NEAR Association: Problems and Possibilities of Development. The attempt of the systematic approach

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The growth and development of NEAR-A can be forecasted in the several dimensions and of course in the progress of time as we hope for the everlasting and prosperous future of this body.

1. TIME Three years of preparation work and one year after the Registration. Short and long-term perspective. Strategy and tactics. Vision. Different time-evaluating system. The importance of co-regulating of the time-schedule as one of the main characteristics of the behavior of the Government including local. Imperatives of Reality and Strategic View upon the everyday problems. Forecasting, planning and Fulfilment. Not to waste time.

2. SPACE and dimensions
2.1 Horizontal Dimension 1.
Going wider a) New regions inside the countries to be the members of NEAR-A. Where is the limit of their participation?
What is it, Russian Federation-Europe or Asia?
b) Are North Korea and Mongolia and their regions to be the last countries to be adopted? Objectives and objections.

2.2 Horizontal Dimension 2. Going wiser. Connections with the same structures on the Baltic, Barentz, Mediterranean and other Seas, maybe Caspian. Future International Association. Is the Sea Rim the main objective for the participation.

2.3 Vertical Dimension 1a (Going upper) The relationship of the Government and Local Governments as parts of NEAR. Strategic interests of the country and their realization on the local level. Opportunities, tasks and obligations. (Example: Japan Sea Rim concept and the Second Axis of Japan)

2.4 Vertical Dimension 1b (Upper and upper) The relationship of Japan Sea Rim and Pacific Rim. NEAR as a part of APEC (Compare with the Baltic Sea Rim as a part of New
Atlantic Community.) NEAR-Association as a gateway to the Council of the foreign ministers of the parties concerned and to the Summit of the Heads of States (Example: planning visit of the Prime-Minister of Japan not to the Russian capital but to the Asian part of the Russian Federation).

2.5 Vertical Dimension 2 (Going Lower and lower) The sponsorship and the realisation of the Concept of the Union of the Cities of the North East Asia as a second step local government. (Example Soviet-Japanese City Council). The implementation and sponsorship of the contacts of the little towns and villages. Promotion of the multilateral exchanges under the flags of ISSON-IIPPIN UNDO. The need to study the experience of the policy of the Governor Hiramatsu (Oita) and prefecture Oita itself like a model of sogohankansei. Interpeople relations.

2.6 Intensive dimension 1 (Going inside) Intensification of the cooperation in the various fields such as administration (marine facilities, fire works, police, taxation others), trade and economics, culture, science and sport, etc.

3. FUNCTIONS (We are different)

3.1 Comparative analysis Local Goverments of the regions being analysed on their functions, roles, relationships with the Central Government of the every country.

3.2 Contrastivity and specification of the regions-members of NEAR-A.

3.3 Competiveness and Harmonisation of the relationship between the regions of one country.

4. IMPORTANCE of the Partnership. (The purposes of integration) What is specially needed. Russian point of view. Some ideas and approaches.