

# Asian-Pacific City Summit Newsletter No.22 August 2013 Edition

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## I Program of the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific City Summit in Kumamoto City has been announced

We believe our member cities have received information from Kumamoto City about the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific City Summit. We have included the outline of the Summit in this newsletter.

1. Outline of the Summit (As of July 9)	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Thursday, October 31 Welcome Reception</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">15:00~17:00</td> <td>Courtesy call with Mayor of Kumamoto City</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19:00~</td> <td>Welcome Reception</td> </tr> </table>	15:00~17:00	Courtesy call with Mayor of Kumamoto City	19:00~	Welcome Reception																														
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<p>(1) Duration of the Summit Thursday, October 31 to Saturday, November 2, 2013</p> <p>(2) Theme Initiatives for Livable City Development Sub theme -Realizing a community where citizens can live and work safely and comfortably-</p> <p>(3) Languages used 4 languages English Chinese Korean Japanese</p> <p>(4) Possible participants About 150 people from 35 cities Member cities Friendship/Sister Cities and so on</p> <p>And Observers</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Friday, November 1 The 11th Asian-Pacific City Summit Venue: Hotel Nikko Kumamoto</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">9:00~9:15 (10 min.)</td> <td>Opening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:15~9:35 (20 min.)</td> <td>Opening Address by the Host: Mayor of Kumamoto City Greeting by the Founding City: Mayor of Fukuoka City</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:35~10:05 (30 min.)</td> <td>Keynote Speech Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Director of UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:05~10:20</td> <td>Special Keynote Speech Mr. Julian Castro, Mayor of San Antonio</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:20~11:10 5 cities×10 min.</td> <td>Coffee Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11:10~12:00 (50 min.)</td> <td>Presentation from participating cities (Mayors) Presentations 1 - 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12:00~13:30</td> <td>Discussion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13:30~14:20 5 cities×10 min.</td> <td>Lunch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14:20~15:20 (60 min.)</td> <td>Presentation from participating cities (Mayors/Deputy Mayors) Presentations 6-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15:20~15:35</td> <td>Discussion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15:35~16:10</td> <td>Coffee Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16:10~16:30</td> <td>Summary Summary of the Meeting, Joint Declaration, the 11th Asian-Pacific City Summit Agenda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16:30~16:50</td> <td>Others Greeting by future hosts of Asian-Pacific City Summit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16:50~17:10</td> <td>Closing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17:10~18:30</td> <td>Photo Session</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18:30~19:00</td> <td>Press Conference</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19:00~20:30</td> <td>Official Dinner</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Saturday, November 2 City Tour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">City Tour 1 9:30~16:00, City Tour 2 9:30~12:00</p>	9:00~9:15 (10 min.)	Opening	9:15~9:35 (20 min.)	Opening Address by the Host: Mayor of Kumamoto City Greeting by the Founding City: Mayor of Fukuoka City	9:35~10:05 (30 min.)	Keynote Speech Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Director of UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka	10:05~10:20	Special Keynote Speech Mr. Julian Castro, Mayor of San Antonio	10:20~11:10 5 cities×10 min.	Coffee Break	11:10~12:00 (50 min.)	Presentation from participating cities (Mayors) Presentations 1 - 5	12:00~13:30	Discussion	13:30~14:20 5 cities×10 min.	Lunch	14:20~15:20 (60 min.)	Presentation from participating cities (Mayors/Deputy Mayors) Presentations 6-10	15:20~15:35	Discussion	15:35~16:10	Coffee Break	16:10~16:30	Summary Summary of the Meeting, Joint Declaration, the 11th Asian-Pacific City Summit Agenda	16:30~16:50	Others Greeting by future hosts of Asian-Pacific City Summit	16:50~17:10	Closing	17:10~18:30	Photo Session	18:30~19:00	Press Conference	19:00~20:30	Official Dinner
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## 2. City presentations

\*For details, please refer to the attached document of information from Kumamoto City.

Presentation Length	Initiatives for Livable City Development	Your presentation can focus on the theme as a whole or you may choose areas and sectors which your city is focusing on from the subtheme.
Presentation Time	About 10 minutes per presentation	The time is subject to change depending on the number of cities wish to make presentation.
Submission method of presentation materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please use PowerPoint format for the material for screen projection.</li> <li>• Please also submit a presentation script.</li> <li>• Language of materials: Chinese, Korean and Japanese cities: Native Language and English Other cities: English only (Both PowerPoint presentation and presentation script)</li> </ul>	

## II Introducing Kumamoto City

Kumamoto City is where comfortable urban functions coexist with rich natural environment, history and culture. Please visit and experience it for yourself!



Kumamoto City is located in the center of Kyushu Island, southern part of the Japanese Archipelago. It is about 30 minutes away from Fukuoka City by Shinkansen.

With a population of around 730,000, the city has inherited historical legacies and traditional culture including Kumamoto Castle, and is blessed with crystalline groundwater and greenery. The city is a fine mixture of comfortable urban functions and rich natural environment.

Kumamoto City aims to become "the most livable ordinance-designated city in Japan." In order for its citizens to experience the city's livability, it continues to develop a safe and secure city by such measures as disaster prevention, child rearing, improvement of medical services and underground water protection.



Kumamoto City is the only city in Japan with a population over 500,000 whose citizens' drinking water is 100% supplied by groundwater. All the citizens are blessed with abundant and good quality of water.

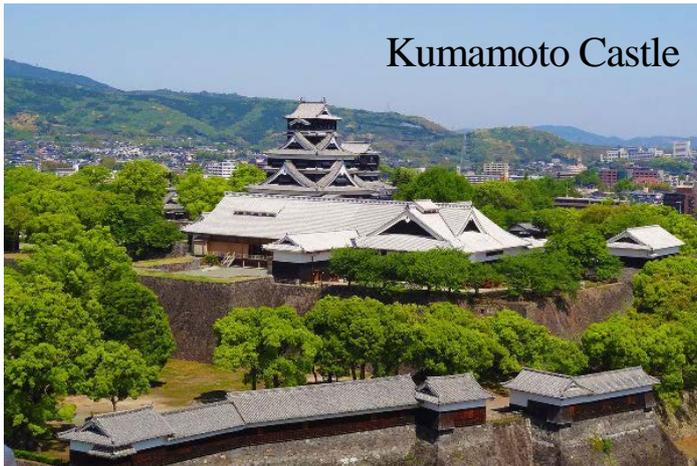
The city has been protecting the groundwater in order to pass on this irreplaceable and invaluable resource, the fruit of the power of magnificent nature and efforts of people, to posterity. The city's efforts were appreciated, and as a result, the city received the 'Water for Life' UN-Water Best Practices Award in March this year.



Agriculture and marine products are grown in the crystal clear water and rich natural environment. Not only the output of these products is one of the largest in Japan, but the city is also proud of their high quality and freshness, safety and tastiness. During the Summit, Kumamoto City will offer dishes which allow you to enjoy these products. Don't miss that opportunity!



Food



Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Castle is built by Kato Kiyomasa, a warlord known as a skilled castle builder. The construction started in 1601 and took 7 years to complete. It ranks as one of the three most famous castles in Japan.

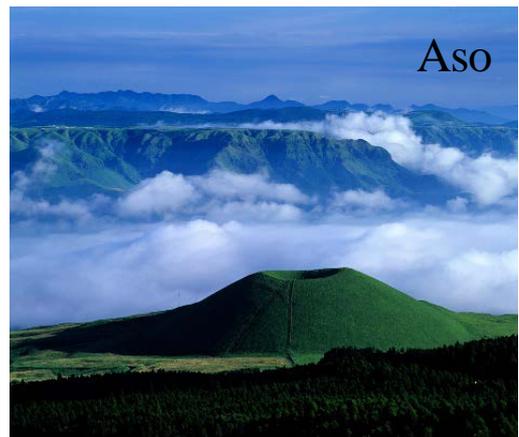
\*To be included in the both city tours 1 and 2 on November 2.



Only city in Asia

Kumamoto City is the only Fair Trade City in Asia, which was certified as the first Fair Trade City in Asia and the 1,000<sup>th</sup> in the world.

The International Fair Trade Towns Conference will be held in Kumamoto next March.



Aso

Mt. Aso has one of the largest calderas in the world. The beautiful field, which is designated as "Aso-Kuju National Park," is an inherited property treasured and maintained by people in the form of annual burning.

There are an active volcano, water sources and hot springs in the area and you will be able to fully enjoy the vast nature in many ways.

\*To be included in the city tour 1.

### III News from UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka (The first installment)

★Director of UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific – Fukuoka will make a keynote speech at this year's Asian-Pacific City Summit. From this edition, they will share their activities with us.★

#### ○What is UN-HABITAT?

- UN-HABITAT is established in Nairobi, Kenya in 1978. The official name is The United Nations Human Settlements Programme and is the lead agency within the UN system for coordinating activities in the field of human settlement development.



\*The logo of UN-HABITAT symbolizes people, shelter and world.

- Under the action policy of "addressing the challenges of rapid urbanization", UN-HABITAT has been engaging in a wide range of activities as follows:
  1. Slum upgrading, poverty reduction
  2. Post natural disaster and conflict rehabilitation, basic service provision
  3. Policy proposals to national governments and local authorities, development of human resources

#### ○UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) - Fukuoka

- The UN-HABITAT regional office which oversees 28 countries in Asia and the Pacific region was established in Fukuoka City, Japan in 1997. (There are Regional Office for Africa and the Arab States in Nairobi, Kenya and Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.)

About 20 officials are managing and operating projects in countries and areas of their responsibility at the UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka. Ongoing projects geographically spread out to 80 places in 14 countries and 1,400 officials are working there.

- While economy is rapidly growing, gaps between areas, cities and inner-city are widening in Asia. Mass migration from villages to cities has brought the sharp increase in urban population. But development of infrastructures and basic services has not caught up with population growth. It results in serious urban issues such as expansion of slums, widening of social disparity, deterioration of living environment including water, waste and sanitation, and greater burden on natural environment.

In order to address such challenges sustainably, UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka is improving urban environment by slum upgrading, poverty reduction and self-sustained community management, and making policy proposals to national governments and local authorities.

- At the same time, the area of Asia is vulnerable to natural disasters and known for unceasing conflicts. Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunami, the earthquake and the flood in Pakistan, the cyclone in Myanmar, conflicts in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka are still fresh in our minds.

UN-HABITAT ROAP-Fukuoka is also focusing on such reconstruction projects as rehabilitation of housings which were destroyed by natural disasters and conflicts, restoration of basic services, and education and training for people to support themselves.

(We would like to introduce you to several specific projects from next edition.)

## IV Used small electronics collection project

★ Article from a Member City (Fukuoka City)★

Collecting mobile phones, portable music players and other electronics (Recycling of rare metals)

Small electronics, including mobile phones, contain valuable metallic resources, such as gold, silver and copper, and numerous rare metals, including palladium. About 650,000 tons of small electronics are discarded each year in Japan; 280,000 tons of them are valuable metals and their value is estimated to be 80 billion yen. These recovered metals from used small electronics can be reused as resources, and they are called as "urban mines."

Fukuoka City has executed a model project of collecting small electronics since June 2010 in partnership with Kitakyushu City and private companies. The city decided to implement this project in full swing this year, in addition to the 41 existing collection boxes, 25 new boxes are to be installed at each Ward Office, subway stations, supermarkets in the city within this fiscal year.

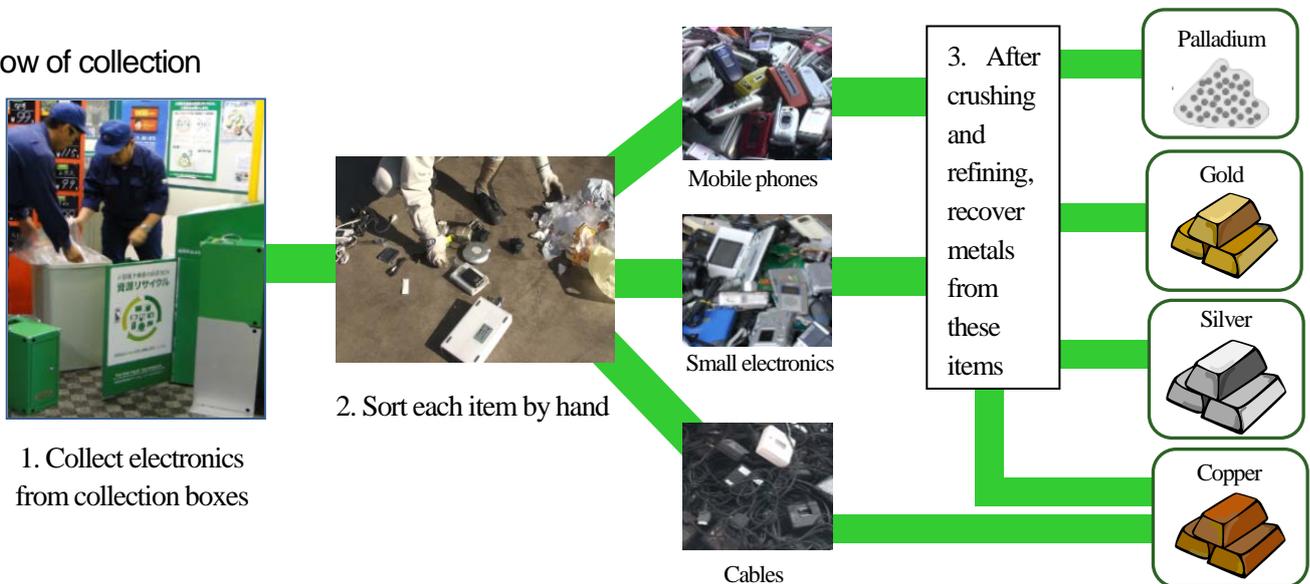
With this collection project, small electronics dropped off at collection boxes by the citizens are turned over to recyclers. After the process of sorting, crushing and refining, valuable metals, including rare metals, are recovered.

In 2012, the city collected about 1,800 kg of small electronics and recovered metals were recycled as parts or raw materials for new products.

The city will continue to promote recycling of resources by calling for citizens' cooperation in collection of mobile phones, portable audio players and other items which are no longer in use or broken.

Section in charge: Recycling Promotion Section, Environmental Bureau, Fukuoka City

### Flow of collection



★To all the contact persons of our member cities: We are waiting for articles from you.

Please feel free to send us information on hot topics and new projects of your city and your efforts to address urban issues that might be helpful to other cities.

(Newsletters are posted on the Asian-Pacific City Summit website and sent to member cities and other addresses via email.)



## Future Asian-Pacific City Summit Conferences

Date	Name of the Conference/ Theme	Host City
October 31 - November 2, 2013	The 11 <sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors' Summit) Theme: Initiatives for Livable City Development - Realizing a community where citizens can live and work safely and comfortably -	Kumamoto City (Japan)
July 2014 (Scheduled)	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Working-Level Conference Theme: Balanced Life and Sustainable Living (Tentative)	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Kingdom of Thailand)
2015 (Scheduled)	The 12 <sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors' Summit) Theme: Youth Policy in the Cities (Tentative)	Vladivostok City (Russian Federation)

The Asian-Pacific City Summit has been building cooperative relations and networks among cities through Mayors' Summits, Working-Level Conferences and other activities, working toward solutions for urban problems in the Asia-Pacific region.

Asian-Pacific City Summit Member Cities 30 Cities from 13 Countries

Auckland City (New Zealand)	Kagoshima City (Japan)
Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Thailand)	Kitakyushu City (Japan)
Brisbane City (Australia)	Kuala Lumpur City (Malaysia)
Busan Metropolitan City (Korea)	Kumamoto City (Japan)
Changsha City (China)	Manila City (The Philippines)
Dalian City (China)	Miyazaki City (Japan)
Fukuoka City (Japan)	Nagasaki City (Japan)
Guangzhou City (China)	Naha City (Japan)
Gwangyang City (Korea)	Oita City (Japan)
Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)	Pohang City (Korea)
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (China)	Saga City (Japan)
Honolulu City (USA)	Shanghai City (China)
Ipoh City (Malaysia)	Republic of Singapore
Jakarta Capital City Government (Indonesia)	Urumqi City (China)
Jeju Special Self-Governing Province (Korea)	Vladivostok City (Russia)

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