

# ***ADOPTION OF JOINT DECLARATION***

## **Chairman Kuwahara**

Now we'd like to adopt a joint declaration to manifest the result of this Summit. Based on your presentations and discussions, a draft has been prepared. Now let's have it read and explained.

## **Office Staff**

**(Mr. Shinichiro Iwase, Chief of the Asian-Pacific City Summit, Fukuoka City)**

My name is Iwase, Chief of the Asian-Pacific City Summit, International Affairs Department, General Affairs Bureau.

Prior to reading the draft for the declaration, I'd like to give you a brief explanation. So that you may examine the draft in advance, I already passed papers to you. Some modifications, however, have been requested by several cities, and three points have already been modified in the sentences I'll read out later. All of them are in the first paragraph.

Now I'd like to read the draft.

The world is currently laced with strong interdependent relationships. The Asian-Pacific, as one region, is further intensifying this interdependency. Flows of people, information and commodities are constantly on the move. Concurrently with international exchange at the national level, the era is steadily changing in direction towards promotion of international exchange by cities and regions, under exchange conducted at the national level. This exchange by cities and regions also includes everyday and specific problems. It can be said that the peace and stability of the world from now on depends on how diverse networks between cities and regions are formed. At the Asian-Pacific City Summit (three days, September 22-24, 1994) advocated by Keiichi Kuwahara, the Mayor of Fukuoka City, we held detailed discussions regarding closer mutual cooperation to establish "Harmony between Urban Development and the Human Living Environment" with representatives from 21 cities from 11 countries and regions along with the participation of the United Nations. Furthermore, at the summit we were able to mutually reach understanding of the different situations each city faces and also reach several common understandings.

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we hereby present a "Fukuoka Declaration" based on the mutual and common understandings reached in the meeting. This will serve as a key to open up the future of the Asian-Pacific region.

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2. Current urban problems are unparalleled in history in their speed and development. These problems are too difficult to be solved by a country or by a city alone. Due to such reasons, it is imperative for participating cities in the summit to share their multifarious knowledge and experience, and cooperate with each other for the promotion of sound development of their cities and urban policies.

3. Close cooperation and links among cities can only be intensified through mutual understanding and friendship. Using the momentum generated by this summit, it is necessary for industry, school and government to create diverse and multi-layer exchange programs, maintaining the importance of "face to face" and "heart to heart" exchanges.

4. In order to jointly deal with the above-mentioned subjects, we are aiming to build a "human network among the Asian-Pacific cities." We have decided to continue holding this summit and to establish its secretariat in Fukuoka City. The word, "Manabi-ai" (learn each other) conjures up an image of equality and will be utilized as a keyword in the model of inter-regional cooperation, and will hopefully create a new frontier in international exchange.

Finally, with this summit as a starting point, we sincerely hope that these initial efforts will spread like a ripple in a pond towards establishing the "Harmony between Urban Development and Human Living Environments."

September 24, 1994 Fukuoka

Thank you very much.

#### **Chairman Kuwahara**

This is the draft. It describes the significance and the results of the Summit and future issues. Proposals to hold the summit regularly and to set up an office in Fukuoka are also included.

Is this draft acceptable?

(Applause)

**Chairman Kuwahara**

Thank you. There seems to be no negative opinion. Do you agree with this draft?

(Applause)

**Chairman Kuwahara**

I will take it that the draft has been accepted by the applause. Thank you very much. Now we'd like to decide the host city for the next summit. In subsession one, Guangzhou City volunteered. Mr. Mayor of Guangzhou City, do you still wish to host the next Summit?

**Mr. Li Ziliu, Mayor of Guangzhou**

We are willing to host the 2nd Asian-Pacific City Summit. If the participating cities accept our proposal, we will make every effort to make it a success.

**Chairman Kuwahara**

We have had a proposal from Guangzhou City. Do you agree with it?

(Applause)

**Chairman Kuwahara**

Thank you very much. Now it had been decided to hold the next summit in Guangzhou City. I understand the great effort that will be required of Guangzhou City, and we very much appreciate your offer. I'd like to close the Adoption of Joint Declaration Meeting. Thank you very much.

# ***ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOINT DECLARATION CLOSING CEREMONY***

## **Chairperson**

**(Mr. Ryoichi Ogata, Director, International Affairs Department, Fukuoka City)**

Now we'd like to announce the joint declaration and start the Closing Ceremony.

First Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka City will make an announcement of the joint declaration.

## **Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka**

With the participation of mayors and other officers representing 21 cities from 11 nations and regions in the Asian-Pacific area, we held the first Asian-Pacific City Summit here in Fukuoka. Since September 22, we held discussions to deepen relationships and to form a stable network among cities.

Thanks to the cooperation of the participating cities, the summit was very successful. We have decided to hold the summit regularly as a model project for local communication, and to hold the next summit in Guangzhou City.

To express the great results of the summit this time, we have drafted an Asian-Pacific City Summit Fukuoka Declaration which I'd like to introduce to you now.

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September 24, 1994 Fukuoka (Applause)

### **Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Next we'd like to move into the Closing Ceremony. First I'd like to request Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka City, to give the closing remarks.

**Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka**

On closing the Asian-Pacific City Summit, I'd like to say a few words as the chair person.

During these three days, we have actively discussed and exchanged knowledge and experiences for the improvement of city problems such as transportation, housing, environment and public health, under the theme "to create harmony between city development and the living environment for human beings in the Asian-Pacific era," that goes beyond differences in local conditions and systems.

I was very impressed with the fact that all the participating cities are involved in city management with great passion and affection, not withstanding differences in social and cultural conditions.

I am very pleased the summit achieved great results, not only adopting the Fukuoka Declaration in accordance with the general will of the participants but in reaching consensus for solving various urban problems in the future. Furthermore, I firmly believe that the encounter at various scenes during the conference has deepened mutual understandings among participating cities which will contribute for the building of a peaceful and affluent world.

It is generally said that understanding is the key to fostering friendships. Currently a variety of city problems face those of us engaged in administration. It is not easy to solve all the problems, but I'd like to suggest here to all of you to continue trying through reinforcing cooperative relationships and exerting all our knowledge and force. At last, I'd like to express my full respect and thanks to all participants who have traveled a long way to attend this meeting and wish you good health and prosperity of your wonderful cities. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you at the next summit to be held in Guangzhou, China.

I'd also like to express my thanks to all governmental organizations concerned the United Nations, professors attending as commentators, security staffs, interpreters, press members and the general public for your helpful support. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much, Mayor Kuwahara. Next I'd like to request Mr. Alfredo S. Lim, Mayor of Manila City, to speak. Mayor Lim, please.

**Mr. Alfredo S. Lim, Mayor of Manila**

His Honor, Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of host city Fukuoka. Fellow mayors, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

To be given the privilege to deliver the closing remarks in behalf of my fellow mayors of 21 cities from eleven nations in this part of the globe who are participants in the

Asian-Pacific Summit held in this beautiful city of Fukuoka, it is indeed a symbol of honor for which I am tremendously grateful.

First, allow me to extend in behalf of the delegates of this summit, our appreciation and gratitude to His Honor, Mayor Keiichi Kuwahara for kindly hosting this summit and offering the best facilities to make this summit eventful and fruitful. We also extend to the government officials of Fukuoka city our gratefulness for effectively assisting us in making our participation productive.

To you, Mayor Keiichi Kuwahara, and your people, we, the participants, and our respective people, convey our undying gratitude for the hospitality and kindness showered upon us. With the permission of the participants of this summit, let me, in all frankness and candor, say that this meeting of mayors proved harmonious and educational in many aspects. This meeting provided a forum for heads of the major cities in the Asian-Pacific region the opportunity to interact, and to exchange views and ideas on effective urban governance.

This meeting gave us a panoramic, as well as a detailed view of the common problems that vex, or confront the cities, and the formulation, or the adoption of solutions which may effectively be employed to reduce, to the minimum, this problems did not totally eradicate them for good.

This summit meeting likewise provided a splendid opportunity for the participants to come out with a total vision of the region designed to accelerate the development, and to ultimately improve the quality of lives of the people living in the area. The meeting provided a venue for the installation of an effort that will closely link the member cities, and enhance the economic advancement of the cities.

Aside from the significant matters, it is our view that the best thing that is ever achieved by this conference is the promotion of closer fraternal linkage and ties among the participants involved. In this conference, the cementing of genuine friendship and cooperation among us, and equally the advancement of international cooperation in this part of the universe.

My colleagues in this conference will certainly agree that we, the mayors of the Asian-Pacific region, shall design a program that will envision the growth and development of the area that will transcend national boundaries for the coming century. There is an imperative urgency to bind our people together, pool our resources together, and adopt common strategies that will ameliorate the standard and quality of life our our respective people, especially the liberation of the poor people of the region from the quagmire of poverty, from disease, illness, and all the evils that surround them.

With the unity of purpose, binding us together, we expect within the immediate future not only economic prosperity, but also we will witness the birth of a region, people with happy, contented and prosperous individuals. Also we will equally witness a peaceful

and stable community, and ultimately the full flowering of our people and region. Although we come from different customs and traditions, we can say that this Asian-Pacific City Summit attained and achieved unity in diversity, and diversity in unity among the delegates.

Thank you, and I wish one and all good tidings and best wishes. Sayonara, and see you in Guangzhou.

### **Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Next I'd like to request Mr. Li Ziliu, Mayor of Guangzhou, China, host city of the next summit, to speak. Mayor Li, please.

### **Mr. Li Ziliu, Mayor of Guangzhou**

Thanks to the efforts of the host city Fukuoka and all the participants, we are now about to close the 1st Asian-Pacific City Summit which has been a great success. Representing Guangzhou City, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mayor Kuwahara and all the participants.

As included in the Fukuoka Declaration, I believe that we can deepen mutual understanding of the conditions in each city through discussions covering a wide range of topics, thereby creating harmony between city development and the living environment and establishing networks between cities. We can also achieve common recognition of sound development for cities, and the policies necessary to implement it. This experience could be an important step toward reinforcing the liaison between the cities in the region, to enhancing the development of city economies, and to addressing city problems. Moreover, it was decided to continue the summit in the future with the unanimous agreement of all the participating cities. This is an indication of their expectations of the summit. We are very happy to host the 2nd summit in 1996, with the support and commitment of the participating cities. The city government and the citizens of Guangzhou City are looking forward to your visit to our city and participation in the summit. We will start preparation for the summit at once.

Guangzhou City is a port city, acting as the core of transportation and commerce in Southern China. Through the revolution and open-market policy implemented over a fifteen-year period, the society and economy of Guangzhou City have greatly developed, and the quality of the city itself has been improved. The overall scale of the economy comes third in China, following Shanghai and Beijing. Improvement of infrastructures and development of services have been advanced, and both investment and the living environments have been significantly improved.

Now a metropolitan area is being formed with Guangzhou City as the core. Last year Guangzhou City was registered as a regular member of the World Metropolitan Committee.



We set a slogan for the 21st century : to become a modern international city in the next fifteen years, and we have already entered the implementation stage. We would very much appreciate your support and cooperation in attaining our goals.

Mr. Chairman and representatives, the 6.3 million residents of Guangzhou City are awaiting your visit. I look forward to seeing you again in Guangzhou in 1996, and hope to reinforce our relationship through discussions of city problems common to the region.

Let us work together to construct modern cities with strong economies, stable societies, fully-developed traffic networks, and comfortable living environments, as well as to remain in harmony with nature and to create a better future for the Asian-Pacific area. Thank you.

### **Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Now I'd like to close the Closing Ceremony of the Asian-Pacific City Summit. Thank you very much for your cooperation. Thank you.

# ***JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE***

**Chairperson (Mr.Takanori Ichimaru, Director of News Media, Fukuoka City)**

Thank you for waiting so long. I'd like to start the Press Interview of the Asian-Pacific Summit. First, on behalf of the local news media, we'd like to receive questions from the chief of the city administration press club of Fukuoka City.

**Mr. Ito, Newsman**

Representing the press club of Fukuoka, I'd like to express our congratulations to the participants for holding the Asian-Pacific City Summit. And thank you very much for preparing seats for us. On this great occasion, firstly I'd like to request the twelve representatives from foreign countries and Mayor Kuwahara of Fukuoka City to brief us on the significance or the results of this Summit. I would appreciate it if you could make your comments within about one minute per city.

**Chairperson**

Please allow me to appoint each speaker. Mayor of Auckland, would you make a comment first, please ?

**Mr. Les Mills, Mayor of Auckland**

Thank you. I think it's a real challenge for Auckland and New Zealand to interact with Asia. We are so far away. We are not a large country. But we are able to participate and direct in this very positive way that we've done over the past few days has been something that has been something that has been both a challenge and a very exciting experience. I can only say thank you to Fukuoka, and we look forward to participating in this network for a very long time, because we see our focus in trade, and culture, and sports, and almost everything we do as being part of Asia.

Now, not everybody sees that because we are in the Pacific, but the Asia-Pacific area is a very important area in the world. We think that we're a part of it, and we appreciate this opportunity very much.

**Chairperson**

Thank you. Next I'd like to request the Mayor of Bangkok to speak, please.

**Prof. Krisda Arunvongse, Governor of Bangkok**

I'm very impressed by the initiative of Mayor Keiichi Kuwahara to organize this Asian-Pacific City Summit, because most of the problem of big city, especially the

cities that grows very fast are very similar. It is the traffic congestion problem, it is the solid waste treatment, the housing, it is the environment of the city, the polluted air and the waste water in the waterways. These are the things that many of the city administrators who have been here have seen the problems before, and have solved them, so cities that are growing very fast that still have this problems will learn from the experience of the solution that has been tried. So this intention of getting the administrators of Asian-Pacific cities together to develop a friendly relation, the human relation among administrators as well as others, exchanging the experiences is something to be commended. My congratulations to Mayor Kuwahara once more. And I'm certain that Bangkok will participate in this organization in the next conference of this kind. It is a very useful organization.

### **Chairperson**

Thank you. Mayor of Guangzhou City, please.

### **Mr. Li Ziliu, Mayor of Guangzhou**

First of all, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mayor Kuwahara and the citizens of Fukuoka City for giving such a precious opportunity to the mayors of the Asia-Pacific region. Through the summit over these three days, we have acquired significant results.

First, this summit was a very meaningful and farseeing event where representatives of cities in many countries discussed a variety of problems related to city development. The summit is the first and a great step for us in cultivating a new understanding of these problems.

The second point concerns the issue of harmonious city development. Problems related to housing, environmental preservation, public health, and transportation are different depending on the conditions in each city. Moreover, they are very complicated and are inter-related with one another. Therefore we cannot expect immediate results from measures as they are implemented. We, however, have already recognized these problems and have conceived some ideas for addressing them. I think we may be satisfied with this much, at least. If we examine them further in the next summit, we will be able to achieve satisfactory results for the future development of the economy in the cities. Third, we have enjoyed an excellent opportunity to deepen relationships and to get acquainted with new people through this summit. In the future, we can promote communication among all of us, not merely bilaterally. I have confidence that this communication will be a great step toward the further development of the economy in the entire region.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the residents of Fukuoka and

to Mayor Kuwahara again. Thank you very much.

**Chairperson**

Thank you. Ho Chi Minh City, please.

**Mr. Vo Viet Thanh, Vice Chairman, Ho Chi Minh**

First of all, I highly evaluate the gathering at this Asian-Pacific City Summit, because thanks to this opportunity, I have a chance to get to know other cities, as well as to understand the successes, as well as failures in urban development.

At this summit, we also have an opportunity to learn good lessons from other cities preceding the City in urban development. But at the same time, we also draw lessons not to repeat the same mistakes that our preceding cities have made.

And I would like also to express our deep gratitude to Fukuoka city's Mayor, Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, and the city of Fukuoka, who have created this opportunity for us to participate in this summit, not only to resolve our urban problems, but at the same time, to create friendly relationships with other cities, to establish the bridge in order to cooperate better in the future to solve our common problems.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Next, Hong Kong, please.

**Dr. Leung Ding Bong, Ronald, Chairman, Urban Council of Hong Kong**

I appreciate this very much. This City Summit is a very important forum for exchanges between the cities in Asian-Pacific. This will provide a place whereby different cities participating will address on their own problems in their own city management, and also we can learn of other problems in other cities, and their solutions to solve the problem. And I hope from this city forum, this first city forum will establish a network, and international network, and exchange information and experiences so that we, in our own city management, we can learn from one another. And I have the confidence that the next City Summit to be held in Guangzhou in 1996 will be just as successful as this one.

And lastly, I would like to thank the city of Fukuoka for organize such a successful conference.

**Chairperson**

Thank you. Next, Ipoh City, please.

**Dato' Ismail Bin Shah Bodin, Mayor of Ipoh**

I'd like to congratulate the Mayor of Fukuoka city, Dato' Kuwahara for the steps take to get the Asian-Pacific cities together in this beautiful city to discuss the common problems faced by most of the cities. And this forum is a commitment on the part that Dato' Kuwahara in trying to get better living standard and better environment in the cities in this region. I believe through this commitment and our interaction in this forum will only get greater understanding and strengthen the friendship within the cities in this region. I sincerely hope that in the future, this sort of conference will continue to take place for the good of the citizens of the cities in the Asia-Pacific region. Thank you.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Next, Jakarta, please.

**Mr. H. Sutardjinto, Mayor of West Jakarta**

Jakarta is thankful to Mayor of Fukuoka for the initiative of this summit and its continuation. We can learn more on the aspects that have been discussed in this summit, and to operate this, certainly adjusted to our local affordable situation and condition. Thank you very much.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Kuala Lumpur, please.

**Dr. Jayaraman S/O Munusamy, Special Adviser to the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur**

First of all, I would like to thank the Mayor of Fukuoka for having made such a wonderful arrangement for us to be here, and not only we enjoyed the meeting, but we also enjoyed our stay here. Now I would like also to thank him for having taken the initiative for having called this first conference here, and subsequently to be followed up in 1996.

Now Kuala Lumpur, which is a fast developing city, has many problems, and I think most of the three main problems were as we have already discussed transportation, environment, and housing, and from the discussions that we had here, we felt that it was much of an experience and maybe we could follow some of them, or to exchange with the other cities who have been here. Now, besides this, I also like to make a request that now besides this friendly exchanges and all this things, more technical knowledges should also be exchanged in this way so that the other countries also learn from you, your technology. And thereby improve themselves in such a way that all of us need not compete with each other, but can live in peace and harmony. Thank

you very much.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Next, Manila City, please.

**Mr. Alfredo S. Lim, Mayor of Manila**

We would like to congratulate Mayor Kuwahara for organizing this summit meeting, showing the friendly and bigness of heart of the Japanese people, particularly the city of Fukuoka. It is said that the whole is equal to the sum of all of its parts. In every nation, the progress and the benefit of the cities contributes to the progress of the nation, and to strengthen character of its people.

When we put our foot forward to establish friendship on a person-to-person relationship, that is the start of a peaceful and harmonious relation among our nations that will start from the cities. I think that is the message here. That all of us mayors in the cities of our respective countries should work together in harmonious relationship because as they say, no men is an island. There is no more room for isolation today. What is in the air is the spirit of cooperation, of friendship, of sharing the skills, expertise of each other. Knowing that Japan is a very industrialized countries, for the more reason, we, in the developing countries certainly appreciate the knowledge, the insights that have been imparted in this meeting, and we hope that the next meeting in Guangzhou will improve further the relationship between our cities, thereby fostering closer relationship with our nations till we arrive at a peaceful world. No more conflicts, just trade and business for the development and progress or our countries and people.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Pusan City, please.

**Mr. Lee Yong Ho, Director, International Cooperation Department of Pusan**

First of all, I'd like to ask your forgiveness that our Mayor couldn't participate in the summit owing to unavoidable circumstances within the country. On his behalf, I'd like to speak as the person in charge of international cooperation.

In the summit with representatives from 21 cities in 11 countries and regions, we exchanged candid opinions under the theme "the harmony between city development and the living environment for human beings," and reached a consensus on the notion that mutual understanding and communication among cities is most important for the Asian-Pacific era in the coming 21st century. I suppose that all of us had recognized the importance of such conferences, but Mayor Kuwahara of Fukuoka City developed the idea into reality as an international city summit. I'd like to express my sincere respect and admiration

to him. To make the most of this precious experience for the steady development of the Asia-Pacific area and not to let it end as a mere event, mutual understanding and cooperation beyond national and regional borders is indispensable. I also believe, that no matter how trifling matters may be, we must choose common fields or make decisions from which both countries concerned are able to profit and enhance their personnel and materialistic exchanges.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Shanghai City, please.

**Mr. Xia Keqiang, Vice Mayor of Shanghai**

This summit has been a resounding success. The declaration announced in the Closing Ceremony is an indication of the historical importance of this event.

First, representing the government of Shanghai, I would like to express my thanks to Mayor Kuwahara and the residents of Fukuoka for their great efforts to make this summit a success, and to the representatives of the participating cities for their cooperation. The Asian-Pacific area is now playing a key role in the development of the world economy. Within this trend, Shanghai has continued rapid and sound economic development for several years. We have formulated a plan for the 21st century, and started to examine concrete projects to continue this economic development into the future. In the process of this economic development, a variety of city problems involving transportation, housing, the environment and public health have arisen. In this summit, we have been able to share the experiences and lessons of each city concerning common city problems. The results of the summit will greatly contribute to the continuous, sound growth of the economy in the Asian-Pacific area in the future. Shanghai City is willing and eager to participate in such conferences in the future. On this occasion, I would also like to thank the press staff. Thank you very much.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Next, Singapore, please.

**Mr. Matthias Yao Chih, Snr. Parliamentary Secretary, Singapore**

We had two days of very good discussions, where we could learn from each other our experiences and share our knowledge. But perhaps what is more important is that this summit have given birth to a continuing series of discussions, both perhaps at the policy, as well as the technical levels. And I would like to congratulate Mayor Kuwahara on this very important initiative which will enable our cities in this region in the years to come perhaps to work up together concrete solutions to some of our

problems. We shall directly relevant to our situation and our faces of development. Singapore has been privileged to take part in this process, and to have learned from our friends of the region. Thank you.

#### **Chairperson**

Thank you very much. Lastly, the Mayor of Fukuoka City, please.

#### **Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka**

There are two impressions which I now have in mind. First, I am very pleased as the planner, to receive comments from the cities that the summit was very successful. Since Yokatopia, the Asian-Pacific Exposition Fukuoka '89, cities in the Asian-Pacific region have been promoting communication with one another, especially in the fields of culture and arts. However, taking this a step further, we looked to see whether there would be something in the administrative field which could be of use to us. This was why we reached a plan to hold this "Asian-Pacific City Summit." With approval from 11 cities to hold the Summit, today we have had the pleasure of receiving their representatives who have traveled a long distance to visit Fukuoka. This itself made me think that the plan was a success. But, in addition to this, throughout the conference, we heard the opinion at all the subsessions that we should not end this program as a one-off event but must continue it.

As a consequence, we reached a conclusion that the Summit will be held in Guangzhou, two years later in 1996. I believe this fact proves the success of this Summit which makes me very pleased.

The other impression I have is, that this summit may be the first occasion of a self-governing body in which administrative exchanges took place among multiple countries to create a wider network, while in most occasions exchange takes place only between sister cities of two countries. In this respect, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all participating cities for your cooperation. Once this network is created, although the conference may be held only every other year, it would become possible to exchange information at any time or to carry out technical exchanges and support which was pointed out just awhile ago. And, what is important, is that an Asian-Pacific friendship be created through this network which would in turn contribute to the peace and development of the Asian-Pacific region. From such a viewpoint, I am very much satisfied with the successful results of the Summit. Than you very much for your attention.

#### **Chairperson**

Thank you very much.

We don't have much time, but if there are any questions, please raise your hands.



**Mr. Yanagihara, Newsman**

The Summit held this year was limited to the Asian-Pacific region only, but Asia even in one word, indicates a wide area. This time we did not have any participation from cities of the Southwest Asian countries nor India and Bangladesh. In the future, is there any intention to invite them? Also, is there going to be a set goal of the number of cities to participate or do you think of just letting the number grow unlimited. We would like to ask Mayor Kuwahara's opinions regarding this matter.

**Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka**

It is a very difficult problem to decide up to which area we should include as participants in the Summit. When deciding the participants for the Summit this time, we first thought of the Asian-Pacific area, especially, of the coastal areas in the Asian region, there has been a very rapid growth or those areas which are involved with various urban problems. Among the many cities in those areas, we chose those cities which maintain a close relationship through being a sister city of Fukuoka or linked with Fukuoka by direct air routes. We thought it would be best because of various factors to hold the first Summit with cities who we already have a close relationship with.

Therefore, if there are cities in the future who have a desire to join the Summit, we are willing to welcome them after full consultation is made with members of the 11 countries who are here today or members from the main city in Kyushu.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much.

Since the time is limited, I'd like to receive the final question. Is there anyone, please?

**Mr. Bambang Sukartino, Newsman**

My name's Bambang Sukartino from Kompas Daily, Jakarta. My question is to Mr. Chairman, Mr. Kuwahara. As you mentioned before that for to follow this summit, it will be a technical joint cooperation, or technical joint action. What kind of the technical joint operation, or action? Could you please describe that step one. Secondly, as we know that the some cities in Asia have a sometimes a financial problem to maintain or to achieve the harmony of the urban development and human living environment, so to resolve this financial problem, is there any action, or joint action, or joint cooperation to solve that problem? Thank you.

**Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka**

As for technical assistance, we have agreed with the idea suggested by Pusan City to have a meeting at the practical level, as well as general conferences.

The details of such meetings are supposed to be discussed in the future. Pusan City requested to hold a meeting on transportation this time. Through consultation with people concerned, we'd like to put such ideas into practice in the form of technical assistance and technology meetings.

Fukuoka City is unable to offer concrete assistance for urban development because it is a mere local government. On the other hand, ODA (Official Development Assistance) could be a great force because it is conducted by the national government. We'd like to make a research to what extent we can utilize the system.

While mentioning so, we are willing to provide any cooperation we are able to, for the continuation of this conference.

**Chairperson**

Thank you very much.

I know you have more questions, but the time has come to end the joint press interview for the Asian-Pacific City Summit. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

(Applause)