

Asian-Pacific City Summit (APCS) Press 2011 VOL-13 2011 Kagoshima Working-level Conference Special Report

Asian Pacific City Summit (APCS) is an international city network proposed by Fukuoka City and was established in 1994. The Summit has since been held every other year as an international conference of leaders of the Asia-Pacific region striving for “furthering collaboration and networking among cities of the Asian Pacific region”. It currently has 29 member cities/regions from 13 countries.

The 9th Working-level Conference in Kagoshima was successfully closed

Asian-Pacific City Summit 9th Working-level Conference in KAGOSHIMA was held from August 19 to 20, 2011 in Kagoshima City, Japan, and 70 representatives of 18 cities from 7 countries participated in the meeting.

Kagoshima City locates in the south part of Japan, and the city is one of the few cities in the world with an active volcano. The city attracts about 9 million people annually. Kagoshima City is the birthplace of modern industrialization in Japan, and by the opening of the entire Kyushu Shinkansen route in March, 2011, the City became the southern edge of Japanese high-speed railroad network, which is more than 2,100 kilometers. The city’s further growth has been highly expected. The following is the report of the conference.

<http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/practical/index.html>



Group photo of participants



Opening remarks by Mayor of Kagoshima City



Each city presented their advanced environmental efforts.



Keynote speech “Urban Development in the 21st Century”
Mr. Takejiro SUEYOSHI, UNEPFI Special Advisor

Greeting by Ms. Sachiyo HOSHINO, Special Advisor to the Director, UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific FUKUOKA



More than 120 citizens who are interested in environmental issues eagerly listened to each presentation.



[Kagoshima City (Japan)]

Kagoshima City's Waste Disposal Administration



[Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Thailand)]

Sustainable Development of Bangkok (New Urban Policies under the Global Economic Crisis)



[Busan Metropolitan City (Korea)]

Policies for Promoting Countermeasures against Climate Change



[Changsha City (China)]

Pursuing an Environment of Sustainable Development – Environmental Protection and Ecological Construction of Changsha



[Fukuoka City (Japan)]

Effective Use of Wastewater Resources and International Cooperation in Fukuoka City



[Gwangyang City (Korea)]

Environmental Preservation and Improvement through Cooperation with Local Community



[Ipoh City (Malaysia)]

Environmental Health Challenges in Sewerage Management



[Joint presentation: Kagoshima University + Depok City (Indonesia)]

Sustainable Energy Education due to Solidarity



[Kitakyushu City (Japan)]

City of Kitakyushu's Approach to a Sustainable Society – Green Frontier Plan to Eco Model City -



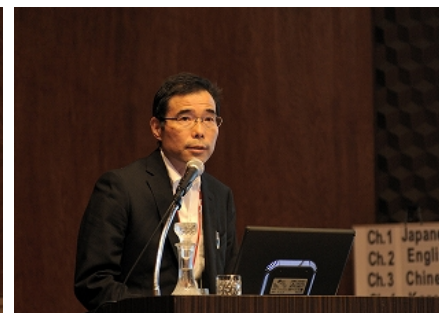
[Kumamoto City (Japan)]

Sustainable Groundwater Preservation in Kumamoto



[Vladivostok City (Russia)]

Vladivostok's Environment Initiatives



[Special Presentation: Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture]

Great East Japan Earthquake

August 19

The conference was held at the venue with a splendid view of the Sakurajima, an active volcano and the symbol of Kagoshima City. The theme for the conference was “Linking together to build earth-friendly cities”, and Mr. Takejiro Sueyoshi, UNEPFI Special Advisor gave a keynote speech on the challenges we should address in urban development in the 21st century. Ms. Sachiyo Hoshino, Special Advisor to the Director, UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office reported its reconstruction assistance in developing countries.

Participating cities made presentations on their advanced environmental projects such as waste management, greenhouse gas reduction, and low-carbon city development. A representative from Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture reported on the Great East Japan Earthquake, and it helped the participants to consider actions of municipalities after such disasters.

In response to the presentations, participants released a joint declaration for the first time at a working-level conference. In “Kagoshima Joint Declaration”, participating cities pledged to seriously consider the environment and to contribute to people-friendly and earth-friendly city development. It also stated that they would provide maximum support to disaster areas for their recovery. This declaration will be passed to the Pohang Summit (Korea) in 2012.

After the conference, we had a press conference and TV and newspaper companies in Kagoshima City covered the conference. The 9th Working-level Conference was reported in newspapers in prefectures in Kyushu Island.



Joint Press Conference



City Panel Exhibition outside the conference hall

Kagoshima Joint Declaration

We, having hosted the Asian-Pacific City Summit 9th Working-level Conference in Kagoshima City, pledge the following.

1. We will endorse the initiatives presented at this conference, and the opinions exchanged, for building a low-carbon, environment-coexisting, recycling-oriented society. We, as a local self-governing body, agree to contribute towards people and earth-friendly city development.
2. At this conference, we have been able to deepen our understanding of leading waste disposal methods and pollution counter-measures of various cities. We have also been able to learn about the environment together with the next generation of youths, gaining a deeper awareness of what each of us can do, and how our lives are all connected to the earth.
3. As such, we will endeavour to enforce our policies through the mutual teaching of the initiatives presented at this conference, and work together to protect the environment. Furthermore, we consider it integral to cooperate with cities beyond our country borders in order to undertake more effective environmental initiatives, and intend to engage in fruitful Mayor-level discussion at the 10th Asian-Pacific City Summit to be held in Pohang City, Korea next year in 28th~30th July.
4. Countless precious lives were lost as a result of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and even now, many people are still living within distressing conditions. We express our deepest sympathies towards the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. We will use the networks established during this conference to spread accurate information pertaining to the site, and provide long-term

assistance to restoration efforts in order to fully cooperate with the speedy recovery of the cities and economy.

5. Agreeing to these items declared during the 9th Working-level Conference in Kagoshima, we pledge to carry it on into next year's 10th Asian-Pacific City Summit.

19th August 2011
Kagoshima City, Japan

August 20



Briefing on the facility at North Waste Disposal Plant

On the second day of the conference, we visited environmental facilities in Kagoshima City. Participants saw “North Waste Disposal Plant, a recycling facility which adopts latest pollution prevention technology, and “Kagoshima Museum of Environment”, a main facility for environmental education and recycling. They also attended a meeting with Kagoshima University and local high school students, who are creating art works by using empty cans. It was an extremely valuable experience for participants to have a firsthand experience of environmental facilities/measures, and to think about their cities’ policies. Representatives of participating cities highly appreciated the city tour as cases of Kagoshima would become helpful for their future policies.



Participants were taking a serious look at the waste treatment process.



Brief on-sight lecture at the Kagoshima Museum of the environment



Overseas participants were taking close look at ingenious exhibits.



Participants received explanation of art works made of empty cans by Kagoshima University and local high school students.

Future Conferences for Asian-Pacific City Summit



Pohang City, the host for the next Asian-Pacific City Summit in 2012



Kumamoto City, the host for the Asian-Pacific City Summit in 2013

Pohang City, Korea will host the 10th Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors Conference) in 2012, and Kumamoto City, Japan will host the 11th Asian-Pacific City Summit in 2013.

【Pohang City Website <http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/city/korea/pohang/index.html>】
【Kumamoto City Website <http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/city/japan/kumamoto/>】

●Asian-Pacific City Summit Member Cities 29 cities /13 countries

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