

ADOPTION OF JOINT DECLARATION

Chairman Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka

We would like to adopt a joint declaration to manifest the results of this Summit. Based on your presentations and discussions, a draft has been prepared. Now let's have it read by the executive office.

Mr. Koki Inoue, Chief Executive, General Affairs & Planning Bureau, Fukuoka

I would like to read the draft.

With a view to "building a close collaboration network among the cities of the Asian-Pacific region" for the purpose of solving urban problems, the 3rd Asian-Pacific City Summit was held in Fukuoka, Japan, from July 11 (Sat.) through 12 (Sun.), 1998. Welcoming Brisbane, Australia, and Honolulu, U.S.A., both major cities in the Pacific region, as the new participating members, the Summit this time was able to have the largest attendance ever, with leaders of 23 cities from 12 countries and regions.

We had the honor of the presence of Mr. Yasushi Akashi, former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, who gave the keynote speech. With the cooperation of the United Nations, we were able to have a lively, significant exchange of ideas.

Through the two Asian-Pacific City Summits held in the past, in 1994 and in 1996, we were able to deepen mutual understanding, strengthen the "relationship and confirm the importance of international exchanges. Based on the results so far achieved and fully aware of the necessity to pursue multilateral cooperation among the cities, we, in the 3rd Summit, were able to further deepen our discussions on measures for solving various problems faced by cities and on their collaboration toward the future.

At the closing of the 3rd Asian-Pacific City Summit, we hereby present the "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.

1. Cities in the Asian-Pacific region have made developments following spectacular economic growth in the region, despite multitudinous problems. However, the recent economic crisis in Asia has created social instability and the cities are now faced with the question of how these new problems can be overcome and which road is to be taken for future development. In order to find a way out of such a crisis and achieve sustainable development among the cities in the Asia-Pacific region, it is imperative to further expand and deepen exchanges and collaboration among the cities. It is more than ever required of each city to have the spirit of mutual cooperation and complement to share the resources possessed respectively by the cities while mutually understanding the differences that exist among them.
2. For that purpose, it is important to promote exchange of information, sharing of wisdom and nurturing of human resources as well as build and strengthen collaboration network; by leaping beyond national boundaries and maintaining "face to face" exchanges among the cities.

3. Besides the problems related to "transportation" and "environment" which were already discussed in the previous two Summits and Working Level Conferences, there exist piles of multifarious urban problems such as those related to "education," "health and medical systems," and "waterworks and sewer systems," which were the themes of this Summit. The problems are intertwined in such a complex way that they are difficult to be solved by a country or city alone. It may be along way for us to be able to achieve multiple, systematic solutions. However, we are ready to exert all our efforts toward solving the problems.
4. We are determined to perpetuate the Asian-Pacific City Summit, which is the actual proof of our network. Taking as many opportunities as possible in the spirit of mutual support and reciprocity, we are determined to steadfastly promote cooperation among multifarious cities, together with the cooperation of the United Nations and other concerned organizations and groups.
5. We will hold the 4th Asian-Pacific City Summit in Pusan, Republic of Korea, two years from in the year 2000. As a core of active inter-city cooperation, we will hold the 3rd Working Level Conference next year in 1999 in Fukuoka.

We sincerely hope that the Asian-Pacific City Summit will see further development and that its results, spreading like a ripple, will contribute to the prosperity and peace of the Asian-Pacific region in the coming new century.

July 12, 1998 Fukuoka, Japan

Chairman Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka

This is the draft. If there are no opinions, I would like to adopt this Joint Declaration. Is this draft acceptable?

(Applause)

Chairman Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka

Thank you. I will take it that the draft has been accepted by the applause. I would like to close the Adoption of Joint Declaration Meeting. Thank you very much.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Chairperson, Mr. Hiroshi Murakami, Executive Director, International Affairs Department, Fukuoka

Now we will proceed to the closing ceremony. First we'd like to have an address by Mayor of Fukuoka City, Mr. Kuwahara

Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara, Mayor of Fukuoka

I am delighted to give an address at the closing ceremony for the 3rd Asian-Pacific City Summit. The summit has lasted for two days since yesterday. The main concept was to realize "The Cities' Sustainable Growth in the Asian-Pacific Region". This concept was categorized into three more concrete themes, "Future Direction of Education for the Next Generation", "Establishment of Health and Medical Systems" and "Waterworks and Sewer Systems in the City". The participants enthusiastically discussed "Future Prospects of Networking between cities" regarding the three themes, and exchanged their relative experiences, knowledge and information, regardless of differences in terms of their national conditions and social systems.

Allow me to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest gratitude to Mr. Yasuyuki Akashi, Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations for his keynote address. I'd also like to express my sincere appreciation for useful advice given by Mr. Ignacio Armillas, Director of the Fukuoka Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT), and Mr. Yoshinobu Yonekawa, Programme Coordinator of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. Such address and advice helped us to make this summit as significant as the preceding two summits. I am delighted to say the meeting has produced abundant results, including the Fukuoka Declaration that has just now been unanimously adopted. We have also obtained probable solutions to urban problems. Since last fall, the Asian countries have been struggling in the middle of a serious economic crisis. Let me now introduce to you a Japanese saying, "there is no seawater you cannot put oars or paddles in". That teaches us no matter how awful troubled water may seem, there must be some clues to get ourselves out of it. Let's unite all our wisdom and energy, and let's continue to enhance our cooperative links. Then I do believe that we can overcome the crisis we are facing. Moreover, we can realize urban-problem-free-cities that may provide abundant satisfaction to citizens both mentally and materially. In this context, we should keep on making an effort to contribute to peace and the development of the world as well as the Asian-Pacific region through holding and improving the city summit meeting and its working-level meeting. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again in Pusan, Republic of Korea, in the year 2000.

Lastly I'd like to conclude my speech by expressing my sincere gratitude to the United Nations, the Japanese governmental agencies concerned, interpreters, the press, and my citizens. Without their support and cooperation, the meeting could not have been this successful. I thank you all again.

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPATING CITIES

Chairperson

We would like you to greet from Mayor of Ipoh city, Dato' Haji Talaat Bin Toh Haji Husain, on behalf of participating cities, next.

Dato' Haji Talaat Bin Toh Haji Husain, Mayor of Ipoh

Honorable Mayor Keiichi Kuwahara of Fukuoka, mayors of present cities of the Asia-Pacific region delegates, officials of the Fukuoka City Hall, ladies and gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to be amongst all the distinguished personalities gathered for the Asian-Pacific City Summit here in Fukuoka City. As a new member of the fraternity, an august gathering of mayors, I feel honored to be given this opportunity to deliver a short address on behalf of my honorable colleagues. I hope in the limited time allowed, I will be able to reply to all the views and opinions that my honorable colleagues would like to express.

On behalf of all my honorable colleagues I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mayor Kuwahara of Fukuoka for the warm welcome to this beautiful city and the magnificent hospitality accorded to us during our entire stay in Fukuoka. Our word of thanks is directed to the officials and the staff of Fukuoka City Hall for their untiring efforts to make this summit a tremendous success. On the Summit, may I say that the program prepared was excellent and has achieved its objectives. We have enriched our understanding of our roles and responsibilities in this demanding job. Through the process of experiential learning and networking, we will be better prepared to encounter the relevant issues in our own city in the future. In performing our responsibilities to the people, we need to fully embark on sustainable development and focus on the preservation of the environment. In that respect, we need to work together and, through a process of synergy, achieve the targets to build a better living environment and better world for all.

At this juncture when all of us will be returning home in the next few days, I would like to bid farewell and sayonara to all our friends in Fukuoka. We shall, I am confident, bring back fond memories of the friendships forged during the last few days in Fukuoka. I believe that, in the current world full of turmoil, it is the bond of friendship that will build strength and commitment for peace and harmony. May god bless you. Thank you.

ADDRESS FROM THE MAYOR OF HOST CITY OF THE NEXT SUMMIT

Chairperson, Mr. Hiroshi Murakami, Executive Director, International Affairs Department, Fukuoka

Thank you very much. Next I'd like to request Mr. Ahn Sang-young, Mayor of Pusan, Republic of Korea to speak. Mayor Ahn, please.

Mr. Ahn Sang-young, Mayor of Pusan

My greetings, ladies and gentlemen. I am Ahn Sang-yong, Mayor of Pusan City, Republic of Korea. First let

me express my heartiest gratitude to Mr. Keiichi Kuwahara and other persons concerned who made a great effort to prepare for and hold this summit meeting. And allow me to use this occasion to thank all the mayors of the summit member cities for giving us an opportunity to host the 4th Asian-Pacific City Summit in Pusan, Republic of Korea.

Globally we are living in an age of urban-centering civilization. Therefore it is vital to manage and develop a city most effectively by racking our brains. This is the most urgent challenge presented to us by the modern age. But, cities are growing too rapidly, and consist of too many elements. This is impossible to achieve a comfortable city to live in by improving only one or two of the elements on which it is based. And an individual local government's ability to manage a city is still insufficient to handle these tasks. Besides, economic crisis has been overshadowing the Asian countries since last year. The slump has been producing social unrest as well as new problems in the region. Therefore, in order to overcome the present tough situation and to realize sustainable growth and prosperity for the cities in the Asian-Pacific region, we have to gather to discuss urban problems and enhance our city management abilities. We have to exchange stored experience and information for the purpose of expanding and strengthening inter-city exchange and cooperation. Given that the world is ushering in a new era of inter-regional exchange from the era of international exchange, it is highly important and vital to construct a variety of networks in various fields, so that we can cooperate with each other, regardless of differences in terms of politics, religion, language, and culture. Following the 1st Asian-Pacific City Summit in 1994, two other summits have been held regularly and successfully. Based on the spirit of mutual cooperation, the meetings have led the member cities to a cross-border mutual understanding. The summits have provided opportunities for the cities to make cross-border joint efforts. I have confidence in saying that the summits have greatly contributed to the development and prosperity of Asian-Pacific region cities. We must continue to hold the Asian-Pacific Summit, and we have to develop and extend the fields the summit covers. The new millennium is approaching, and the 21st century will be an age of Asian-Pacific regions. Our city, Pusan, is to host the 2002 Asian Games, which will herald the arrival of a millennium full of hope. So it is exceedingly meaningful that the 4th Asian-Pacific Summit is to be held in Pusan in 2000, prior to the 2002 Asian Games. For the success of the 4th summit, all the Pusan citizens including myself, as many as 4 million, are determined to make the best effort to make perfect preparations with enthusiasm and sincerity, being assisted by active support and cooperation of all the member city mayors. We will do our best to prepare the proper conditions and environment so that mayors as well as delegates of the member cities can participate in the summit without any inconvenience. We will be happy to supply opportunities where you will directly experience the heart of hospitalities of the simple, warmhearted citizens of Pusan. I sincerely look forward to seeing you in Pusan in the year 2000. Let me conclude my speech by wishing all of you much happiness and health, and praying for the everlasting development and prosperity of all the member cities. Thank you very much.

Chairperson, Mr. Hiroshi Murakami, Executive Director, International Affairs Department, Fukuoka

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