

## **A Proposal for the Ecological Development of Osaka Bay Coastal Zone**

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Until now, Osaka Bay has been utilized for the purpose of economic development of surrounding land. As a result of such development, most of the shallow zone in Osaka Bay was functionally detached from the sea by reclamation and utilized as the industrial area and place for disposal of waste matter, by the convenience surrounding land. It was disregarded that Osaka Bay has contributed human society through the ability of decomposing of organic matter and stabilizing environment. At this moment, we must re-realize that Osaka Bay is indispensable for the people in coastal land. Hereafter, we must recognize that conservation and restoration/creation of lives and ecosystems in Osaka Bay are also primary task.

The Evaluation/Research Committee on Marine Environment in NPO:Institute of Environmental Restoration/Creation on Osaka Bay Coastal Zone showed desirable perspective of Osaka Bay Coastal Zone as “A Proposal for the Ecological Development of Osaka Bay Coastal Zone”, in which Osaka Bay and Coastal Land were regarded as the closely related environmental space and the viewpoint from the sea was emphasized. At the beginning of the new millennium, the committee aimed the restoration of the beautiful environment which has been lost in past 50 years, and showed what should be realized in Osaka Bay Coastal Zone in 20 to 30 years from now. This proposal provides a tentative plan shared by the various stakeholders such as the citizens in coastal zone, NPO, private company and administrative organizations, for discussion on the desirable environment in Osaka Bay for the future generation.

In Part I of the Grand Plan, we showed the ideal perspective of Coastal Zone with emphasizing the viewpoint from the sea. In Part II, we sorted out the current situation and characteristics of the Osaka Bay Coastal Zone, and proposed the future perspective of Osaka Bay Coastal Zone with reference to Part I. In Part III, we showed the basic strategy for the future perspective of the Osaka Bay Coastal Zone, and the practical plan for the conservation/creation of environment. And in Part IV, we present urgent task to set about with cooperation of concerned agencies. In this paper, we intend to show a future perspective of the Osaka Bay Coastal Zone and the basic strategy and the practical plan for realization of the perspective, of the Grand Plan.