

## **The Social Infrastructure Improvement Council, City Planning Council and Development Investigation Committee**

The City Planning Act has established the Social Infrastructure Improvement Council in order to carry out investigation and deliberations of important matters on city planning in response to consultation by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

Also, City Planning Councils have been established in prefectures in order to carry out investigations and deliberations of matters placed under their jurisdiction by the City Planning Act and other matters on city planning in response to consultation by the prefectural governor. TMG has the Tokyo City Planning Council composed of 35 committee members or fewer. The current membership composition is as follows: (1) 10 people with academic background, (2) 10 members of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly, (3) three representatives of heads of special wards and municipalities, (4) three representatives of chairmen of special ward and municipal assemblies, and (5) seven staffs of related administrative bodies.

Also, municipalities may establish Municipal City Planning Councils that are composed of people with academic experience, members of municipal assemblies and others in order to carry out investigation and deliberations of matters placed under their jurisdiction by the City Planning Act and others and other matters on city planning in response to consultation by the heads of municipalities.

Moreover, prefectures have established Development Investigation Committees as bodies that make decisions in response to the application for investigation for development permission stipulated by the City Planning Act and carry out matters placed under their jurisdiction by the Act. TMG has established the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Development Investigation Committee composed of seven committee members. The members are appointed by the Governor from among those who have outstanding experience and knowledge in law, economy, city planning, architecture, public health or administration, and capability of making fair judgment on public welfare.