# International Forum on the "FutureCity" Initiative

◆Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

◆ Venue: NIKKEI Hall (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

◆Sponsors: Cabinet Secretariat and Cabinet Office

#### Participants from Japan and worldwide: approximately 600

- 43 national and municipal officials, professors, and other researchers from approximately 20 nations in
   Asia and elsewhere (Participants of JICA-sponsored "FutureCity" initiative promotion seminar)
- Approximately 560 people from "FutureCities," eco-model cities, national and municipal governments, private firms, universities and research institutes, citizens, etc.

#### Overseas Invitees: 10

- •Minister for Trade and Investment, Denmark: Pia Olsen Dyhr
- -C40: Seth Schultz, Director of Research
- •ICLEI: Gino Van Begin, Deputy Director General
- •WHO: John Beard, Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course
- Surabaya, Indonesia: Tri Rismaharini, Mayor
- Copenhagen, Denmark: Ritt Bjerregaard, Former Lord Mayor
- Shanghai, China: Zuo Xuejin, Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
- •SWECO: Ulf Ranhagen, Langerhagen, Senior Advisor
- •Setia Haruman: Pipah Mohd Nasir, Head, Business Development Department
- Indonesia: Tjokorda Nirarta Samadi, Acting Director General, Operational Office of the
   President for Development Oversight and Control







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## **♦**Purpose

The purpose is to promote the "FutureCity" initiative by:

- 1 broadening understanding of and support for the "FutureCities" Initiative and related actions taken by the selected cities;
- 2 seeking advice and feedback from knowledgeable people in Japan and worldwide; and
- 3 taking the first steps in forming an international network for collaboration.

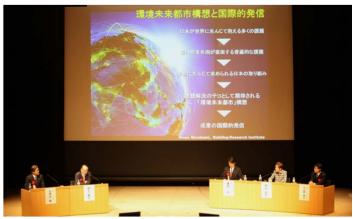


[Part 1] Introduction of purpose, keynote speech, panel discussion

[Part 2] International Conference on Promoting Low-Carbon Cities
Aging Societies Session (social value)
Economic Session (economic value)

[Part 3] Special Session (introduction of FutureCity efforts in the disaster areas); wrap-up





### Achievements (common understandings)

[Overview] "The importance of environmental, social, and economic values"

- 1 Human-centered (high level of resident participation, cooperation, and support; drawing in multiple players)
- 2 Establishing the uniqueness and comparative advantages of cities (history, tradition, geographical characteristics, environmental and energy conservation technology, etc.)
- 3 Establishing self-sustaining economic circulatory systems (long-term perspective, public-private collaboration, development of intellectual clusters)
- 4 The need for inter-city network collaboration (sharing commonality, diversity, self-sustaining mutual collaboration, and wisdom on urban environment problems)
- ⑤ Projecting success stories worldwide (participating in and utilizing global networks, continuing the International Forum)