Tama Area & Islands

A total of 4 million Tamaites live in the Tama area and Tokyo islands. Rich in nature, these areas have distinct attractions that set them apart from central Tokyo. Developments are also underway to enhance their livability and meet residents’ needs. We will leverage local strengths to further invigorate these areas.
Build an environment for growth and development

Initiatives are needed in the Tama area and Tokyo islands to stimulate industry, bolster disaster preparedness, and construct road networks in ways that reflect each area’s distinct environment. We will develop transport systems and enhance vital services to ensure that residents can live in safety and comfort in these areas for years to come.
Tokyo in the Future

Tailored Development

Road Development in the Tama Area
The Tama north-south roads are almost complete and the Tama east-west roads are making good progress.

Disaster Preparedness
Enhanced warning and evacuation systems for sediment disasters are in place throughout Tokyo. In the mountainous parts of the Tama area, we are developing roads that can serve as alternative routes in the event of disaster. The islands now have tsunami evacuation towers.

- Sediment disaster hazard areas designated FY2019: 15,000
- Sea walls raised FY2020: 22
- Tsunami evacuation facilities constructed FY2024: 9

Industry Promotion and Job Creation
New businesses are being generated through collaborative efforts that leverage the strengths of the Tama area, such as its concentration of small and medium-sized companies, universities and research institutions with advanced technological capabilities. By developing an industrial center for interaction and strengthening job placement services, local business activities have been further energized and new employment is being created.
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Use the rich natural environment to vitalize communities

A major attraction of the Tama and island areas that sets them apart from central Tokyo is their abundant natural environments. While protecting these precious resources, we will also make the most of their attractions to promote community development in harmony with nature.
Using the Bounties of Nature

Branding and Promoting Local Products
Tokyo is steadily strengthening the production infrastructure for agriculture, forestry, and fishery products, such as maintaining and expanding the production system for Tokyo brand meat products, and is adding value to these products and strengthening their selling power. By making full use of the high-profile event, the Tokyo 2020 Games, the attractiveness of Tokyo’s agriculture, forestry, and fishery products is now gaining recognition both domestically and abroad.

Tourism Promotion
A range of attractions to meet the various needs of tourists have been created by supporting the local communities of the Tama area and Tokyo islands in their efforts to develop their distinguishing features such as the landscape, tradition, culture, food, and nature into tourism resources.

Ultra-High-Speed Broadband Services in the Islands
Ultra-high-speed broadband Internet services are available in all municipalities of the islands. This is used in a variety of areas, ranging from the distribution of sightseeing information, including through SNS, to distance medicine and remote learning.

Commencement of ultra-high-speed broadband services
FY2017
5 villages on 6 islands
**Key Terms to Understand Strategy 8**

► City planning tailored to area needs  
In the Tama area, housing and transportation infrastructure supporting daily life will be tailored to the character of each area to raise convenience and secure routes for evacuation and the transport of goods in the event of disaster. In the islands, disaster preparedness will be enhanced by advancing measures targeting earthquake, tsunami, and sediment disasters.

► Preservation of the natural environment  
The rich natural environment will be passed on to future generations by encouraging Tokyo residents to experience nature first hand and promoting measures to protect rare species in nature conservation areas.

► Conveying the charms of the area  
While protecting Tokyo’s world-renowned natural environments, including Mt. Takao and the Ogasawara Islands, the attractions of the Tama area and Tokyo’s islands will be widely conveyed, bringing many visitors from across Japan and abroad.