

International Forum on the “FutureCity” Initiative

- ◆ Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012
- ◆ Venue: NIKKEI Hall (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)
- ◆ Sponsors: Cabinet Secretariat and Cabinet Office

● Participants from Japan and worldwide: approximately 600

- 43 national and municipal officials, professors, and other researchers from approximately 20 nations in Asia and elsewhere (Participants of JICA-sponsored “FutureCity” initiative promotion seminar)
- Approximately 560 people from “FutureCities,” eco-model cities, national and municipal governments, private firms, universities and research institutes, citizens, etc.

● Overseas Invitees: 10

- Minister for Trade and Investment, Denmark: Pia Olsen Dyhr
- C40: Seth Schultz, Director of Research
- ICLEI: Gino Van Begin, Deputy Director General
- WHO: John Beard, Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course
- Surabaya, Indonesia: Tri Rismaharini, Mayor
- Copenhagen, Denmark: Ritt Bjerregaard, Former Lord Mayor
- Shanghai, China: Zuo Xuejin, Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
- SWECO: Ulf Ranhagen, Langerhagen, Senior Advisor
- Setia Haruman: Pipah Mohd Nasir, Head, Business Development Department
- Indonesia: Tjokorda Nirarta Samadi, Acting Director General, Operational Office of the President for Development Oversight and Control



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◆ Purpose

The purpose is to promote the “FutureCity” initiative by:

- ① broadening **understanding of and support for the “FutureCities” Initiative and related actions taken by the selected cities;**
- ② seeking **advice and feedback from knowledgeable people in Japan and worldwide;** and
- ③ taking **the first steps in forming an international network for collaboration.**

◆ Details:

[Part 1] Introduction of purpose, keynote speech, panel discussion

[Part 2] International Conference on Promoting Low-Carbon Cities

Aging Societies Session (social value)

Economic Session (economic value)

[Part 3] Special Session (introduction of FutureCity efforts in the disaster areas); wrap-up



◆ Achievements (common understandings)

[Overview] “The importance of environmental, social, and economic values”

- ① **Human-centered** (high level of resident participation, cooperation, and support; drawing in multiple players)
- ② **Establishing the uniqueness and comparative advantages of cities** (history, tradition, geographical characteristics, environmental and energy conservation technology, etc.)
- ③ **Establishing self-sustaining economic circulatory systems** (long-term perspective, public-private collaboration, development of intellectual clusters)
- ④ **The need for inter-city network collaboration** (sharing commonality, diversity, self-sustaining mutual collaboration, and wisdom on urban environment problems)
- ⑤ **Projecting success stories worldwide** (participating in and utilizing global networks, continuing the International Forum)