

The Asian-Pacific City Summit is designed to create a network among the cities of Asia and the Pacific and to solve the problems of these cities by assembling under one roof the leaders of the major cities of this region which has achieved such remarkable economic growth and rapid change. The Summit is a valuable forum for leaders of the participating cities to engage in frank exchange of opinion and sharing of wisdom and knowledge in the search for mutual prosperity and has become a model case for inter-regional, cross-boarder city exchange. The 1st Summit was held in Fukuoka City, Japan in September 1994 and two years later in 1996, Guangzhou, China hosted the 2nd Asian-Pacific City Summit. At the 2nd Summit, leaders from eleven countries and regions and twenty cities gathered to engage in lively debate. Fukuoka City was chosen as the site for the 3rd Summit in 1998 and Pusan City, Korea was selected as the site for the 4th Asian-Pacific City Summit to be held in 2000. Furthermore, the mutual friendship, cooperation and progress of participating cities was reconfirmed and the "Guangzhou Declaration" aimed at establishing the Summit's international standing was adopted.

In this manner, based on the unwavering support of its participants, great progress was made through these two summit meetings and the Asian-Pacific City Summit truly showed signs of its maturity.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to all those involved in making the 2nd Summit such a success, and in particular we would like to thank the Acting Mayor of Guangzhou, the Former Mayor of Guangzhou, all the other officials from Guangzhou who contributed so greatly as hosts of the conference and the The Japan Foundation Asia Center.

Finally, upon the publishing of this report, we would like to express our hope that the Asian-Pacific City Summit will further contribute to lasting development and peace in the Asia Pacific region.

Courtesy call to Guangzhou Municipal People's Government



At the Guangzhou Municipal People's Government Hall



Gift exchange

Commemorative Photograph



Opening Ceremony



Opening Remarks, Lin Shuen,
Acting Mayor of Guangzhou

Plenary Session



Panel Discussion

Panel Discussion 2



Panel Discussion 1



Panel Discussion 3

Concluding speech and Closing Ceremony





Greeting from the Host city of the 3rd Summit,
Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka City



Greeting from the Host city of the 4th Summit,
Moon Jung-Soo, Mayor of Pusan City



Closing Address, Gao Siren, Secretary,
Municipal Committee of Guangzhou, C.P.C.

Commemorative tree-planing



Visit to South-Yue King Tomb Museum



Spouse Programme



Meeting with Women Artists



Viewing children's dance performance (At the Guangzhou Municipal People's Government Youth Center)