



Challenges of the New Government

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New style of the government

- **From dual to single government**
Ranking members are inside the cabinet
No evaluation system
- **Division between cabinet and party**
Party will be in charge of Diet affairs and election
- **Strengthening Prime Minister's Office**
Prime Minister's Office as a control tower
Individual role is not clear yet

New system for policy making

- **Appointing right persons to right places**
Devote to their task
- **Political executive meeting of ministries**
Supreme decision-making section
- **Party and bureaucrats as consulting body**
Bureaucrats are not policy-makers anymore
(except MOF and MOFA)

New policies

- **Friendship (*Yu-ai*) policy**
Prioritize on co-existence
From infrastructure to livings
- **Support to individuals**
Support medium and low class (ex. child allowance)
- **Omni-directional foreign policy**
Revising Koizumi's line

Mission of the new government

- Keep high popularity

50% is watershed

Attractive policies, performances

- Carry out (and stick to) manifesto

Lack of flexibility

Can they become realistic without criticism?

- Remove fears of the public

Show result as many as (as fast as) possible

Problems of scratch team

- **Leftists inside DPJ**
Strong influence toward the government
May be a banked coal
- **Coalition with Socialist**
Weak and strong point of the government
Agreement on coalition, necessary evil
- **Ozawa's influence**
Devote himself to his task until Upper House election

High hurdles to clear

- **Relation with foreign countries (especially United States)**
Refueling operation / Futenma base
- **Business groups, labor union, local governments, LDP**
- **Control over bureaucracy**
Lack of moderation and adjustment function

Road to the Upper House election

- Extraordinary session and ordinary session

DPJ government would be tested

- Hatoyama grasps almighty power
Balance of power

- Tentative government until Upper House election

Genuine governance will start after the election

Wrap-up

- **System nor basic policies has not been established yet.**
- **New government will try to carry out their promises desperately.**
- **They will face a dilemma between manifesto and public opinion.**
- **Making decisions and keeping unification at the same time should be difficult.**
- **This 9 months is a testing period.**

