

P R E F A C E



Generally speaking, the Asia Pacific region is experiencing remarkable economic growth. Coinciding with excessive population influx into its rapidly developing cities, there has been a growth in urban problems, including those related to transportation, and the situation has become quite serious. Furthermore, today there is a growth in international exchange at the regional level which surpasses national borders and the nature of this exchange is undergoing a substantial transition from "friendship exchange" to international cooperation.

Amidst these developments, the Fukuoka City Government sought to build an Asia Pacific cities' network. In September, 1994, with the participation of 21 leaders from 11 countries and regions in the Asia Pacific area we held the inaugural Asian - Pacific City Summit in an attempt to contribute to the resolution of urban problems being experienced by cities in the region.

With the consensus of the participating cities, the establishment of the Working Level Conference on Transportation Issues was ratified at this inaugural City Summit. In order to solve urban problems it is not only important to have a summit of city leaders, but it is also necessary to have meetings such as this Working Level Conference which involves administrators who are active at the front line of city administration. These people are given the opportunity to learn together by exchanging information and opinions at this conference which aims to complement the summit as well as acting as a leading example of regional international cooperation.

At the Working Level Conference, exciting debates developed and the participating cities were able to use the opportunity to further develop mutual exchange and cooperation networks in what was a very significant gathering. I hope that this report which is full of valuable information can be utilized by an even larger number of people in helping to solve urban transportation problems.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Kitakyushu City Government for their help in assisting with the tour of traffic facilities during this conference and also to the Guangzhou, Naha, Pusan and Singapore City Governments who so agreeably took on the task of giving presentations at the conference and provided us with the latest information on transportation policies.

Keiichi Kuwahara

Mayor of Fukuoka City

Meeting with the Mayor of Fukuoka City

Conference



Presentation of short video on Fukuoka "Fukuoka Loves Me"



Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara and Mr. Chen Ji Xuan,
Secretary-General of Guangzhou City



アジア太平洋都市サミット 交通問題実務者会議 Asian-Pacific City Summit Working-Level Conference on Transportation Issues



Commemorative Photograph of participants from 20 Cities

Welcome Dinner Reception



Mr. Katsuya Iguchi, Greeting by the Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka



Mr. Lokman Hakim bin Mohd. Jasan, Secretary of Ipoh City Greetings representing participating Cities



Exchange between participants

Tour of Traffic Facilities



At the Traffic Section Museum



Mr. Takashi Deguchi, Greetings by the Deputy Mayor of Kitakyusyu City



Short ride on the Monorail