

P R E F A C E



The Asian-Pacific City Summit has been held every other year since 1994, gathering the leaders of Asian-Pacific cities for the purpose of building a collaborative network within the region for solving various urban problems.

As a way to complement the city leaders' summit meetings, the Working Level Conference has been held in the alternate years following the Summit, providing the officials who are directly involved in administrative work with opportunities to share their knowledge and expertise, as well as to learn from each other through fieldwork. "Traffic Issues" and "Waste Treatment and Disposal" have been selected as the main themes for the previous Working Level Conferences. The 2nd Working Level Conference held in 1997 in Fukuoka City, in particular, has produced further fruitful results. Through the cooperation rendered by the UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), technical transfer of the "Fukuoka Method", the landfill method of waste disposal introduced at the 2nd Working Level Conference, has been realized in other cities, including those participating in the Summit.

With "the Supply of Safe, Clean Water to the City" as the main objective, this year's Working Level Conference enabled us to actively exchange views and expertise in order to secure a reliable supply of safe and quality drinking water in ever-developing urban cities. Activities have been carried out through various programs including presentations, fieldwork at the Water Quality Control Laboratory, and inspection of the Water Distribution Control Center.

These meaningful results brought home to us the realization that although the systems and problems surrounding each participating city may vary, we share numbers of common solutions to these problems. In this sense, it was truly beneficial to be able to make a step forward in building a waterworks network among participating cities. It is my sincere hope that through these experiences, we will be able to join our forces together with other participating cities in contributing to the sustainable development of the Asian Pacific region.

Last but not least, I wish to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Hideo Utsumi, Professor of Kyushu University Graduate School, and to Ms. Keiko Yamamoto, Development Specialist of the Japan International Cooperation Agency for their considerable contribution in hosting the Conference. My gratitude also goes to Singapore, Shanghai, Kitakyushu, and Ho Chi Minh for their presentations. To the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and Hakata-Yumematsubara no kai, thank you for sharing with us valuable information and insightful advice.

Hiroto Yamasaki

Mayor of Fukuoka City

Meeting with the Mayor of Fukuoka City



Representatives of participating cities and the Mayor of Fukuoka City (Mrs. Sauwalak Teparagul, Deputy Director General of the Department of Community Development, BMA, Bangkok)

Conference



Prof. Hideo Utsumi of Kyushu University Graduate School (Keynote Speech)



Mr. Yoshinobu Yonekawa
(Programme Coordinator,
UN Department of Economic
and Social Affairs)

Ms. Keiko Yamamoto
(JICA Development
Specialist)



Mr. Graham Philip Alabaster
(Human Settlement Officer
UN Centre for Human
Settlements (Habitat))



Ms. Michiko Kawaguchi
(Director of "Hakata-Yumematsubara no kai")



Mr. Koji Sakamoto
(Hakata-Yumematsubara no kai)



Welcome Dinner Reception



Mr. Kazuhiro Tomoike
Greeting by the Deputy Mayor
Fukuoka City



Mr. Lee Soon-Hyung
Director of Hwamyung Water Treatment Plant, Pusan
Greeting on behalf of all participating cities



Mr. Kazutaka Kawaguchi
Toast by the General Affairs & Planning Bureau
Fukuoka City



Field Work



Conference Room of the Water Quality Control Laboratory



Water Distribution Control Center



Water Quality Control Laboratory

Administrative Tour



Tatara Purification Plant



Outside the Tatara Purification Plant



Water re-utilization facility in Canal City Hakata

