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2-3 The Central Government and Local Government

- Federal system and single sovereign state
 - What is a federal system?
We will cite the American government structure as an example of a federal system, and explain how it can be compared with the single sovereign states system of Japan, the UK, and France etc.
- Centralization and decentralization –classification types and patterns
 - Classification types (centralization-decentralization, integration-separation) and some patterns based on these classification types
 - Discussion on the issues of local government structure and decentralization in Japan
 - Discussion on the control system of the central government from the following viewpoints; selection process of political leaders, distribution of administrative functions, allocation of funds, and local public servant system
- Units of autonomy and intergovernmental relations
 - Meaning of municipal merger –from the viewpoint of today’s autonomy in local governments
 - Discussion on “Kouiki gyosei” (the broader-area administration) with the idea of “Doshu-sei” (the region-based system) that is used to consolidate some prefectures to ensure broader administration.

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2-4 Decentralization

- History of local government system in Japan
 - Historical background and characteristics of Japanese local government system formed during the Meiji period

- Local government after World War II
 - Present local government system was formed in the postwar reforms
 - Framework of “local government” under Chapter 8 of the Constitution and enactment of the Local Autonomy Law: postwar establishment of the system, municipal police, system of financial adjustment, municipal merger during the Showa period
 - Firm establishment of the postwar system and the local governance during the high-growth period: agency delegated function arrangement, tax grants to local governments, subsidy system

- Background of the Decentralization Reform
 - Maturation of society in the 1980s
 - Political reform of 1993 and establishment of the Decentralization Promotion Law in 1995

- The First Decentralization Reform by the Committee for the Promotion of Decentralization
 - Decentralization reform by the Committee for the Promotion of Decentralization: Abolition of the agency delegated function arrangement, curbing regulatory obligations, establishment of the local government administration system, reform on the local financial system
 - Achievement and the remaining issues of the First Decentralization Reform

- Issues addressed by the Second Decentralization Reform –reform on the local financial systems
 - Financial crisis and the tax grants system
 - Abolition of subsidy and shifting of tax revenues
 - Process of the “triple reform of financial relationships” and the future reforms

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