

Asian-Pacific City Summit (APCS) Newsletter

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Host city candidates for the 2014 Asian-Pacific City Summit conference are Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Kingdom of Thailand) and Changsha City (People's Republic of China).

At the 10th Asian-Pacific City Summit (Pohang Summit) held on July 27, the resolution was adopted by member cities. Bangkok Metropolitan Administration wishes to host the Working-level Conference and Changsha City wishes to host the Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors' Summit). Through deliberation in writing of member cities, the city which wins a majority of the votes will be decided as the host city.

If Bangkok is chosen, the city is going to hold the second conference since the 6th Asian-Pacific City Summit in 2004, and if Changsha City is chosen, the city will host the conference for the first time.

In this edition, we introduce you 2 candidates for the conference.

<http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/news/newsoffice/000901.html>



Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Thailand)



Changsha City (China)

<p>Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Kingdom of Thailand)</p>	<p>Changsha City (People's Republic of China)</p>
<p>Wishes to host the Working-level Conference in 2014 Year of admission to the Summit: 1994 History of hosting the Summit: The 6th Asian-Pacific City Summit (2004) Related Website Official Website of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/city/thai/bangkok/ http://www.bangkok.go.th/th/main/index.php?&l=en</p>	<p>Wishes to host the Mayors' Summit in 2014 Year of admission to the Summit: 2012 History of hosting the Summit: None Related Website Official Website of Changsha City http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/city/china/changsha/changsha.html http://www.changsha.gov.cn/</p>



Outline of Bangkok (Kingdom of Thailand)

City Introduction

Bangkok, the City of Angle was established as the Capital of Thailand in 1782 in the reign of King Rama I. Bangkok covers 1,568.74 km. and divided in to 50 district offices.

Geographically, Bangkok is located in the center of the country and also the center of administration, commerce and communication. It is an excellent stepping-off point of Thailand. Although the measured pace of old Siam (old country name) is now a thing of the past, the country's rich cultural and natural heritage still survives.

Bangkok is one of popular destination of Asia as it offers an abundance of beautiful sites and attractions for tourists. The world famous Buddhist temples are including the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the Temple of Dawn. Besides, Grand Palace and Vimanmek Mansion (World Largest Golden Teak mansion) are also the highlight of famous tourist sites.

Bangkok is a gateway to Indo-China and the other countries in South East Asia.

Population

5,674,843 persons (2012)

Number of Households

2,459,680 households (2012)

Land Area

1,568.74 km² (2012)

Population Density

3,617/km² (2012)

Ratio of Employees per industry

Primary Industry: 46%

Secondary Industry: 36%

Tertiary Industry: 18%

Income per capita

16,833 US\$

Major Industries and Products

Agriculture, Tourism, Finance and Manufacture

Major Projects

Adopt Bangkok Declaration on the Cooperation of Alleviating the Global Warming by setting up the 5 year action plan to reduce the Bangkok's future GHG Emission up to 15% through the implementation of activities under 5 initiatives;

- (1) Expand Mass Transit and Improve Traffic Systems
- (2) Promoting the Use of Renewable Energy
- (3) Improve Building Electricity Consumption Efficiency
- (4) Improve Solid Waste Management and Waste Water Treatment Efficiency
- (5) Expand Green Area

Revenues of the state budget

Revenues of the State Budget: 1,854 million US\$

Number of City Employees

91,233 persons

Sister Cities and Partner Cities (Country)

Washington D.C. (U.S.A), Beijing (People's Republic of China), Chaozhou (People's Republic of China), Guangzhou (People's Republic of China), Budapest (Republic of Hungary), Brisbane (Commonwealth of Australia), St. Petersburg (Russia Federation), Moscow (Russia Federation), Manila (Philippines), Jakarta (Republic of Indonesia), Hanoi (Socialist Republic of Vietnam), Vientiane (Lao People's Democratic Republic), Astana (Republic of Kazakhstan), Fukuoka (Japan), Seoul (Republic of Korea), Lausanne (Swiss Confederation), Angara (Republic of Turkey), Aichi (Japan), George Town (Malaysia), Tianjin (People's Republic of China), Busan (Republic of Korea)



Outline of Changsha (People's Republic of China)

City Introduction

Changsha City, the capital of Hunan Province, is the center of politics and economics, culture and science, education, commerce and business, finance and information. It is also famous as a tourist destination and called as the "Star City".

Changsha City has established friendship relationship and trade relationship with 36 cities from 23 countries, and is promoting economic development.

It is a famous city with eternal history of 3,000 years. Visitors can enjoy mountains, water, a sandbar and a castle in this millennial city and they can also experience Hunan culture by sightseeing and food.

Population

7,044,000 (Male Population: 3,581,000, Female Population 3,463,000) (2010)

Number of Households

2,075,400 households

Land Area

11,819 km²(2010)

Population Density

596 people/km²

Gross City Product per Industry

Primary Industry: 243.38 billion yuan (3,894 million US\$)

Secondary Industry: 3,151.68 billion yuan (50,427 million US\$)

Tertiary Industry: 2,224.27 billion yuan (35,588 million US\$)

(2011)

Income per capita

Urban Area: 26,451 yuan (4,232 US\$), Rural Area: 12,717 yuan (2,035 US\$)

Major Industries and Products

Engineering Machinery, Automobile, Automobile Parts, Biomedicine, New Materials, Tobacco, Fireworks

Revenues of the state budget

668.95 billion yuan (10,703 million US\$) (2011)

No. of Universities and Colleges / Number of Students at Universities and Colleges

49 schools, 508,000 persons (2010)

Sister Cities and Partner Cities (Country)

Kagoshima (Japan), Gumi (Korea), Saint Paul (USA), Chua Chu Kang (Singapore), Annapolis (USA), Victoria (Canada), Fribourg (Switzerland), Auburn (Australia)



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Kumamoto Castle is a symbol of Kumamoto City

Kumamoto City is a historic and cultural city as represented by Kumamoto Castle. It has been conducting unique projects including the “small donation as a lord of the castle system” which involves citizens and has collected 1.6 billion yen from 60 thousand people for the renovation.

The city was also certified as the first-ever fair trade city in Asia in 2010, and the city government and citizens are jointly promoting international cooperation.

<http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/en/news/newsoffice/000239.html>



Honmaru Goten renovated by “small donation as a lord of the castle system”

The 11th Asian-Pacific City Summit (Mayors’ Summit) will be held in Kumamoto City, Japan from October 31 to November 2, 2013.

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Initiatives for Livable Community Development

- Realizing a community where citizens can live and work safely and comfortably-

We will have presentations from member cities on the concept of livable cities, environmental improvement projects including upgrading transportation infrastructure and disaster prevention, and measures to create a livable city with ideal working conditions.



Parade to appeal fair trade promotion



The city promotes tram track turf-laying project



“Mizuakari”, a new festival of citizens



As well as traditional festivals, “Mizuakari” started in 2004 and a total of 2,000 people (citizens, companies and the city government) participate in as volunteers. As a new festival of citizens, it brings new energy to the city.

While valuing its traditions, Kumamoto City has been developing the city through citizen participation. You will be able to see its efforts at the 11th Asian-Pacific City Summit in Kumamoto City.

<http://www.urc.or.jp/summit/city/japan/kumamoto/index.html>

★ We welcome information which we can introduce in APCS Press from member cities. Please let us know!

●Asian-Pacific City Summit Member Cities 30 cities /13 countries

Auckland (New Zealand), Bangkok (Thailand), Brisbane (Australia), Busan (Korea), Changsha (China), Dalian (China), Fukuoka (Japan), Guangzhou (China), Gwangyang (Korea), Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam), Hong Kong (China), Honolulu (USA), Ipoh (Malaysia), Jakarta (Indonesia), Jeju Province (Korea), Kagoshima (Japan), Kitakyushu (Japan), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Kumamoto (Japan), Manila (Philippines), Miyazaki (Japan), Nagasaki (Japan), Naha (Japan), Oita (Japan), Pohang (Korea), Saga (Japan), Shanghai (China), Singapore, Urumqi (China), Vladivostok (Russia)

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