

Parallel Session

Urban Resilience in Aging Society

The elderly are vulnerable to disasters, but are at the same time valuable assets in community building and maintenance. This session will, with the reference examples from Japan and abroad, address measures for forecasting increases in risks resulting from population aging, how to redesign urban infrastructure to respond to these risks, and how to foster and organize community power, led by the rapidly growing population segment of active senior citizens.

Theme 1 Forecasting risks resulting from the increase in disaster-vulnerable senior citizens, and redesigning societal infrastructure to respond to these risks

- 1. Questions and comments on presentations by other panelists**
- 2. Forecasting new and increased risks resulting from the population aging**
- 3. Societal infrastructure responses, including housing, transportation, medical care, and information networks**

Theme 2 Seniors, the leaders of community power

- 1. Local self-governing bodies and roles for seniors in the communities of the 21st century: Case examples**
- 2. Senior citizens, as community power, providing backup for declining family functional capabilities (such as childcare and care for the frail elderly): Case examples**