4. Closing Ceremony

Chairman:

Esteemed colleagues, guests and friends,

We shall now begin the Closing Ceremony for the 7th Asia-Pacific City Summit. Firstly, Mr. Hiroshi Yamano, Vice Mayor of Fukuoka City, Japan, will make the proposition on the future management of the Summit.

(1) Proposition by Fukuoka City

"Schemes for Future Management of Asian-Pacific City Summit"

Asian-Pacific City Summit secretariat Mr. Hiroshi Yamano, Vice Mayor of Fukuoka City

On the behalf of Fukuoka City, the secretariat for the Asian-Pacific City Summit, I would like to take this occasion to put forward the schemes for future management of the Summit.

Through previous 7 Mayors Conferences since its launch in 1994, we have conducted discussions on a variety of urban problems. During this period, we have so far developed a certain amount of accomplishments such as; the establishment of TPO (Tourism Promotion Organization for Asian–Pacific Cities), municipal solid waste disposal joint projects in cooperation with UN-HABITAT, enhancement of inter-city network, friendship city agreement among member cities and so forth.

However, as we have experienced drastic social changes in urban areas during these 14 years, the City to City collaboration has gained more and more importance, that, in turn, has caused the change in the nature and in the form of City to City collaboration. Now, under serious financial conditions, many local governments are required to utilize the ability and vitality of the private sector.

In response to the demands of the times, there arise a new phase and an expectation for the Summit to produce more concrete and fruitful results besides its previous activities to promote inter-city exchanges mainly through conferences and presentations of case studies.

The importance of joint projects, licensing of advanced technology, resident participation in town development, public-private partnerships, enhancement of the collaboration across sectors such as sciences, businesses, arts and sports, utilization of internet and so forth has been advocated by the declarations adopted in the past conferences of the Summit. For the future, we have to put these respective ideas, concepts, and strategies into practice.

In this context, I would like to put forward the proposal for future management and activities of the Summit so that it can be the conference to meet the needs of the times and to produce more concrete and beneficial results to member cities.

Please refer to the handouts with the title of "Vision of Future Activities of Asian-Pacific City Summit".

Based on previous joint declarations and discussions, the following 4 schemes are listed in this proposal as priority areas for future Asian-Pacific City Summit to address. They are "Promotion of Cooperative / Collaborative Projects and Activities", "Affiliated Events in Concurrence with the Summit", "Expanding the Number of Participants", and "Studies, Research, and Disseminating Information on Urban Issues in the Asian-Pacific Region". The feasibility study of respective activities shall be conducted in close alliance among member cities as well as at Working-Level Conference. On that basis, we wish to undertake the activities with high feasibility and availability.

In order to carry on these efforts toward invigoration of the Summit, the function of the secretariat is required to be enhanced. For this purpose, Fukuoka City set up a new secretariat for the Summit in Fukuoka Urban Research Center, a think tank of the city, in April this year. The new secretariat has been staffed with full-time officers and developing its own website as a platform for member cities to exchange information. I hope you will take full advantage of the website to enrich our network.

I believe that these schemes for future Asian-Pacific City Summit will further facilitate our mutual cooperation among member cities of the Summit, leading to the solution for urban issues in Asian-Pacific region. Fukuoka City and the new secretariat are very much in hopes that not only member cities but also the affiliated organizations and facilities of respective cities such as think tanks and so forth will participate in our activities. We sincerely hope that we can count on your continued support, and look forward to the prosperity of member cities and of the Asian-Pacific City Summit for the future.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Chairman:

Thank you very much, Vice Mayor Yamano, for sharing with us your interesting propositions on the future management of the Summit. I would now like to ask Mr. Shunya Susuki, Coordinating Officer of the UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office, for the presentation.

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Fukuoka Office (Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific) Shunya Susuki, Coordinating Officer

Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Members of the Asian-Pacific City Summit, I am honored to appear before you today, in my capacity as the Coordinating Officer of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) Fukuoka Office, to address the Asian-Pacific City Summit.

UN-HABITAT deals with various issues on urbanization and human settlements. More than half a century has passed since the establishment of the United Nations, and in the recent years, issues such as environmental disruption, poverty, settlements and epidemic diseases, have been increasing due to the paradigm shift from national to human security. Under the Economic and Social Council, UN-HABITAT's Fukuoka Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific works in 28 countries, alongside both the Nairobi headquarter, Regional Offices for African Arab States and for Latin America and the Caribbean, to promote People-Centered Community Building all over the world, so that people can live harmoniously.

In light of our similar goals, UN-HABITAT is honored to participate in the Asian-Pacific City Summit.

Today, the Asian-Pacific region is drawing global attention for its remarkable recent economic growth. This rapid economic expansion has, however, also aggravated urban issues associated with migration and population growth. UN-HABITAT and the Asian-Pacific City Summit share a common understanding that it is important to cooperate beyond borders with one another, collaborating at the local government level towards solutions for urban problems. This understanding highlights contributions to development and peace of the Asian-Pacific region, and in the future to promote cooperation across organizational levels, to include research organizations and private enterprises. Therefore UN-HABITAT, in collaboration with the Asian-Pacific City Summit, would like to offer its full cooperation toward finding solutions to pressing urban issues.

On behalf of UN-HABITAT, I will briefly mention some ways that we will contribute to the Asian-Pacific City Summit. First, UN-HABITAT will be able to provide technical and policy recommendations on urban issues to the Asian-Pacific City Summit, because UN-HABITAT is an experienced agency in solving urban issues. Second, in cases where a Cooperation Project's needs or mission falls within the scope of UN-HABITAT's work, UN-HABITAT will, where possible, introduce cases of implementation, potential partners for collaboration, and provide advice to the participating members of the Asian-Pacific City Summit. Third, UN-HABITAT would like to call an "Asian-Pacific City Journalists Meeting" as a place for free discussion, where the journalists from participant cities of the Asian-Pacific City Summit and members from the authorities, industry, the arts and sciences gather in a hall to discuss trends of future urban problems. The Meeting will be hosted by UN-HABITAT and will be held in Fukuoka City at the same time as the next Asian-Pacific City Summit in Kitakyushu City in 2007.

UN-HABITAT will make all possible efforts to promote the excellence in City-to-City Cooperation for the 2007 Asian-Pacific City Summit.

(3) Adoption of Joint Declaration, Announcement of the Host City of the Next Asian-Pacific City Summit, and Flag Exchange Ceremony

Chairman:

Thank you very much, Mr. Susuki, for giving us your important feedback on the Summit as the representative of the UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office.

I will now read out the Urumqi Declaration.

(Declaration is read out)

Chairman:

Thank you very much.

Over the past two days, frank and fruitful discussions among delegates of respective participating cities have been conducted relating to the global theme of this Summit, "Building Harmonious Cities". We are delighted to share so many valuable opinions and ideas at this Summit. The Urumqi Declaration has been drawn up according to the consensus reached at this Summit, and has been amended according to the opinions and comments of each delegation. This Declaration condenses the knowledge and experience of all of our esteemed delegates, and we can best describe it as an announcement of our collective hopes and expectations for harmonious urban development. May I ask for rounds of applause to both acknowledge the validity of the Declaration, and to accompany the signing of the Declaration by the representatives of participating cities?

(Applause)

Chairman:

A Chinese language version of this Urumqi Declaration will be brought to each delegation's representative. I would please append your signature to it when asked.

In addition, Dalian People's Government has been requested by Vladivostok City of Russia to sign by proxy.

(Signing of the document)

Chairman:

Thank you all for your cooperation.

The declaration has now been signed. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

I would now like to talk on the host city for the 8th Asian-Pacific City Summit. An application has been offered by Dalian People's Government, China, to host the 8th Asian-Pacific City Summit in 2008. Are there any objections to this proposal?

If you have no objections, let us mark the official approval of Dalian as the 2008 host city with a round of applause.

(Applause)

Chairman:

Let us now move to the flag exchange ceremony between the present and the next Asian-Pacific City Summit host city. Mr. Naiyimu Yasen, Mayor of the host city of the 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit, Urumqi City in the Xinjiang region of China could please approach the podium, together with Mr. Hiroshi Yamano, Vice Mayor of Fukuoka City and the representative of the Asian-Pacific City Summit Secretariat, and Mr. Dai Yulin, Vice Mayor of Dalian City.

(Persons concerned step up to the podium, exchange the flag, shake hands amidst the applause.)

Chairman:

I would now like to ask Mr. Dai Yulin, Vice Mayor of Dalian City in China, for the complimentary address.

Complimentary Address

at the Closing Ceremony of the 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit Mr. Dai Yulin, Vice Mayor of Dalian People's Government

Mayor Yasen, esteemed colleagues,

This is the 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit since its launch in 1994, and the Summit has become an increasingly significant and influential conference in the Asian-Pacific region. It is also becoming increasingly important as the venue for meeting and sharing experiences among cities throughout the region, as well as deepening understanding of and friendship with neighboring cities. The 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit, held here in beautiful Urumqi, has been a great success, with leaders from a total of 15 cities gathering together to talk about "Building Harmonious Cities", "Welfare Services of the Future", "Development of Urban Infrastructures", and "Promotion of New Industries", to search for effective strategies in these areas, and to discuss the future possibilities in partnership and exchanges. I am absolutely convinced that such activity can only have a positive and beneficial influence in building deeper and stronger collaborations and interaction within the fields of culture, economy, and trade amongst Asian-Pacific cities.

Further, through its role as the host city of the Summit, Urumqi has demonstrated the success that it has achieved within the economic development that has been witnessed in Western China, and has shown just how significant a position it holds in this western region. The success of this conference shows just how far Urumqi has succeeded in its determination to drive forward as an international city, while Urumqi has given Dalian an excellent example to draw upon as the host city for the next Summit. On behalf of all the cities that have participated in this Summit here in Urumqi, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the staff of Urumqi Municipal Government and the citizens of Urumqi, who have made such tremendous efforts in the hosting this conference. At the same time, I extend my most heartfelt congratulations for the success of this Summit.

As you know, Dalian has been chosen as the host city for the 8th Asian-Pacific City Summit. We are delighted with this honor. I would like to thank all the representatives of the participating cities for this demonstration of their faith in Dalian City.

Now, I would like to give you all a brief outline of Dalian City.

Dalian City is located in the southern part of the Liaodong peninsula, and is flanked to the east by the Yellow Sea and to the west by the Bohai Sea. To the north of the city lie the North-Eastern provinces of China and the eastern part of Inner Mongolia. To the south the city faces the Shangdong peninsula across the sea. It is an important port city in China, and has further significance as a hub of industry, of trade and of tourism. It is a central city for the north-east of China in terms of international transportation, the distribution of goods, international trade and finance. Dalian is located in a warm temperature zone in the northern hemisphere. We

have an oceanic monsoon climate, typical of this region, with mild winter and pleasant summer. Our four seasons are clearly delineated, and the average annual temperature is 10.5 degrees Celsius.

Dalian administers 6 districts, 3 county-level cities and 1 island (county), and the total area of these is around 2,415 square kilometers. Of the total population of around 5.9 million people, 68% live in urban areas. In 1984, Dalian was awarded the title of 'Open City,' and in 1985 a separate economic plan was formulated for the city. In 1994, Dalian was made a sub-provincial city.

Dalian is located in the north-east of Asia, and as such forms a convenient junction for the Bohai Sea and Yellow River Economic Zones. It is also strategically important as an access point on the Eurasia Continent Bridge, and thus has great potential as a port and in terms of its advantageous geographical situation. Further, Dalian boasts a natural bay, famous for being of great strategic importance; maritime trade is carried out within the bay between 160 countries/areas and nearly 300 ports. 70% and more of the marine cargo and 90% and more of the containers from central and north-eastern China are transported through our port.

Over the past few years, Dalian has received the "Global 500" award for human habitation and excellent living environment by the United Nations Environment Program and been awarded a Human Settlement Environment Prize by the central government. It has also been designated by the United Nations as a Leading City in Environmental Improvement in the Asian-Pacific Region. In 2004, China Central Television selected Dalian as the 'the most economically dynamic city in China,' and Dalian also received the Citizen Satisfaction Award. In addition, in 2005, Dalian was placed 6th in the rankings of a survey conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics on the top 100 most economically competitive cities in China, and was selected as one of the cities honored in the first annual 'National Civilization & Culture City' awards.

The development of an economically dynamic society has led directly to improvements in the charm that our city seems to hold. Over the past few years, Dalian has hosted a great number of international conferences. Having Dalian act as the host city for such events as the World Wide Chinese Life Insurance Conference, the 5th Asia-Europe Economic Minister's Meeting, and the WTO Informal Ministerial Meeting has not only seen the residents of Dalian feel a renewed pride for their home city, but has also encouraged many people around the globe to take notice of Dalian as a city of great appeal.

The Central Chinese government is currently pushing forward with its Northeast Industrial Development Project, and as part of this is planning to open the country even further to foreign business investment. In accordance with this, strategic development policy has been formulated for Dalian City on the basis of the positive exploitation of Dalian as a port city. This policy aims to revitalize Dalian through industrial development, to increase its influence and reputation as a city through the promotion of science, technology and education, and further seeks to reward the citizens of Dalian with increased affluence and an enhanced living environment. An objective has thus been created for Dalian, to realize international urban development appropriate to its role as a major city in the northeast of Asia, and ahead of the overall industrial development of the area.

I believe that as time goes on Dalian will continue to become a more open city, an environment that attracts more and greater investment, and will extend and expand her partnerships with other countries. At present, Dalian City has friendship agreements with 25 cities throughout 18 countries.

I am delighted that we have all been able to strengthen our partnerships and deepen our friendships through the

Asian-Pacific City Summit. This is perhaps the best success of all. I am certain that if we continue to work together to create further partnership, then we can create a truly bright future for the cities of the Asian-Pacific region.

Finally, I would like to conclude my speech by wishing each and every one of you the very best of health, success and happiness.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all again in Dalian City.

Thank you very much.

Closing Address at the 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit

Mr. Bai Hua, Vice Mayor of Urumqi Municipal Government

Distinguished colleagues and guests,

The 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit is drawing to a close after 2 days of sessions. Throughout the Summit, we have enjoyed exchanges and discussions on a wide range of topics, and we have been able to deepen our understanding of respective cultures and situations of participating cities. Surely this must signify that we have been able to create a strong foundation upon which to build further exchange and further partnerships in our common goal of the economic and social development of our cities. I would like to thank you all once again for your presence here at this summit, and in particular I would like to express my appreciation to the UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office and to the Asian-Pacific City Summit secretariat for their invaluable help and support in the arrangement of this Summit.

To celebrate the successful completion of the 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit, we would like to hold a farewell reception tonight, beginning at 20:30 Peking time. I very much hope to see you all there.

All that is left, then, is for me to declare the 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit to be officially closed. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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IV Urumqi Declaration

The 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit was held in the city of Urumqi, Xinjiang, China, during the period of August 8-9, 2006. Centering on the theme of "Building Harmonious Cities", participants had extensive, effective and in-depth discussions and exchanges of views, reached consensus on a wide range of problems and achieved the following common understanding:

—Building harmonious cities is a social ideal that mankind has made unremitting efforts to pursue. With the arrival of the era of globalization and informatization, urbanization of different countries has been sped up. Mankind, while enjoying material wealth brought about by cities, has to face dozens of serious problems such as how to effectively prevent and avoid environmental pollution, traffic jam, ecological degradation, waste of resources, and outbreak of epidemic diseases. We must work hard to seek an approach to city development that can ensure living quality of people, freedom of survival of offspring and sustainable development of cities.

—In building harmonious cities, it is essential to timely find and solve new problems arising in the development of cities. Cities constitute an important landmark of human civilization development, a driving force for regional economic growth and an important carrier of economic globalization, and they play a huge role beyond parallel in the prosperity and development of the world. More and more people live in cities. It is the basis for maintaining urban vigor that issues appearing in the development of cities be solved properly such as employment, social security and increase of quality of living environment for urban people. Municipal governments should adhere to the concept of people-orientation, serve to eradicate poverty, improve educational, health-care conditions and public welfare, work to create more jobs, develop the equal environment for social members, especially for youth, women, minority ethnic groups and disabled people, realize and safeguard social justice, and seek more benefits for people.

——In building harmonious cities, it is essential to formulate scientific and forward-looking planning for city development. Cities of deferent countries should, proceeding from conditions of their own countries and cities, seek development. This is a fundamental solution to respond to the opportunities and challenges brought about by economic globalization. The key to take initiative in and accelerate development lies in determining development roads and modes that suit realities of the cities concerned. Participant cities should fully exchange and share experience in development, strengthen exchange and cooperation, extensively learn and adopt achievements of modern civilization, and enhance capacity for self-development. And we should fully tap potential for social development, optimize economic structure, shift mode of economic growth, rationalize distribution of urban space, embody characteristics of different cities and eventually reach the goal of harmonious co-existence of man and nature.

—In building harmonious cities, it is essential to throw away resource-consuming way of development and establish the concept of building resource-cycling society. We should accelerate to establish the system of local laws and regulations and policies, the system of innovation and mechanism of incentive and restriction. We should work to enhance the efficiency of resource utilization and reduce volume of end-disposal of wastes. The

ecologically friendly way of consumption will be pushed forward and system for recycling renewable resources will be improved. Efforts will be made to build resource-conserving and environmentally friendly cities.

On the basis of the above common understanding, we hereby solemnly declare:

- 1. Keeping to the orientation of people, we will work to seek and accomplish urban harmony and unity, achieve balance among nature, ecology, economy and society, and advocate the urban development outlook of respecting, adapting to and giving priority to nature.
- 2. We will work to pursue new driving force for urban sustainable development by building resource-conserving and environmentally friendly cities, reducing consumption of energy and resources, exploiting non-pollutant and renewable alternative energy sources.
- 3. Urban governments have responsibility to encourage local non-governmental institutions to participate in the development of cities. Urban governments should also build an environment for liberalization and facilitation of investment and trade, promote equal cooperation among urban business groups in trade and investment and reach a win-win end.
- 4. We make a common commitment to create more job opportunities, education opportunities and better medical conditions, pay more attention to social security, public health security and food security and bring more welfare for the people.
- 5. We firmly believe that the Asian-Pacific City Summit is a platform by which we can effectively intensify inter-city exchange and cooperation. We will join hands to build a more prosperous, stable and harmonious Asian-Pacific region.
- 6. This Summit meeting has made a decision that 7th Asian-Pacific City Summit Working Level Conference shall be held in the City of Kitakyushu, Japan in 2007 and the 8th Asian-Pacific City Summit shall be hosted by the City of Dalian, China 2008.

Mayors and representatives attending the conference are sincerely grateful to Chinese Government for its attention and support to Asian-Pacific City Summit, and grateful to the Urumqi Municipal Government, Xinjiang, China and to the Summit secretariat for their hard work.

August 9, 2006

Urumqi, People's Republic of China

V Covenant

Covenant of the Asian-Pacific City Summit

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1. (Appellation)

The name of the organization shall be the "Asian-Pacific City Summit" (hereinafter referred to as the "City Summit").

Article 2. (Objective)

The objective of the City Summit is to provide an opportunity for leaders of major cities in the Asian Pacific region to promote inter-city cooperation and networking in solving urban issues, thus contributing to further development of the region and enduring world peace.

Article 3. (Activities)

In order to achieve the objectives stated in Article 2, the City Summit shall:

- (1) convene the Mayors Conference.
- (2) convene the Working-Level Conference.
- (3) organize other necessary activities.

Chapter II Member Cities

Article 4. (Member Cities)

Member cities of the City Summit are as listed on the appendix.

Article 5. (Representation)

Each member city shall, in principle, be represented by its mayor or by a person who holds the position equivalent to mayoralty.

Article 6. (Admission)

- 1. Any city that intends to become a member city of the City Summit, shall submit a written application to the Secretariat.
- 2. The Secretariat shall put the submitted application on the agenda of the first Mayors Conference, to be held following its submission.
- 3. Membership shall take effect on the day of approval by the Mayors Conference.

Article 7. (Withdrawal)

- 1. A member city may withdraw from the City Summit by transmitting a written application for withdrawal to the Secretariat.
- 2. Withdrawal by a member city shall take effect 30 days after the receipt of application by the Secretariat as stated under the previous clause.

3. Even after withdrawal, a member city shall faithfully perform its obligations born before the withdrawal under this Covenant.

Chapter III Mayors Conferences

Article 8. (Mayors Conferences)

- 1. A Mayors Conference shall, in principle, be held every two years.
- 2. A Mayors Conference shall be convened by the representatives of the city where the conference is to be held(hereinafter referred to as a "host city").

Article 9. (Composition)

- 1. A Mayors Conference shall consist of representatives of member cities.
- 2. A Mayors Conference shall be attended by the representative of a member city. However, if the representative is unable to attend the conference in person, the representative may delegate authority to another person who shall attend the conference.
- 3. A non-member city may send a representative to the Mayors Conference as an observer, with recommendation of a member city.

Article 10. (Functions)

A Mayors Conference shall perform the following functions.

- (1) to amend and revoke the Covenant of the City Summit
- (2) to approve new membership
- (3) to determine host cities of the next Mayors Conference and the Working-Level Conference.
- (4) to decide other important matters relating to the administration of the City Summit.

Article 11. (Chairperson)

A Mayors Conference shall, in principle, be chaired by the representative of the host city.

Article 12. (Quorum and Voting)

- 1. The quorum at a Mayors Conference shall be one half of the member cities.
- 2. All the matters shall, in principle, be decided by a majority of the member cities which are present.

Article 13. (Defrayal of costs)

- 1. The host city shall defray the costs incurred in hosting the conference.
- 2. The participating member cities shall bear the costs relating to their participation including travel costs and accommodation costs. However the host city may defray the part of the costs within its discretion.

Article 14. (Determination of the host city)

- 1. A member city which wishes to host a Mayors Conference shall submit an application to the Secretariat.
- 2. The Secretariat shall put the application on the agenda of the first Mayors Conference, to be held following its submission.

Chapter IV Working-Level Conferences

Article 15. (Working-Level Conferences)

1. A Working-Level Conference shall, in principle, be held every two years.

2. A Working-Level Conference shall be convened by the representative of the host city.

Article 16. (Composition)

- 1. A Working-Level Conference shall consist of Working-Level officers of member cities.
- 2. A non-member city may send a representative to the Working-Level Conference as an observer, with recommendation of a member city.

Article 17. (Functions)

- A Working-Level Conference shall hold consultations to realize the matters approved in the Mayors Conference.
- 2. The results of a Working-Level Conference shall, in principle, be reported to the Mayors Conference by the host city of the Working-Level Conference.

Article 18. (Chairperson)

A Working-Level Conference shall, in principle, be chaired by a person appointed by the host city.

Article 19. (Defrayal of costs)

To the costs related to a Working-Level Conference, Article 13 shall apply multatis mutandis.

Article 20. (Determination of the host city)

To the determination of a host city of a Working-Level Conference, Article 14 shall apply multatis mutandis.

Chapter V Secretariat

Article 21. (Secretariat)

- 1. The Secretariat of the City Summit shall be located in Fukuoka City, Japan.
- 2. The necessary costs for the administration of the Secretariat shall be defrayed by Fukuoka City.
- 3. The Secretariat shall have the following duties.
 - (1) Liaison and coordination among member cities
 - (2) Liaison, coordination and support in connection with administrative work related to the Mayors Conference, Working-Level Conference and City Summit.
 - (3) Keeping custody and submitting minutes of meetings and other information relating to the administration of the City Summit.
 - (4) Research and study relating to the administration of the City Summit in general
 - (5) Other items in connection with the administration of the City Summit.
- 4. Other necessary items related to the administration of the Secretariat shall be provided separately by Fukuoka City.

Chapter VI Supplementary provisions

Article 22. (Entry into force)

The present Covenant shall enter into force on August 31, 2002.

(Appendix)

List of Member Cities

Auckland, New Zealand

Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand

Brisbane, Australia

Busan Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea

Dalian, People's Republic of China

Fukuoka, Japan

Guangzhou, People's Republic of China

Ho Chi Minh City, Socialist Republic of Viet Num

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, People's Republic of China

Honolulu, United States of America

Ipoh, Malaysia

Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia

Kagoshima, Japan

Kitakyushu, Japan

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Kumamoto, Japan

Manila, Republic of the Philippines

Miyazaki, Japan

Nagasaki, Japan

Naha, Japan

Oita, Japan

Saga, Japan

Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Singapore

Urumqi, People's Republic of China

Vladivostok, Russian Federation