



Asian-Pacific City Summit Newsletter

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I. The 12th Asian-Pacific City Summit

The 12th Asian-Pacific City Summit, to be held in Fukuoka from August 1 to 3, 2018, is receiving numerous registrations to participate from mayor-level officials. In this edition, we will be sharing the latest news pertaining to the summit.

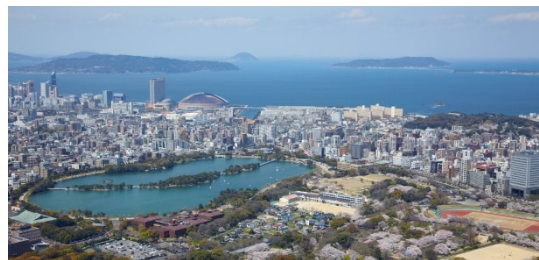


Photo by Fumio Hashimoto, provided by Fukuoka City.

[Latest Info]

1. Regarding Keynote Speakers

Among the keynote speakers for August 1, a lecture on the initiatives of private firms with regard to SDGs has been confirmed.

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“An independent initiative for realizing sustainable frameworks of growth via creative and accountable leadership by firms and other groups in their respective fields.”

(from Global Compact Network Japan’s website, translated)

2. Cooperation with International Organizations

As something we are trying for the first time with this summit, we will be welcoming representatives from international organizations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency. They will also be presenting on the programs and options that are available to cities in order to facilitate the participating cities’ future urban development.



II. 2018 Marks the 150th Anniversary of the Meiji Restoration! (Article from Kagoshima City)

The Meiji Restoration is a period which marked Japan's transition into a modern nation. One of the catalysts for this period of change lies in the former Satsuma Domain, now part of Kagoshima City. As of part of the city's PR materials, Kagoshima is promoting itself nationwide as the 'Birthplace of the Meiji Restoration' (Ishin no Furusato).

As a countdown project beginning in 2012, Kagoshima City has been hosting annual events themed around its rich history, and next year we are coming up on the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration. In preparation for this important milestone, we would like to introduce some of our initiatives that we have undertaken.



Themes Undertaken as part of the Meiji Restoration 150th Anniversary Countdown Project

| Year | Historical Events / Themes |
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| 2012 | 1862 Namamugi Incident / Anglo-Satsuma Exchange Began Here! |
| 2013 | 1863 Anglo-Satsuma War / Kagoshima in Confrontation with the Powerful West |
| 2014 | 1864 Establishment of School of Foreign Studies (Kaiseijo) / Young People, Study the West! |
| 2015 | 1865 Exchange Students from Satsuma Visit Britain, Shuseikan Machine Factory Constructed The 'West' as Experienced by the Students from Satsuma |
| 2016 | 1866 Alliance Between Satsuma and Choshu, Ryoma's Honeymoon Satcho Alliance ~The Dreams of Komatsu, Saigo, Okubo, Kido, and Sakamoto~ |
| 2017 | 1867 Paris Exposition, Kagoshima Spinning Mill Begins Operation, Ijinkan Completed Satsuma Hits the Big Time in Diplomacy |
| 2018 | 1868 The Meiji Restoration / Satsuma, the Driving Advocate for a Modern Nation |

Satsuma Restoration Exposition -Travel through time to see Meiji-

Events to be held on Kajiya-cho Historical Road, where Saigo and Okubo grew up. Come feel the atmosphere of the end of Edo Period for yourself.

Around Oct. 23 (held for 2 weeks)

Performers will be around in period costume for events and reenactments.



Meiji Restoration Collection

Citizen organizations and private firms will be putting on events to let visitors experience the Restoration and get a taste of what Satsuma is all about.

April-December (monthly)

Talk shows, bus tours, strolls, stamp rallies, quiz tournaments, etc.



Town Hospitality Project

Kagoshima is dispatching hospitality guides in period dress to coincide with the broadcast of a period drama, and let visitors feel the historical atmosphere of the Meiji Era.

At the Taigadoramakan during the period on weekends and holidays

Posted at Kagoshima Chuo Station, Tenmonkan





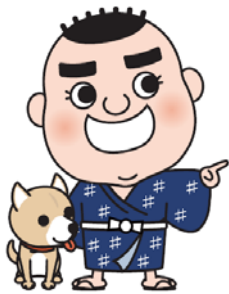
Taigadoramakan Set Up to Coincide with the Broadcast of 2018 Drama 'Sego-Don'

【Name】 Segodon Taigadoramakan

【Location】 20-1, Kajiya-cho, Kagoshima City (Former Kagoshima City Hospital)

【Period】 Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Monday, January 14, 2019 : open throughout the period

【Fare】 Adults (HS Student or older) 600yen, Children 300yen



【Exhibition Details】 Features a partially-recreated set of Saigo and Okubo's homes, behind-the-scenes video of filming in Kagoshima, a quiz corner based on the production, and an array of props and costumes actually used in the show.



III. News from UN-Habitat ROAP-Fukuoka (The fifteenth installment)

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The Asian Townscape Awards and Urban Development in the Asia-Pacific Region

■Promoting the Unique Sights of Asia and Building a Pleasant Living Environment

The Asian Townscape Awards are designed to honor the vast and diverse landscapes and culture which make up Asia, from a uniquely Asian perspective rather than a Western one. The desire to promote these features to the rest of the world became a spark for this, and in 2010 UN-Habitat ROAP-Fukuoka, the Asian Habitat Society, the Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center, and the Asia Townscape Design Society joined hands to begin awarding cities for their excellent initiatives.

The awards are given based on the following 5 criteria:

- 1 Harmonious coexistence with regional environment
- 2 Safety, convenience, and sustainability
- 3 Respect for regional culture and history
- 4 High artistic quality
- 5 Contributions to local development, capabilities of becoming models for other cities

These key points of evaluation are not just about the outward beauty of a city. They shine a spotlight on not only its appearance, but also on their considerations of environment, culture, and history, as well as how they contribute to the development of the region, and ultimately how they are carving a path for better living conditions for people in Asia.

■Learning About Urban Development Through the Townscape Awards

At the 2017 Awards ceremony held in Yinchuan, China in late September, 15 projects from 6 countries (China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam) received awards. Totsukawa Village in Nara Prefecture was one of those awarded, for its innovative development projects after having been gravely damaged by flooding in 2011.



Since 2010, 94 projects from 14 different countries have received awards, and within that number there are also 15 projects from 11 members of the Asia-Pacific City Summit.

This year for the first time, previously awarded cities were asked to present on their initiatives, report on how their areas are doing now, and look at how much their projects had been contributing to the development of their region.



September 28, 2017 Awards Ceremony in Yinchuan

Though the Asian Townscape Awards may seem rather competitive by being presented in an ‘award’ format, in actuality the goal of the event is to bring compelling initiatives from the various cities of Asia to the forefront, and allow the participating cities to collaborate on how to continue to adapt to change, and better built their cities into the future. This notion of collaboration, mutual learning, and cooperation between cities is something that squarely aligns with the ideals of the Asia-Pacific City Summit.



2010 Award – Orchard Residences in Singapore



2011 Award – Utilization of Historical Sites in Bangkok



2012 Award – Gamcheon Culture Village in Busan

■ Townscapes and Sustainable Metropolitan Development

17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to aim for by 2030 were raised at the UN Summit in September 2015, and of course these are relevant to the evaluation criteria for the Townscape Award as well.

In particular, among those awarded are many dealing with problems Asia has been facing in recent years, such as those to do with prevention and reduction of droughts or floods tied to climate change, those linking repair of cultural properties with the repair of the city after disasters, and those balancing a healthy environment with a healthy economy.

As for others, there have also been initiatives revolving around safety for women in public (at parks or on walks), maintenance of rivers and waterways which had fallen into disrepair in favor of land-based cities, including the revival of marine travel, which in turn leads to improvement of the environment in those areas, and brings vitality back to such coastal areas.

All awarded cities and their details can be found at the website below:

(Japanese) <http://urc.or.jp/> Right-hand submenu on the main page, under ‘Asia Townscape Awards’

(English) http://urc.or.jp/ata_english?lang=en

Calls for submissions will be sent out from April of next year, and after a series of judging sessions, the awards ceremony will be held in Yinchuan, China. We look forward to all submissions from our member cities.

[Notice]

For the first time in 10 years, the biennial World Urban Forum will be held in Asia.

Participants from each country's governments, research institutions, NGOs, and private firms, will gather to share and debate issues that their cities are facing.

A number of exhibitions will be held alongside the forum, including one dedicated to the Asia Townscape Awards.

This is one event you won't want to miss.

Host City: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Period: February 7-13, 2018

Applications: Entrance is free, but prior registration is required.

For more details, visit <http://wuf9.org/>

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Future Asian-Pacific City Summit Conferences

| Date | Name of the Conference | Host City |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| August 1-2, 2018 *City tour to be taken place on August 3 | 12 th Mayors Conference | Fukuoka City, Japan |

The Asian-Pacific City Summit has been building cooperative relations and networks among cities through Mayors Conferences, 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

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| Auckland (New Zealand) | Kagoshima City (Japan) |
| Bangkok (Kingdom of Thailand) | City of Kitakyushu (Japan) |
| Brisbane (Commonwealth of Australia) | Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) |
| Busan Metropolitan City (Republic of Korea) | Kumamoto City (Japan) |
| Changsha (People's Republic of China) | City of Manila (Republic of the Philippines) |
| Dalian (People's Republic of China) | Miyazaki City (Japan) |
| Fukuoka City (Japan) | Nagasaki City (Japan) |
| Guangzhou (People's Republic of China) | Naha City (Japan) |
| Gwangyang (Republic of Korea) | Oita City (Japan) |
| Ho Chi Minh City (Socialist Republic of Vietnam) | Pohang (Republic of Korea) |
| Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (PRC) | Saga City (Japan) |
| City of Honolulu (United States of America) | Shanghai (People's Republic of China) |
| Ipoh City (Malaysia) | Republic of Singapore |
| Jakarta Capital City Govt. (Republic of Indonesia) | Urumqi (People's Republic of China) |
| Jeju Special Self-Governing Province (ROK) | Vladivostok (Russian Federation) |

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