

International Forum on the “FutureCity” Initiative



The “FutureCity” Initiative aims to resolve common global issues such as the environment and aging societies, etc. in order to create cities that are home to human-centered value. Through the efforts to realize world-leading examples to resolve those challenges and disseminate them both within and outside Japan, the “FutureCity” Initiative strives to achieve a revitalized and sustainable society.

The objectives of the international Forum on the “FutureCity” Initiative are to introduce the “FutureCities” selected in December 2011 and to disseminate the concept of the “FutureCity” Initiative both within and outside Japan. The Forum also aims at taking a first step towards the building of an international network through facilitating the exchange of advice and suggestions by the world’s leading intellectuals. In addition, we would also like to take this opportunity to report on the progress of reconstruction in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake. We look forward to your participation.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Venue: Nikkei Hall, Tokyo

Organizer: Cabinet Secretariat
Cabinet Office

International Forum Schedule

◆Part1 : Symposium (10:00~12:30)

10:00~10:10 **Opening Remarks**

10:10~10:30 **Introduction of the Initiative : “FutureCity” Initiative – Message from Japan towards the Resolution of Common Global Issues –**

Dr. Shuzo Murakami , President, Building Research Institute (Chairman of Learned Persons’ Study Group for the “FutureCity” Initiative / Chairman of Study Group for “FutureCity” Evaluation and Research)

10:30~10:50 **Keynote Speech : Expectations and Suggestions for the “FutureCity” Initiative**

H.E. Ms. Pia Olsen Dyhr , Minister for Trade and Investment of the Kingdom of Denmark

10:50~12:30 **Panel Discussion :**

Fighting the Challenges of Common Global Issues and International Cooperation

Coordinator : Dr. Shuzo Murakami

Panelists : Mr. Seth Schultz (Director of Research, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group)

Mr. Gino Van Begin (Deputy Secretary General, Regional Director for Europe, ICLEI)

Dr. John Beard (Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course, WHO)

◆Part2 : Panel Session (13:30~16:00)

The afternoon sessions will be separated into three sections in accordance with the factors necessary to realize “FutureCities”, namely, environmental value, social value (aging society), and economic value.

●Session on Environment

The panel session on environment is to be held as International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities in Tokyo (Organizer: Promotion Council for the Low-Carbon Cities).

For more information, refer to the materials for International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities

●Session on Aging Society : *City Frameworks in Aging Societies – Challenges and Possibilities*

13:30~13:50 **Focus of Discussions**

Dr. Hiroko Akiyama (Professor, Institute of Gerontology, the University of Tokyo)

13:50~14:50 **Introduction of Examples and Presentation**

Mr. Masashi Mori (Mayor, City of Toyama)

Mr. Masato Tachibana (Director General of Health and Social Welfare Bureau, City of Yokohama)

Dr. John Beard (Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course, WHO)

Dr. Zuo Xuejin (Executive Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Science)

14:50~16:00 **Panel Discussion**

●Session on Economy : *Self-Sustained Cycle for Value Creation*

13:30~13:35 **Focus of Discussions**

Mr. Keisuke Takegahara (Director, Environmental Initiative & CSR Department, Development Bank of Japan)

13:35~14:25 **Introduction of Examples and Presentation**

Mr. Takashi Kasuga (Executive Director, Future City Project Headquarters, Shimokawa Town)

Mr. Hiroyasu Akiyama (Mayor, City of Kashiwa)

Dr. Ulf Ranhagen (Chief Architect, SWECO Architects AB)

Ms. Pipah Mohd Nasir (General Manager, Business Development, Setia Haruman Sdn Bhd)

14:25~16:00 **Panel Discussion**

◆Part3 : Special Session (16:15~17:40)

16:15~17:40 **Reconstruction of “FutureCities” in Disaster-Affected Areas**

Coordinator: Dr. Hiroshi Komiyama (Chairman, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.)

Commentator: Dr. Tjokorda Nirarta Samadhi (Deputy, V of Indonesia President’s Delivery Unit)

Speakers: Mr. Kimiaki Toda (Mayor, City of Ofunato)

Mr. Takenori Noda (Mayor, City of Kamaishi)

Mr. Tsuneaki Iguchi (Mayor, City of Iwanuma)

Mr. Morio Furuyama (Head of the Revival Policy Part, City of Higashimatsushima)

Mr. Katsunobu Sakurai (Mayor, City of Minamisoma)

Mr. Yoshifumi Tokita (Manager, Plan Promotion Section, Shinchi Town)

◆Conclusion (17:40~18:10)

◆Part1 : Symposium (10:00~12:30)



Dr. Shuzo Murakami

Dr. Shuzo Murakami, Ph. D. (engineering) is a professor emeritus at the University of Tokyo. He has served as visiting professor at the Technical University of Denmark and professor at Keio University. He has held Chairman posts for the Central Examination Committee for Architects, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; International Organization of Construction and Housing; and Low-Carbon Society Round Table, Eco-Model Cities for the Low Carbon Society. His areas of research include architecture and urban environment, and sustainable environment engineering.



H.E. Ms. Pia Olsen Dyhr

H.E. Ms. Pia Olsen Dyhr has been a member of the Danish Parliament since 2007 (Socialist People's Party). She became the Minister for Trade and Investment of the Kingdom of Denmark in 2011. She has served as the International Coordinator for the "Nature Conservation Society, Denmark" (2003-2006). She has also chaired the 92 Groups Forum for Sustainable Development (2006-2007). MA (political science) University of Copenhagen.



Mr. Seth Schultz

Mr. Seth Schultz is Director of Research at C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and oversees the development of the organization's research agenda and in that role, works with key partners to develop tools and analysis to help further the goal of helping cities reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Prior to this he created the Climate Positive Development Program, a collaboration between the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) and the US Green Building Council (USGBC), that supports the development of large-scale urban projects striving to reduce the amount of on-site CO2 emissions to below zero.



Mr. Gino Van Begin

Mr. Gino Van Begin, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Director for Europe, ICLEI, is also a member of the Steering Committee of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign. He co-drafted the 2004 Aalborg Commitments on urban sustainability. He was a member of the EU Expert Group to the European Commission on Urban Environment from 2003 until 2006. He has also served as a judge for the "European Green Capital" Award. He joined ICLEI 12 years ago, and was appointed his current post in 2007.



Dr. John Beard

Dr. John Beard is Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course with the World Health Organization in Geneva. He works with the global community to meet the challenges, and to maximize the benefits, associated with the rapid ageing of their populations. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Action Council on Ageing. John is an Australian physician who has held a range of senior public health and academic roles in Australia and the USA. He has published widely in the international literature and remains actively involved in several large international research studies.

●C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

C40 was advocated by the Lord Mayor of London and was founded in 2005. It is a network of the largest cities in the world committed to battling climate change, facilitating global leadership on climate change initiatives, sharing knowledge and facilitating cooperation among cities. Members include 40 member cities and 19 affiliate cities.

●ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI is an international association of local governments committed to sustainable development. It was established at the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future at the United Nations in New York in 1990. Today, members include more than 1,200 local governments from 70 countries.

●WHO (World Health Organization)

With the aim of realizing "age-friendly cities", WHO published the "WHO Global Age-friendly Cities Guide" in 2007. WHO also launched a Global Network of Age-friendly Cities with the goal of facilitating cooperation among 500 cities and regions from 14 countries.

◆Part2 : Panel Session (13:30~16:00)

*See next page for presenters from "FutureCities"

For the information, refer to the materials for "International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities in Tokyo"

Session on Aging Society: City Frameworks in Aging Societies – Challenges and Possibilities



Dr. Hiroko Akiyama

Dr. Hiroko Akiyama earned Ph.D. (Psychology) at the University of Illinois. She has worked as a fellow at the United States National Research Institute for Aging, a professor at University of Michigan, Social Science Research Institute, and Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology at the University of Tokyo (social psychology), and has been in the present post since 2006. Recent years she has been engaged in developing communities that address the needs of super-aged societies and pursuing a way of better life in a super-aged society.



Dr. Zuo Xuejin

Dr. Zuo Xuejin specializes in population economics, urban development, and social security system restructuring. He is currently Vice President of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences in China, Managing Director of Economic Research Institute, and Director of Center for Urban and Regional Development. He has published many books and academic literatures. He is currently engaged as the research representative in a study project "aging and socio-economic policy in the 21st Century in China".

Session on Economy: Self-Sustained Cycle for Value Creation



Mr. Keisuke Takegahara

Mr. Takegahara graduated from Faculty of Law at Hitotsubashi University in 1989. He has worked at Development Bank of Japan, Ltd., served in Policy Planning Department and as Chief Representative in Frankfurt, held the current position since 2011.



Dr. Ulf Ranhagen

Professor Ranhagen, Chief Architect, of SWECO Architects AB, is a qualified regional and urban planner with broad experience of strategic urban planning from the regional level to the detailed level in Sweden and abroad. Being both a practitioner and researcher he has also been involved in a number of projects bridging the gap between theory and practice.



Ms. Pipah Mohd Nasir

Ms. Pipah Mohd Nasir is currently General Manager of Business Development at Setia Haruman Sdn Bhd. Working closely with senior executives from various corporations within Cyberjaya tasked with the development of Cyberjaya city. In recognition of the Malaysian Government's current emphasis on promoting Green Technology initiatives, Pipah is aggressively publicizing the company's active involvement in advancing the green cause within the development of Cyberjaya city. Together with other stakeholders, Setia Haruman is committed to ensuring that Cyberjaya's goal of becoming a Green City is a reality.

◆Part3 : Special Session (16:15~17:40)



Dr. Hiroshi Komiyama

Dr. Hiroshi Komiyama graduated from Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering in 1967 and earned Ph.D. at Graduate School of Engineering in 1972, both at the University of Tokyo. Since 1988, he had been a professor, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Chairman of Graduate School of Engineering, Vice President, and the 28th President of the University of Tokyo in 2005 until his resign in March ,2009. He has held the current post since April ,2009.



Dr. Tjokorda Nirarta Samadhi

Dr. Tjokorda Nirarta Samadhi is Director of Planning and Management Agency Aceh-Nias Restoration and Reconstruction between in September 2006 and December 2008. Deputy Secretary and Project Director between January 2008 and April 2009. Senior Assistant Chief of Indonesia President's office between November 2009 and December 2011. Deputy, V of Indonesia President's Delivery Unit from January 2012 to present.

◆“FutureCity” Presenters

【Non Disaster-Affected Areas】

The International Conference : Speaker

Session on Aging Society : Speakers

Session on Economy : Speakers



Mr. Toshikazu Matsuoka
Chief Executive, Environmental Bureau, City of Kitakyushu



Mr. Masashi Mori
Mayor, City of Toyama



Mr. Masato Tachibana
Director General Health & Social Welfare Bureau, City of Yokohama



Mr. Takashi Kasuga
Executive Director, Future City Project Headquarters, Shimokawa Town



Mr. Hiroyasu Akiyama
Mayor, City of Kashiwa

【 Disaster-Affected Areas 】 Special Session : Speakers



Mr. Kimiaki Toda
Mayor, City of Ofunato



Mr. Takenori Noda
Mayor, City of Kamaishi



Mr. Tsuneaki Iguchi
Mayor, City of Iwanuma



Mr. Morio Furuyama
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Mr. Katsunobu Sakurai
Mayor, City of Minamisoma



Mr. Yoshifumi Tokita
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◆Venue

3rd floor, Nikkei Hall

Part1 Symposium
Part2 International Conference on Promoting Low-Carbon Cities in Tokyo
Part3 Special Session

6th floor, Conference Room

Part1 Satellite Venue
Part2 Session on Aging Society
Session on Economy
Part3 Satellite Venue

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