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I. The 10th Working-Level Conference to be held in Bangkok on December 17-18

*The date has changed.

The Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors' Summit) shall, in principal, be held every two years, and the Working-Level Conference, between the Mayors' Summits. For the year of 2014, the 10th Working-Level Conference is scheduled to be held in Bangkok. In response to the recent political situation in Thailand, the conference date has changed. The theme for the conference is "Balanced Life and Sustainable Living." Cities intend to make a presentation will choose its theme from the following subthemes.



1) Aging Society

(What project(s) is your city preparing or implementing for elderly people in order to harmonize with aging society?)

2) Accessibility and equity to public resources

(How are public resources and services shared among your citizens? How can resources, skills, and opportunity be efficiently used for all?)

The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), the host, will send detailed information regarding the conference to member cities at a future date. In this edition, we introduce you to an outline of Bangkok, which aims to become a livable city for elderly people.

Outline of Bangkok

Bangkok is a city of great variety in its art, culture, traditions, architecture, lifestyles and culinary arts. These qualities have been accumulating for centuries, and have shaped Thailand's capital city in a very fascinating way. Three times now, Bangkok has been awarded "World's Best City" as voted by readers of *Travel & Leisure Magazine*, for the year 2008, 2010, and 2011.

Population 5,686,252 (December 2013)	Number of Household 2,593,827 (December 2013)
Male 2,694,921	Land Area 1,568.74 km ²
Female 2,991,331	Population Density 3,625/km ² (December 2013)
Number of BMA's officials & employees	89,737 (January 2014)



Outline of the project(s) relating to the theme of the conference

Aging Society:

The BMA has already prepared plans for the increasing elderly population. There are more than 700,000 elderly from the population-based registers with more than 5 million, thus encouraging its officials to take care of the elderly in many ways, not only the nursing cares but also activities throughout the year. For example, BMA's Health Department has been serving the medical and public health center which focus on serving the quality services, equal accession, promotion and treatment, rehabilitation of elderly.

Accessibility and equity to public resources:

Inequality has become a concerning issue and has created differentials in access of opportunity. The BMA's strategy to eradicate the unequal employment's opportunity is planned by focusing on the social development issue; it has established many social development centers to enhance equitable access of people in the society. Ways to increase opportunity for all include widening unemployed people's opportunity to apply more jobs by training working skill and giving advices and lessons to the prisoners to help them get some jobs after they are acquitted.



II. Promoting Asia-Pacific Development with Low Carbon Economy, Boosting Urban Progress with Industries -Introduction of Dalian China-Japan-South Korea Circular Economy Demonstration Base

★ News from a Member City (Dalian) ★

Against the backdrop that the world economic situation undergoing major changes and all the countries are coping with economic crisis and climate change in joint efforts, Chinese leaders proposed the initiative of constructing China-Japan-South Korea Circular Economy Demonstration Base at the 2nd Meeting of Leaders of China, Japan and South Korea in 2009. The main purpose of establishing this project is to learn from the successful experiences of Japan and South Korea in the field of circular economy, as well as to attract investments and technology of the two countries, so as to develop our own circular economy, realize the objectives of adjusting economic structure,

A collage of various Asian-Pacific cityscapes, including modern skyscrapers, traditional architecture, and coastal views.

promoting innovation, achieving the sustainable development in the regards of regional economy, society and environment. In May 2013, Dalian China-Japan-South Korea Circular Economy Demonstration Base passed the joint primary approval of relevant departments of Japan and South Korea and China and was defined as one of the three industrial zones featuring China-Japan-South Korea Circular Economy Demonstration Base.

Dalian is located in the southernmost of Northeast China, occupying an area of 12,573.85 square kilometers, with permanent resident population of 6.98 million. Dalian ranks among the first in northeast China and in the upstream of coastal cities in terms of economic development. Dalian represents an important international shipping center, logistics center and regional financial center in Northeast Asia. This city boasts of a favorable ecological environment and ranks the first among the top ten low carbon cities of China which were selected by the "Economist" magazine. Dalian is advanced in science and education. There are 22 universities, more than 200 research and development institutions in Dalian. A variety of high-level talents and scientific and technical payoffs are generated here in Dalian each year.

Dalian Recycling Industry Economic Zone is a major industrial zone listed in the national strategy of developing and opening up Liaoning coastal economic zone and enjoys all the preferential policies by the central government, Liaoning Province as well as Dalian City on developing Liaoning coastal economic zone. The Dalian National Eco-Industrial Demonstration Park in this area has been developed into national demonstration base of urban mineral, national venous industry, imported wastes management and China's Northeast Revitalization Strategy.

Dalian Recycling Industry Economic Zone is located alongside the northern yellow sea in Zhuanghe, Dalian. It is 1 hour's drive from the main city zone of Dalian. Occupying a planning area of 97.8 square kilometers, it is constructed with full consideration of linkage and integration among different industries and developed into an area with common development of three industries. The demonstration zone is divided into 10 functional zones, wherein venous industry zone, arterial industry zone and chemical new materials area compose the industrial part in which emerging industries, such as resources recycling and utilization, furniture, equipment manufacturing, offshore wind power, new materials and chemical industry are prioritized; circular agriculture zone, circular fishery zone, integrated service area of fishing port form the agricultural part in which green and organic agriculture, industrial aquaculture and multifunctional port service industry are prioritized; education R&D demonstration zone, cyclic service zone, demonstration zone of Dazheng low carbon town and duty-free ports represent the service part wherein emerging service sectors including education, R&D, recreation and public health are developed with the spirit of building smart city.

The construction goal of Dalian Recycling Industry Economic Zone is developing into a global first-class circular economic zone and the most competitive demonstration zone of urban mineral in northern China, as well as the demonstration zone of international cooperation in terms of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.

III. Sister City Agreement between Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, and Hai Phong City, Vietnam

★ News from a Member City (Kitakyushu)★

On April 18, 2014, Kitakyushu City concluded the sister city agreement with Hai Phong City, Vietnam.

Regarding the sister / friendship city partnership of Kitakyushu City, Hai Phong City became the 5th Sister City of Kitakyushu City after 26 years since Kitakyushu formed ties with Incheon Metropolitan City in 1988.



Signing Ceremony



Commemorative Reception



Water Treatment Technical Training

Kitakyushu City and Hai Phong City entered into the "Friendship and Partnership Agreement" in 2009, and Kitakyushu has been working on exchange and cooperation programs in various areas. In the waterworks field, Kitakyushu has introduced its "advanced water purifying technology" in Hai Phong. Another example is Wakamatsu Goheita Bayashi Society *Hibiki's* participation in the Red River Festival, the biggest festival of Hai Phong.

As this 5-year agreement came to expire in April 2014, both cities discussed based on these fruits of exchanges. As a result of the discussion, both cities decided to further develop their relationship into a sister city.

The signing ceremony took place in Kitakyushu City, with the welcoming of the 16-member delegation led by the Chairman of Hai Phong City. In the presence of Mr. Bui Quoc Thanh (Consul General of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Fukuoka), Mr. Kenji Kitahashi (Mayor of Kitakyushu) and Mr. Duong Anh Dien (Chairman of Hai Phong People's Committee) signed the agreement.

The conclusion of the sister city agreement is expected to diversify exchanges between the cities and further promote mutually beneficial exchanges.

These exchanges will promote urban environmental infrastructure businesses and further enhance business exchanges among SMEs of both cities, and thus benefit the economic growth of Kitakyushu City that takes in the vitality of Asia. Furthermore, Kitakyushu City hopes this relationship will contribute to the infrastructure development and the improvement of urban environment in Hai Phong City.

Sister Cities/Friendship Cities of Kitakyushu City

Tacoma City, USA: June 1959

Norfolk City, USA: July 1959

Dalian City, China: May 1979

Incheon Metropolitan City: December 1988

Hai Phong City, Vietnam: April 2014



Wakamatsu Goheita
Bayashi Society *Hibiki*
at the Red River Festival

★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
December 17-18, 2014 (Scheduled)	The 10 th Working-Level Conference Theme: Balanced Life and Sustainable Living (Tentative) The date has changed.	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Kingdom of Thailand)
2015 (Scheduled)	The 12 th Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors' Summit) Theme: Youth Policy in the Cities (Tentative)	Vladivostok City (Russian Federation)

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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)
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Ipoh City (Malaysia)	Republic of Singapore
Jakarta Capital City Government (Indonesia)	Urumqi City (China)
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