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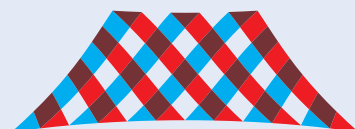
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General Information

Conference Name : The 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit

Theme : CONNECT : Urban Policy Under the New Normal

Date : Thursday 22 – Saturday 24 August, 2024

Venue : SHIROYAMA HOTEL kagoshima

Host : Kagoshima City

Participants : 24 cities across from 9 countries



Program

DAY 1

Thursday, 22 August

14:00 – 18:00	4:00	Check-in, Bilateral Meetings
19:00 – 21:00	2:00	Welcome Reception ■ Opening Address: SHIMOZURU Takao, Mayor of Kagoshima City ■ Guest Address: SHIOTA Koichi, Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture ■ Welcome Address by the Host City: KAWAGOE Keiji, Chairman of Kagoshima City Council ■ Toastmaster: WANG Yuhui, Deputy Director of Changsha ■ Closing Address: MATSUYAMA Yoshihide, Deputy Mayor of Kagoshima City

DAY 2

Friday, 23 August

9:00 – 9:15	0:15	Opening Session ■ Address by the Host: SHIMOZURU Takao, Mayor of Kagoshima City ■ Address by the Founding City: TAKASHIMA Soichiro, Mayor of Fukuoka City ■ Welcome Address by the Host City: KAWAGOE Keiji, Chairman of Kagoshima City Council
9:15 – 9:40	0:25	Keynote Speech: ISHIGAKI Kazuko, Regional Representative of UN-Habitat ROAP
9:40 – 10:00	0:20	Special Speech: KIM Soo-Jin, The Deputy Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Div. of OECD CFE
10:00 – 10:05	0:05	Break
10:05 – 11:40	1:35	Sub-Theme Session I : Urban Policy for Well-being and Future Demographic Shift
11:40 – 13:00	1:20	Lunch, Networking and Bilateral Meetings
13:00 – 14:35	1:35	Sub-Theme Session II : Urban Policy with Resident-Centric Innovation and Technology
14:35 – 14:50	0:15	Break
14:50 – 16:10	1:20	Sub-Theme Session III : Urban Policy toward Climate-Resilient City
16:10 – 17:20	1:10	Break and Bilateral Meetings
17:20 – 17:35	0:15	Meeting Summary and Joint Declaration
17:35 – 17:50	0:15	Closing Session
17:50 – 18:00	0:10	Photo Session
19:00 – 21:00	2:00	Farewell Reception ■ Opening Address: SHIMOZURU Takao, Mayor of Kagoshima City ■ Toastmaster: Joy Gilbert R. LAMORENA, Provincial Board Member, Tarlac Province ■ Closing Address: TAKASHIMA Soichiro, Mayor of Fukuoka City

DAY 3

Saturday, 24 August

City Tour

■ Course1 (9:15 – 14:40)	Sakurajima, Sengan-en
■ Course2 (9:00 – 16:30)	City Tram, Nanbu Incineration Processing Plant, Sakurajima
18:15 – 21:00	Fireworks Display

Welcome to Kagoshima City

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Opening Session



Address by the Host



SHIMOZURU Takao
Mayor, Kagoshima City

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Kagoshima City.

Thank you very much for joining us at the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit.

It's a great pleasure for me to meet you all in person here in Kagoshima City and exchange views with you after overcoming the global pandemic.

I also would like to thank Ms. Ishigaki, the Regional Representative of UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and also for all the people who have been cooperating with us in organizing this event.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Asian-Pacific City Summit which was created in 1994 with the proposal of Fukuoka City.

As you know, cities in the Asia-Pacific region have gathered together to share advanced case studies and build a network for mutual cooperation in response to various urban problems that have arisen in response to the changing times.

I would like to express my deep respect to Fukuoka City for having led the way as an advocate and also serving as a secretariat.

The theme of this year's summit is "CONNECT: Urban Policy Under the New Normal" and the breakout sessions focus on well-being city planning, digitalization, and responses to climate change.

In order to create sustainable cities under the new normal, we believe that not only the use of digital technology, but also various connections are required through collaboration among local residents, businesses, domestic and international cities and other diverse actors.

Each city will introduce its "connect project" so we will look forward to lively exchange of ideas and opinions.

I hope that this summit will be an opportunity for the cities to foster friendship and expand the circle of exchange that will lead to the future as fellow Asian cities working together to resolve issues that are shared on the global basis.

Address by the Founding City



TAKASHIMA Soichiro
Mayor, Fukuoka City

Hello, everyone. I'm Soichiro Takashima, mayor of Fukuoka City.

I'm delighted that representatives of numerous cities in Japan and around the world have gathered today in Kagoshima City for the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit.

I'd also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Shimozuru and the people of Kagoshima City for their efforts in making this conference possible.

The Asian-Pacific City Summit, which began in 1994 as an initiative proposed by Fukuoka City, will mark the milestone of its 30th anniversary this year.

Recognizing that cities are at the forefront of direct action to address the challenges faced by people in their daily lives, we believe it is highly significant for mayors, as city leaders, to come together and share knowledge to promote further development in the Asia-Pacific region. Bearing this in mind, we have engaged in discussions aimed at resolving the various issues arising from the progress of urbanization.

The previous summit was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic with the theme "New Values, New Cities." Discussions focused on urban development in the "new normal," addressing various challenges that became apparent during the pandemic while sharing specific initiatives undertaken by various cities.

I am truly delighted that, having overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to hold this event face-to-face for the first time in six years.

Reflecting the theme "Urban Policies for Connections Under the New Normal," I am confident that this will be a meaningful opportunity to learn from each city's advanced initiatives, exchange views on shared urban challenges, and strengthen connections as partners working together to address these issues.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes for the success of the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit, the continued development of each city, and the health and well-being of everyone gathered here today.

Welcome Address by the Host City



KAWAGOE Keiji
Chairman,
Kagoshima City Council

Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Kagoshima City. I'm Keiji Kawagoe, the Chairman of the Kagoshima City Council.

On behalf of the Kagoshima City Council, I would like to extend my heartfelt welcome to all of you.

I am truly delighted that the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit, which will mark its 30th anniversary this year, is being held here in Kagoshima City today.

As you may know, Kagoshima City is full of diverse attractions including world-class natural scenery represented by the active volcano Sakurajima and Kinko Bay; hot springs that spring up all over the city as a blessing of the volcano; a food culture that includes Black Pork, Black Beef, and Satsuma *shochu* liquor; and a history of producing many great people who helped forge modern Japan.

More than 150 years ago, when these great men were active, Kagoshima was Japan's most pioneering city, and it contributed greatly to Japan's subsequent modernization through its efforts to emphasize connections with other countries, including by sending students to England, trading with overseas countries, and working hard to learn the most advanced technologies of the time.

Today, the world finds itself at a major turning point due to various factors, including the development of artificial intelligence and other digital technology innovations, and the diversification of values due to globalization. I believe that the word *connect*, which is the keyword of this summit, points to an initiative that is truly necessary in the current era just as Kagoshima's predecessors realized the modernization of Japan by connecting with the world.

I hope that this opportunity will lead to new world-leading initiatives by deepening mutual understanding and expanding networks as we work to cooperate and collaborate amongst our cities.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes for the success of the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit and for further deepening of the bonds of friendship among you all. I also wish each of your cities long-lasting development as well as good health and success to all of you in attendance.

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Keynote Speech Special Speech



Keynote Speech



ISHIGAKI Kazuko Regional Representative of UN-Habitat
Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Kazuko Ishigaki has worked for more than 25 years in the Japanese government, leading a broad array of initiatives in areas including disaster risk reduction policy, international policy, national land planning, and regional development policy. Prior to her current position, she served as Director for the Fukushima Regional and Urban Development at the Reconstruction Agency, Director for disaster drills, director for Public Awareness and International Relations in the Cabinet Office for disaster risk reduction, and Director for International Construction Industry in the International Policy Division of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. She also has extensive international experience, having served as a Senior Economist at the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and as an Economist and Policy Analyst in the Regional Policy Division of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Founded in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1978, UN-Habitat is an international organization that specializes in urban housing policy as well as policy and planning. In addition to advancing Sustainable Development Goal 11, “sustainable cities and communities,” it’s helping realize the SDGs at the local level. UN-Habitat operates in four regions: Asia-Pacific, Arab States, Africa, and South America. The Fukuoka office oversees projects in the Asia-Pacific region.

Recent activities include participation in, the G7 Urban Development Ministers’ Meeting and strengthening of collaboration with JICA. Additionally, the office emphasizes the role of cities in addressing climate change, promoting advocacy on energy consumption reduction and adaptation measures. In the Asia-Pacific region, efforts focus on supporting urban development in developing countries and sharing knowledge related to urban policy.

UN-Habitat also focuses on rebuilding communities after disasters and conflicts. For example, in Myanmar, we have collaborated with small and medium-sized enterprises in Fukuoka to provide technical support on rainwater storage tanks, so that local technicians can manage installation and maintenance. In Pakistan, we’re promoting school seismic retrofitting and disaster education as part of a post-earthquake recovery effort. These projects aim to enhance regional resilience by providing both “hard” (infrastructure) and “soft” (education and training) support.

Furthermore, we are implementing projects tailored to the needs of various countries in the Asia-Pacific region by utilizing Japan’s environmentally friendly technologies. To address waste

management issues arising from Asia's rapid urbanization, we have collaborated with Fukuoka City to promote the "Fukuoka Method," an affordable and eco-friendly waste landfill technique, in 21 countries. Recently, waste management support projects are also progressing in Africa, where there's a growing level of need.

The United Nations believes that sharing knowledge and experience for collaboration among cities is crucial for realizing sustainable cities. We look forward to working with all of you to achieve SDG 11, which focuses on creating sustainable, inclusive, and resilient cities.



Special Speech



KIM Soo-Jin The Deputy Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Div. of OECD CFE

The Deputy Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development division in the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. She has over 20 years of experience advising governments in building more sustainable, inclusive and resilient cities. She developed the OECD Principles on Urban Policy and co-authored numerous reports on cities. She serves several policy networks such as the OECD Working Party on Urban Policy, the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth, and the OECD Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers.

Over the past twenty years, large metropolitan regions have become magnets for population and economic growth, exhibiting stronger GDP growth and about one-third higher GDP per capita compared to other regions. However, cities face significant challenges due to global transformations like climate change, inequalities, and demographic change.

Cities are major CO₂ emitters, primarily from traffic and buildings, and experience the urban heat island effect. Thus, they must mitigate and adapt to climate change. Despite driving growth and innovation, large cities also exhibit significant income inequality, as measured by the Gini Index. Ensuring equal access to opportunities for all is crucial for both local and national governments.

Additionally, cities are ageing faster than non-urban areas, with a notable increase in the population of adults aged 65 or older, especially in smaller cities. This demographic shift requires adequate policy responses.

The role of cities in territorial systems is being reconsidered due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on urban economies and societies, with remote working becoming more prevalent due to the concentration of jobs that allow for it. While it may be a little early to analyze the exact impact of the pandemic on cities due to insufficient data, the OECD has considered six possible scenarios that should be taken into account.

For an integrated approach that includes measures to address the foregoing challenges, the OECD developed the OECD Principles on Urban Policy, organized in three blocks: *Scale*, *Strategy*, and *Stakeholders*. These principles aim to target an effective *scale* of policy action, adopt a coherent and integrated *strategy* to build smart, sustainable, and inclusive cities, and engage all *stakeholders* in a co-designed, co-implemented, and co-monitored urban policy. Endorsed by mayors, ministers, and leaders of international organizations in 2019, an implementation toolkit was launched at the 11th World Urban Forum in Poland in 2021, including a self-assessment framework and over 60 examples of best practices.

To tackle climate change, cities need a green transition that is territorially differentiated, people-centered, and mindful of policy interconnections. Examples include enhancing clean urban mobility and public transport alternatives, decarbonizing homes and buildings, managing water risks, transitioning from a linear to a circular economy, and rewilding nature-positive and biodiverse cities.

Urban inequalities include the lack of affordable, sustainable, and good-quality housing. The OECD analyzed 10 housing policy instruments, highlighting efforts to support vulnerable populations, boost housing construction, repurpose vacant properties, regulate short-term rentals, and increase energy efficiency in housing. Strengthening governance and financing of housing policy is crucial.

For demographic change, the OECD is working on creating cities for all ages, analyzing how to support both younger and older residents. Examples include designing infrastructure for ageing or vulnerable residents, such as Singapore's urban signage in collaboration with older residents with mental health challenges, and Bologna's housing cooperative for young residents under 35. Other initiatives include investing in the silver economy, supporting small businesses catering to ageing adults, and developing intergenerational plazas like Quillota in Chile to promote social interactions between different age groups, as well as promoting public spaces for making cities more fun, child-friendly, and inclusive for all urban residents in Copenhagen.

Welcome to Kagoshima City

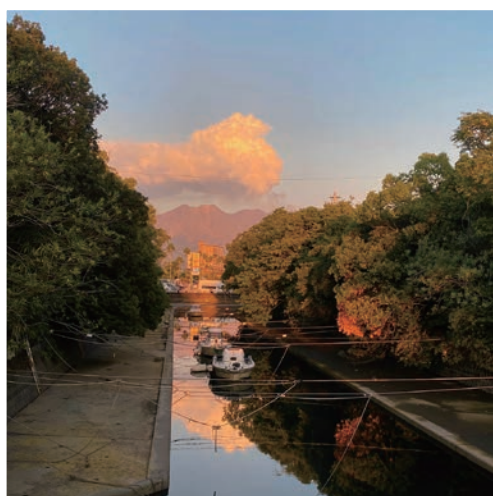
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Sub-Theme Sessions



Sub-Theme Session I

Urban Policy for Well-being and Future Demographic Shift



Many cities are facing various problems related to demographic issues, such as the outflow of young generation, aging population, and declining birthrate. Based on the current situation, all cities participating in the summit will strive to maintain and further improve the well-being of the population for today and in the future. This session will also introduce each city's efforts and have a wide-range discussion on solutions to reach "Well-being" as an aim to prosper our beloved city and the citizens.

[Moderator] NAKATANI Sumie Professor Global Initiative Center
Kagoshima University



Participants

Changsha, Fukuoka, Kagoshima, Kitakyushu, Oita, Singapore

(in the order of presentation)

Presenter	Theme
Kagoshima	Gateways for Children and Youth to be with Challenger Spirit towards a New Era
Changsha	Development First, Cultural Nourishment, People Supremacy Build a City of Happiness with High-quality Development
Fukuoka	"Fukuoka 100" Initiatives
Kitakyushu	Making a Town Where You Can Experience Joy
Oita	The Integration of the 119 Emergency Hotline and the Operation of the #7119 Medical Advice Hotline
Singapore	Singapore's Urban Policy for Liveability

Report on SUB-THEME I

1 Challenges and status on the theme

- As UN's report and other sources, since the 2000s more than half of the world's population has lived in urban area.
- Average life expectancy is increasing, and aging societies are progressing not only in developed countries incl. Japan, but also in developing countries. The trend of declining birthrate and aging population will continue in the future.
- While many cities have lagged behind in urban development planning in response to demographic shift, some cities see these demographic shift as an opportunity for development and are leading to advanced and sustainable community development efforts.

2 Initiatives and actions of each city

- Promoting the use of ICT in the education field through “Lighten up the Children's Futures” Project to continue to take challenges in a new era (Kagoshima)
- Attractive urban development through historical culture and media art industry (Changsha)
- “Fukuoka 100” incl. Fitness City project and Humanitude Care Methodology for dementia (Fukuoka)
- Becoming “With financial benefits”, “Colorful and attractive” and “Comfortable and relaxing” (Kitakyushu)
- Improving emergency medical services for citizens (Oita)
- Development of barrier-free infrastructure to elderly and disabilities citizens, expand green spaces, and connect communities where people help each other (Singapore)

3 Remaining issues and future prospects

- Confirmed that it is important to formulate and implement policies that balance the economy, quality of life (QOL) and the environment, with the aim of preventing population outflow and attracting a new workforce and young generation.
- Efforts are being made to secure population and preventing population outflow, incl. attracting financial benefits, improving childcare and educational environments.
- Efforts are needed to ensure that all people living in cities can feel physically and mentally enriched and happy, and we need to recognize differences of generation, gender, culture, etc., and create cities that are well-being and take advantage of diversity. We aim to achieve this goal by collaborating with cities in the Asian-Pacific region.

Sub-Theme Session I



▲ NAKATANI Sumie Moderator





▲ SHIMOZURU Takao Mayor, Kagoshima City



▲ WANG Yuhui Deputy Director, Changsha



▲ TAKASHIMA Soichiro Mayor, Fukuoka City



▲ Ooba Chikako Deputy Mayor, Kitakyushu City



▲ ADACHI Shinya Mayor, Oita City



▲ Hugh LIM Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), Singapore

Sub-Theme Session II

Urban Policy with Resident-Centric Innovation and Technology



This session will discuss how to improve the lives of citizens through technological innovation while emphasizing inclusivity among citizens and no one left behind. Moreover, this session will share the importance of strengthening the economic foundations of each local region, which has been reaffirmed post COVID-19 pandemic. Participating cities will share their efforts in a variety of fields, including the introduction of innovation and start-up efforts to promote significant economic effects and social reforms regardless of the size of the action scale.

[Moderator] MANAGI Shunsuke Distinguished Professor Director, Urban Institute
Departments of Civil Engineering Kyushu University



Participants

Busan, Guangzhou, Guiyang, Ipoh, Manila, Peshawar

(in the order of presentation)

Presenter	Theme
Busan	15-Minute City Busan
Guangzhou	Creating a Resilient, Smart & Livable Urban Area with Smart Technology
Guiyang	Guiyang's Practice on Smart City
Ipoh	IPOH SMART GREEN CITY 2030
Manila	Transforming Manila into a Smart and Inclusive City – The Go! Manila Version 2.0 Initiative
Peshawar	Urban Identity, Lifestyle, Culture and knowledge Platforms in the Era of Ecological communities

Report on SUB-THEME II

1 Challenges and status on the theme

- While COVID-19 has had a serious impacts on economy and society, there have also been positive aspects, such as the establishment of remote work, the enhancement of online education, and the enhancement of digital services for citizens.
- Local cities are facing population outflow, especially the decline in the working generation that is the backbone of the economy, and measures are required to revitalize the local economy.
- Now that people who were concentrated in metropolitan and big cities are returning to rural areas after COVID-19 pandemic, regional cities are at the good time to strengthen their local economic foundations.

2 Initiatives and actions of each city

- Human-centered urban development where citizen can access “living, work, commerce, medical care, education and leisure” within 15 minutes by walking or cycling. (Busan)
- Safe and secure urban development using smart tech (early warning systems and emergency drones, etc.)(Guangzhou)
- Smart city development focused on data center development and digitalization (Guiyang)
- Utilizing big data and AI under “Smart Green City 2030” incl. city information command center and traffic analysis and recognition system (Ipoh)
- Providing access to health, housing, education, employment and sustainable and resilient environment-related information services through the one-stop “Go! Manila” app for citizens (Manila)
- Pointed out importance of take balance between global influences and local identities, equitable distribution of technological benefits. (Peshawar)

3 Remaining issues and future prospects

- Digital Transformation (DX) is progressing in various aspects of citizen’s daily lives, however, issues are remained such as IT security and increasing power consumption of IT.
- Efforts to attract new business models, such as small and agile start-ups, to local markets are effective in strengthening the local economies.
- As stated UN Beyond GDP Agenda, inclusive wealth is important. To promote ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) investments, local economic activities need to aim for multi-benefits that produce synergistic effects in various aspects hold the key to further development in Asian-Pacific Cities.

Sub-Theme Session II



▲ MANAGI Shunsuke Moderator



▲ **LEE Jun-seung** Administrative Mayor, Busan



▲ **CHEN Jianrong**
District Mayor of Guangzhou Tianhe, Guangzhou



▲ **SHI Banglin** Chairman of CPPCC Guiyang Committee, Guiyang



▲ **Mohd Zainal bin ABDUL HAMID**
Director of Town and Country Planning Department Ipoh City Council , Ipoh



▲ **Jocelyn DAWIS-ASUNCION**
Asst. City Administrator, Manila



▲ **Zubair ALI** Mayor, Peshawar

Sub-Theme Session III

Urban Policy toward Climate-Resilient City



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) focuses on the impacts and mitigation of climate change for cities. As most of the world's population lives in cities, climate change countermeasures from a city level are crucial. Therefore, decision-making in urban policymakers will play a significant role in determining climate change issues.

This session will share advanced cases of decarbonization and low-carbon initiatives while developing resilient urban infrastructures. It will also lead to the initiation of strong and resilient cities that will not succumb to climate disasters in a broader sense.

[Moderator] KATO Makoto Member, Board of Directors / General Manager / Principal Researcher, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)



Participants

Hai Phong, Kumamoto, Lianyungang, Nagasaki, Pohang

(in the order of presentation)

Presenter	Theme
Hai Phong	Efforts In Decarbonization Toward The Goal Of Net Zero Emissions By 2050
Kumamoto	The World's No.1 Groundwater Municipality, Kumamoto City – Groundwater Preservation Initiatives by Citizens, Business Owners, & Administrative Collaboration
Lianyungang	Enhancing technological innovation, building a resilient low-carbon city
Nagasaki	The Nagasaki Model for Sustainable Tourism: Combining “History/Culture”, “Night View Sightseeing”, and “Decarbonization”
Pohang	Age of Climate Crisis – Asian Pacific Region’s main role for its sustainable city plan

Report on SUB-THEME III

1 Challenges and status on the theme

- The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) focuses on the impact of climate change on cities and the potential for urban areas to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, where population density is high, phenomena such as massive typhoons, heavy rains and floods, and extreme heatwaves are adversely affecting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Participants are sharing advanced examples of decarbonization and low-carbon initiatives, as well as resilient urban infrastructure development. At the same time, they are promoting resilient and adaptive urban planning that can withstand climate-related disasters in a broad sense.

2 Initiatives and actions of each city

- Adaptation and mitigation efforts as a port city vulnerable to climate change. (Hai Phong)
- Efforts for groundwater conservation and basin flood control by citizens, businesses, and the local government, and transparency and confidence building among citizens. (Kumamoto)
- Building a resilient city through green development and smart city construction. (Lianyungang)
- Sustainable tourism and decarbonization initiatives in collaboration with businesses, citizens, and the tourism industry. Driving for decarbonization Domino. (Nagasaki)
- Promoting innovative technology development and application for green growth. Hosting an international forum on city-to-city cooperation for sustainability in the Asian-Pacific urban region. (Pohang)

3 Remaining issues and future prospects

- It is crucial to introduce innovative scientific technologies for transitioning to carbon neutrality and building disaster-resilient cities, such as implementing green infrastructure that actively utilizes renewable energy and constructing smart cities with flood prediction systems using sensors and IoT.
- In addition to collaboration with national governments and businesses, it is essential for citizens to come together to promote urban development, as this is a key element for the sustainable development of cities. Proactiveness to address climate change has brought opportunities for transformation, green growth, and enhanced access to climate finance.
- By continuing to foster international cooperation and information exchange, cities in the Asian-Pacific region can enhance their knowledge and strive for mutual growth together.

Sub-Theme Session III



▲ KATO Makoto Moderator





▲ **Quang Duc BUI** Vice Chairman, Hai Phong



▲ **ONISHI Kazufumi** Mayor, Kumamoto City



▲ **SONG Bo** Deputy Mayor, Lianyungang



▲ **HYUGA Junichiro**
Director, Planning and Policy Dept., Nagasaki City



▲ **JANG Sang-gil** Vice Mayor, Pohang

The 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit Joint Declaration

We, representatives from 24 cities in nine countries across the Asia-Pacific region, have gathered in Kagoshima City on the 23rd day of August 2024 for the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit for the first time in six years, having had the valuable opportunity to share our knowledge and discuss future visions.

The New Normal has emerged out of the COVID-19 pandemic and brought rapid progress in digitization and digital globalization, resulting in major changes in society. The internet has facilitated connections across various fields of socioeconomic life, leading to the creation of new services and fostering greater interconnectedness among individuals. This has also prompted collaborative efforts that extend beyond the boundaries of all sectors, including industry, government, and academia, ultimately resulting in the continued emergence of new socioeconomic activities.

During the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit, we actively shared knowledge together with international organizations and universities, while learning from each other's endeavors to resolve issues from the perspectives of well-being, innovation, and resilience, primarily focusing on a new style of connections under the key theme, "Urban Policies—CONNECT".

Although every municipality has their respective circumstances, we all encounter the common challenges of addressing urban issues such as demographic shift, widening socioeconomic disparities, and the collective impact of climate change. Furthermore, we are confronted with the increasingly intricate and diverse challenges of urban governance.

We, acknowledging the commonalities in the challenges we face, have collectively affirmed that innovation such as digital technology has facilitated the formation of partnerships spanning all sectors encompassing residents, civic organizations, businesses, educational institutions, and local and global cities, and that these partnerships have been leveraged to enhance the well-being of residents and create sustainable cities that ensure the safety and security of their inhabitants.

We also recognized that the urban policies that we are implementing with diverse stakeholders align with SDGs, such as inclusion and diversity, and that we are forging ahead with endeavors to realize a world where no one is left behind, regardless of our respective circumstances.

At the closing ceremony of the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit, we hereby adopt the following Kagoshima Declaration, in the hope of contributing to the sustainable development of Asia and the world en masse through the further development of Asian-Pacific cities and the resolution of urban challenges via international inter-city networks.

- 1 Cities in the Asia-Pacific region will work towards achieving a better quality of life for all residents, making sure that no one is left behind, and aim to sustain this progress for future generations by connecting residents to each other and to society through a variety of urban strategies, including partnerships and cooperation with local communities, businesses, and other organizations.
- 2 Cities in the Asia-Pacific region will strive to enhance their adaptability to a rapidly transforming world by leveraging digital innovation and other means into urban development and fulfill their roles and responsibilities as a front runner in securing the livelihoods of residents by addressing urban issues such as enhancing residents' quality of life and preparing for the impacts of climate change.
- 3 Cities in the Asia-Pacific region will persist in sharing and publicizing their endeavors and advancements towards the achievement of SDGs, along with the significance of international cooperation between cities.
- 4 The 15th Asian-Pacific City Summit Mayors' Conference shall be held in Fukuoka City, Japan in 2026.

23 August, 2024
Kagoshima City, Japan



Welcome to Kagoshima City

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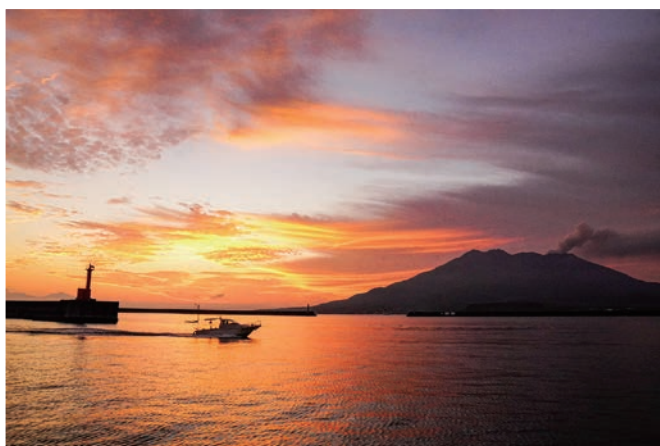
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Closing Session



Greetings from Next Host City



TAKASHIMA
Soichiro

Mayor, Fukuoka City

I would like to express my heartfelt respect and gratitude to Mayor Shimozuru of Kagoshima City and all those involved for their hard work in making the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit a success.

Additionally, we are deeply honored that Fukuoka City has been selected as the host city for the next summit in 2026.

This summit marked the first in-person gathering in six years. Being in the same space allowed for active exchanges between cities and mayors, fostering more dynamic discussions.

At the next summit, we hope to facilitate meaningful discussions that contribute to the solution of urban challenges and further strengthen the connections between cities in the Asia-Pacific region. As the host city, we will do our utmost to prepare and welcome you all.

Recognizing that the next in-person gathering in Fukuoka City will be the first in that city in eight years (after 2018), I'd like to take this opportunity to reintroduce the community to you.

With a population of 1.65 million, Fukuoka City is a vibrant city with many young people, universities, and a thriving startup scene.

Building on over 2,000 years of exchange with Asia, Fukuoka City has developed as a hub for diplomacy and trade. Even today, it attracts numerous inbound visitors for MICE (Meeting, Incentive Travel, Convention, Exhibition/Event), tourism, and business.

Fukuoka's well-developed urban functions are concentrated in a compact area, allowing world-class accessibility from the airport to the city center. At the same time, the surrounding area offers abundant natural beauty, including ocean and mountains, along with rich attractions in the areas of history, art, and cuisine.

In the old town area, which is lined with historic temples and shrines, visitors can experience history and traditions that date back to the medieval period. At the Fukuoka Art Museum and the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, visitors enjoy exquisite collections of modern and contemporary art. Above all, Fukuoka is renowned as a city of cuisine. Fukuoka continues to captivate countless visitors with an iconic style of ramen, a wide variety of dishes offered at food stalls, and a rich food culture that makes the most of fresh ingredients. I hope that many of you will visit and enjoy the charm of Fukuoka City.

In closing, I hope to see you all in Fukuoka in two years.

Closing Address



**SHIMOZURU
Takao**

Mayor, Kagoshima City

As the 14th Asian-Pacific City Summit is ending, I would like to extend greetings from the host city.

First of all, again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Ms. Ishigaki of ROAP, and also, Professor Nakatani of Kagoshima University, Professor Managi of Kyushu University, and OECC Director Kato, thank you very much.

Let me also thank all the participating cities for this precious opportunity to discuss the same issues at the city level, transcending national, regional, linguistic and cultural differences.

With the theme of “CONNECT: Urban Policy Under the New Normal”, we were able to have a meaningful discussion on how to realize a sustainable future by connecting with each other and with many sectors, including international organization and universities.

Each city faces a variety of urban problems. However, they all share the same mission, to protect the lives and livelihood of the residents and to maintain and develop their socioeconomic activities. Although it is never easy to say solving these problems, the various approaches introduced from each city, as well as active discussions, must have inspired many people to take on the challenges of the future and to take pride in the cities as they lead the future. I sincerely hope that this summit will lead to a bright future for each city.

Fukuoka City has been selected as a host city of the next 15th Asian-Pacific City Summit. The next summit will be held in 2026. We are confident that the summit, which will be held in Fukuoka City for the first time in 8 years after the pandemic, will be a fruitful opportunity for us to gain many insights on sustainable Urban Development.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again in Fukuoka City.

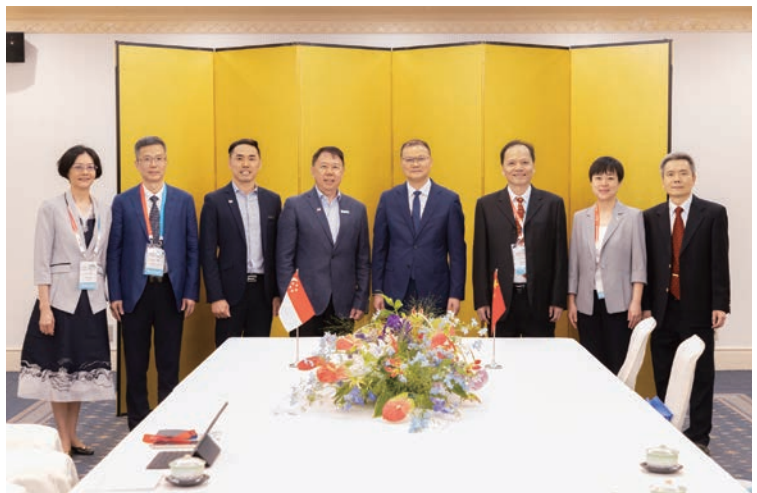
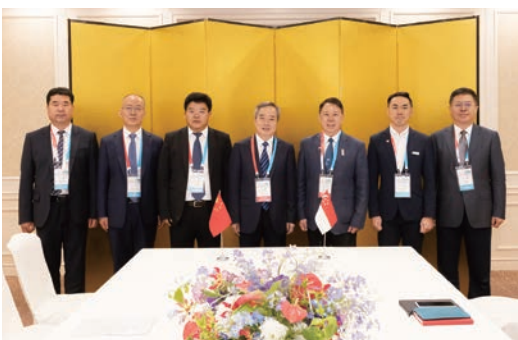
In conclusion, I wish for the sustainable development of your cities and hope that the Asian-Pacific City Summit will play a significant role in building further city partnerships and networks.

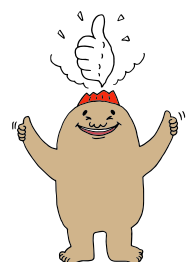
Exhibition Booths





Bilateral Meetings





Welcome Reception



▲ Flower Show



▲ **SHIOTA Koichi**
Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture



▲ **KAWAGOE Keiji**
Chairman, Kagoshima City Council



▲ **MATSUYAMA Yoshihide**
Deputy Mayor of Kagoshima City



▲ SHIMOZURU Takao Mayor, Kagoshima City



▲ Sakurajima Hinoshima Taiko



▲ WANG Yuhui
Deputy Director, Changsha

Farewell Reception



▲ Joy Gilbert R. LAMORENA
Provincial Board Member, Tarlac Province

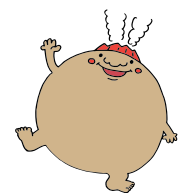




▼ **TAKASHIMA Soichiro**
Mayor, Fukuoka City



▲ **SHIMOZURU Takao**
Mayor, Kagoshima City



◀ Young Odori Ren

City Tour



▲ Sakurajima Visitor Center



▲ Nanbu Incineration Processing Plant



▲ Sakurajima International Volcanic Sabo Center



◀ Sengan-en



▲ City Tram



▲ Yunohira Observatory



◀ Arimura Lava Observatory



Fireworks Display



Welcome Banners

Elementary and middle school students in Kagoshima City making welcome banners





▲ Attendees from participating cities sent thank-you messages ▲
to the students who created the welcome banners.

PR Materials

Banner displayed at Kagoshima Chuo Station Square



Advertisements displayed in Kagoshima City Hall and on the Kagoshima City International Friendship Trams



Kagoshima citizens observing the plenary session



Photos contributed by Kagoshima citizens were used for venue signage and various publications.



▲ Signage



▲ ID pass

Photos taken by Kagoshima citizens are also featured on pages 4, 14, and 30 of this report.





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The
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Reference Materials



Member Cities

34 cities in 15 countries (as of August 2024)



Australia

- Brisbane

Cambodia

- Phnom Penh

China

- Changsha
- Dalian
- Guangzhou
- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Shanghai
- Taiyuan
- Urumqi

Indonesia

- Jakarta

Japan

- Fukuoka
- Kagoshima
- Kitakyushu
- Kumamoto
- Miyazaki
- Nagasaki
- Naha
- Oita
- Saga

Malaysia

- Ipoh
- Kuala Lumpur

Myanmar

- Yangon

New Zealand

- Auckland

Philippines

- Manila
- Tarlac

Republic of Korea

- Busan
- Gwangyang
- Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
- Pohang

Russian Federation

- Vladivostok

Singapore

- Singapore

Thailand

- Bangkok

United States of America

- Honolulu

Viet Nam

- Ho Chi Minh City

Past Asian-Pacific City Summit

Mayors Conferences

Host City	Dates	Theme of Plenary Session	Participants
1 st Fukuoka	Sep 22-25, 1994	Harmony between Urban Development and Human Living Environment in the Asia-Pacific Era	21 cities from 11 countries & regions
2 nd Guangzhou	Sep 27-Oct 1, 1996	Urban Development in the 21st Century	20 cities from 11 countries & regions
3 rd Fukuoka	Jul 11-13, 1998	Future Prospects of Networking between Cities	23 cities from 11 countries
4 th Busan	May 13-15, 2000	Economic Development of Asia-Pacific Cities in the New Millennium	23 cities from 12 countries
5 th Fukuoka	Aug 30-Sep 1, 2002	New Approach to City Planning for the 21st Century - From governing to good governance -	24 cities from 12 countries
6 th Bangkok	Nov 30-Dec 2, 2004	Sustainable City Redevelopment: The New Approach	14 cities from 10 countries
7 th Urumqi	Aug 8-10, 2006	Development of Harmonious City	14 cities from 6 countries
8 th Dalian	Sep 28-30, 2008	Asia-Pacific Champion Cities - New thoughts on environment, resources, culture and Industry -	34 cities from 11 countries
9 th Vladivostok	Sep 30-Oct 1, 2010	Sustainable Development of Asia-Pacific Cities - New urban policies under the global economic crisis -	13 cities from 6 countries
10 th Pohang	Jul 26-28, 2012	Urban Network Development for Low-carbon Green Growth	23 cities from 10 countries
11 th Kumamoto	Oct 31-Nov 2, 2013	Initiatives for Liveable City Development - Realising a community where citizens can live and work safely and comfortably -	24 cities from 13 countries & regions
12 th Fukuoka	Aug 1-3, 2018	Sustainable Cities and Communities	32 cities from 16 countries
13 th Special Edition Fukuoka (Online)	Oct 26-27, 2021	The Potential of Cities in the Face of Crises	40 cities from 18 countries
13 th Fukuoka (Online)	Jul 27-28, 2022	New Values – New Cities	33 cities from 13 countries
14 th Kagoshima	Aug 22-24, 2024	CONNECT: Urban Policy Under the New Normal	24 cities from 9 countries

Covenant of the Asian-Pacific City Summit

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 (Appellation)

The name of the organisation shall be the “Asian-Pacific City Summit” (hereinafter referred to as the “City Summit”).

Article 2 (Objective)

The objective of the City Summit is to provide an opportunity for leaders of major cities in the Asia-Pacific region to promote inter-city cooperation and networking to solve urban issues, thus contributing to the further development of the region and enduring world peace.

Article 3 (Activities)

In order to achieve the objectives stated in Article 2, the City Summit shall:

- (1) convene the Mayors Conference.
- (2) convene the Working-Level Conference.
- (3) organise other necessary activities.

Chapter II Member Cities

Article 4 (Member Cities)

Member cities of the City Summit are as listed in the appendix.

Article 5 (Representation)

Each member city shall, in principle, be represented by its mayor or by a person who holds the position equivalent to mayoralty.

Article 6 (Admission)

1. Any city that intends to become a member city of the City Summit, shall submit a written application to the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat shall put the submitted application on the agenda of the first Mayors Conference, to be held following its submission.
3. Membership shall take effect on the day of approval by the Mayors Conference.

Article 7 (Withdrawal)

1. A member city may withdraw from the City Summit by submitting a written application for withdrawal to the Secretariat.
2. Withdrawal by a member city shall take effect 30 days after the receipt of application by the Secretariat as stated under the previous clause.
3. Even after withdrawal, a member city shall faithfully perform its obligations borne before the withdrawal under this Covenant.

Chapter III Mayors Conferences

Article 8 (Mayors Conferences)

1. A Mayors Conference shall, in principle, be held every two years.
2. A Mayors Conference shall be convened by the representatives of the city where the conference is to be held (hereinafter referred to as a “host city”).

Article 9 (Composition)

1. A Mayors Conference shall consist of representatives of member cities.
2. A Mayors Conference shall be attended by the representative of a member city. However, if the representative is unable to attend the conference in person, the representative may delegate authority to another person who shall attend the conference.

3. A non-member city may send a representative to the Mayors Conference as an observer, with the recommendation of a member city.

Article 10 (Functions)

A Mayors Conference shall perform the following functions:

- (1) amend and revoke the Covenant of the City Summit
- (2) approve new membership
- (3) determine host cities of the next Mayors Conference and the Working-Level Conference
- (4) decide other important matters relating to the administration of the City Summit

Article 11 (Chairperson)

A Mayors Conference shall, in principle, be chaired by the representative of the host city.

Article 12 (Quorum and Voting)

1. The quorum at a Mayors Conference shall be one half of the member cities.
2. All the matters shall, in principle, be decided by a majority of the member cities that are present.

Article 13 (Defrayal of costs)

1. The host city shall defray the costs incurred in hosting the conference.
2. The participating member cities shall bear the costs relating to their participation including travel costs and accommodation costs. However the host city may defray the part of the costs within its discretion.

Article 14 (Determination of the host city)

1. A member city that wishes to host a Mayors Conference shall submit an application to the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat shall put the application on the agenda of the first Mayors Conference, to be held following its submission.

Chapter IV Working-Level Conferences

Article 15 (Working-Level Conferences)

1. A Working-Level Conference shall, in principle, be held every two years.
2. A Working-Level Conference shall be convened by the representative of the host city.

Article 16 (Composition)

1. A Working-Level Conference shall consist of working-level officers of member cities.
2. A non-member city may send a representative to the Working-Level Conference as an observer, with the recommendation of a member city.

Article 17 (Functions)

1. A Working-Level Conference shall hold consultations to realise the matters approved in the Mayors Conference.
2. The results of a Working-Level Conference shall, in principle, be reported to the Mayors Conference by the host city of the Working-Level Conference.

Article 18 (Chairperson)

A Working-Level Conference shall, in principle, be chaired by a person appointed by the host city.

Article 19 (Defrayal of costs)

For the defrayal of costs related to a Working-Level Conference, Article 13 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 20 (Determination of the host city)

For the determination of a host city of a Working-Level Conference, Article 14 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Chapter V Secretariat

Article 21 (Secretariat)

1. The Secretariat of the City Summit shall be located in Fukuoka City, Japan.
2. The necessary costs for the administration of the Secretariat shall be defrayed by Fukuoka City.
3. The Secretariat shall have the following duties:
 - (1) liaison and coordination among member cities
 - (2) liaison, coordination and support in connection with administrative work related to the Mayors Conference, Working-Level Conference and City Summit
 - (3) keeping custody and submitting minutes of meetings and other information relating to the administration of the City Summit
 - (4) research and study relating to the administration of the City Summit in general
 - (5) other items in connection with the administration of the City Summit
4. Other necessary items related to the administration of the Secretariat shall be provided separately by Fukuoka City.

Supplementary provisions This Covenant shall enter into force on August 31, 2002.

Supplementary provisions This Covenant shall enter into force on September 29, 2008.

Supplementary provisions This Covenant shall enter into force on September 30, 2010.

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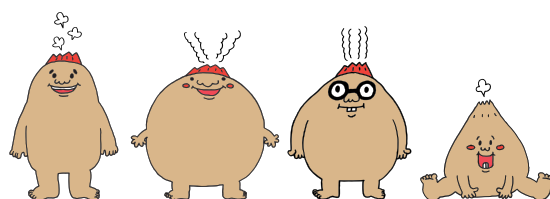
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(Appendix)

List of Member Cities

Auckland, New Zealand	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand	Kumamoto, Japan
Brisbane, Commonwealth of Australia	Manila, Republic of the Philippines
Busan, Republic of Korea	Miyazaki, Japan
Changsha, People's Republic of China	Nagasaki, Japan
Dalian, People's Republic of China	Naha, Japan
Fukuoka, Japan	Oita, Japan
Guangzhou, People's Republic of China	Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia
Gwangyang, Republic of Korea	Pohang, Republic of Korea
Ho Chi Minh City, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	Saga, Japan
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, People's Republic of China	Shanghai, People's Republic of China
Honolulu, United States of America	Singapore, Republic of Singapore
Ipoh, Malaysia	Taiyuan, People's Republic of China
Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia	Tarlac Province, Republic of the Philippines
Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Republic of Korea	Urumqi, People's Republic of China
Kagoshima, Japan	Vladivostok, Russian Federation
Kitakyushu, Japan	Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar



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