in carrying out Cabinet affairs in the formation of a digital society together with the Cabinet Secretariat and **carries out the relevant administrative affairs for the formation of a digital society in a prompt and focused manner**.

Outline

1. **Establish the Digital Agency in the Cabinet**

2. **Administrative Affairs of the Digital Agency**

(1) **Assisting the Cabinet**

- Planning and comprehensive coordination of basic policies on measures for the formation of a digital society

(2) **Shared management of affairs**

- Establishment and promotion of priority plans for the formation of a digital society
- Comprehensive and basic policy planning, etc. regarding numbers that identify individuals
- Usage of My Number, My Number cards and corporate numbers as well as the installation and management of network systems for the provision of information
- Planning of comprehensive and basic policies on verifying identity using information and communication technology, etc.
- Electronic certification of commercial registration (through verifying identity using information and communication technology), electronic signatures, public personal authentication (related to verifiers), affairs regarding electronic power of attorney
- Comprehensive and basic policy planning for data standardization, external cooperating functions and a database on basic public information (basic registry), etc.
- Creation and promotion of basic policies for establishing and managing the information systems of national, local public organizations, and quasi-public sector private businesses
- Supervising the establishing and management of information systems conducted by the government, lump-sum budgeting, and executing all or part of those affairs independently

3. **Organization of the Digital Agency**

(1) **The head and chief minister of the Digital Agency is the Prime Minister.**

(2) **A Digital Minister who assists the Prime Minister and supervises the affairs of the Digital Agency will be appointed**, and in order to smoothly carry out the affairs of 2 (1), provided with **the right to recommend to the heads of relevant administrative organs**.

(3) In addition to **one senior vice-minister and one parliamentary secretary**, **a Chief Digital Officer will be appointed by the cabinet as a special position**, to give advice to the Digital Minister, organize agency affairs, and supervise the affairs of each **department**.

(4) **Establish the Digital Society Promotion Council**, with the Minister of State, etc. as a member of the Council, **which is in charge of promoting the implementation of measures for the formation of a digital society**.

4. **Effective date**

(1) Effective date: September 1st, 2021.

(2) Provisions for review after a certain period of time and revision of related laws.