

Overview of Special Zones for Financial and Asset Management Businesses

1. Purpose

- ✓ **Concentrate financial and asset management(AM) businesses** through improving the business and living environment
- ✓ Attract domestic and foreign investment funds and **create an environment for a sufficient supply of investment funds into growing areas/industries of the region**

2. Regions

- ① **Hokkaido & Sapporo** : Cluster GX (Green Transformation) industries and financial functions, to realize a special business zone for GX, financial and AM businesses
- ② **Tokyo** : Promote sustainable finance and facilitate growth of startups in Japan and Asia, through creating a better environment as an international financial center
- ③ **Osaka** : Promote realization of innovation by startups, through attracting investment from overseas
- ④ **Fukuoka** : Strengthen financial services as a gateway to Asia, and foster startups in Fukuoka and Kyushu

3. Major Initiatives ○ National measures / ● Area-limited measures

National Initiatives

Concentration of domestic and foreign financial / AM companies

- Deregulation to **allow asset managers to outsource middle- and back- office operations**
- **Enhancing administrative services in English**
 - ① Registration procedures for AM business
 - ② Business commencement procedures (commercial registration, social insurance, immigration control)
- **Creating a new status of residence for foreign nationals investing in startups**
- **Supporting foreigners in opening bank accounts**

Support for growing areas to be promoted as investees

- **Deregulation on banks' investment in GX-related businesses**
- **Deregulation on investment in startups** by banking groups' Specialized Subsidiary Company
- **Expansion of investment cap for venture fund for qualified institutional investors**

Promotion and fostering of growth industries (GX, startups)

- **Deregulation of restrictions on compressed hydrogen storage** towards social implementation
- **Promoting acceptance of foreign nationals** through the points-based system for highly-skilled professionals (GX, FinTech, etc.)

Local Initiatives

- **Expansion of English support**
(establishment/expansion of one-stop English support centers, English administrative services by local governments)
- **Tax and fiscal support** for domestic and overseas financial and AM companies
(reduction/exemption of local taxes, subsidies for establishment of business bases, etc.)