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Demise of the Nation State

Renowned management consultant Kenichi Ohmae is making an impassioned plea to the world's national governments: Get out of the way so consumers and businesses can create prosperity in the 21st Century.

As a McKinsey & Co. officer and prolific author, Ohmae taught corporations to look beyond borders for success in globalised markets. Now he warns that national governments are obsolete, more likely to stifle prosperity than to nurture it. For citizens to thrive in the next century, national governments must cease protecting inefficient enterprises and must allow wealth to be created in new regional economies, many of which sweep across national boundaries, Ohmae says.

Born in Japan, Ohmae earned a B.S. at Waseda University, an M.S. at the Tokyo Institute of Technology and a doctorate at MIT. He co-founded McKinsey's strategic management practice, became chairman of the firm's Japanese offices and advised corporations and governments in Asia, Europe and North America. He left McKinsey in 1994 and now devotes his energies to his own consulting practice, his writing, and government reform campaigns in Japan.

Ohmae published the best-selling *The Mind of the Strategist* before turning 30 and has authored more than 60 books during his career, most recently *The End of the Nation State: The Rise of Regional Economies*.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Founder of the Ohmae & Associates management consulting firm
- ◆ Founder of the Reform of Heisei political reform movement in Japan
- ◆ Past chairman of the Japanese offices of McKinsey & Co. and co-founder of its strategic management practice
- ◆ Earned B.S. at Waseda University, M.S. at the Tokyo Institute of Technology and Ph.D. at MIT
- ◆ Contributor to such major publications as *Harvard Business Review*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*
- ◆ Best-selling author of more than 60 books that have been translated into more than a dozen languages

KEY TOPICS:

- ◆ U.S. global competitiveness
- ◆ Japan's economic destiny
- ◆ Rise of Regional Economies
- ◆ Government in the 21st century
- ◆ Business in a Borderless World
- ◆ The End of the Nation State
- ◆ The Mind of the Strategist
- ◆ Beyond National Borders
- ◆ The Borderless World
- ◆ The Evolving Global Economy
- ◆ The Myths and Realities of Japanese Corporations