

# International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities in Tokyo

## Purpose of Conference


Transition to a low-carbon society is of utmost imperative not only for Japan but also for all the nations and people around the world.

To facilitate the transition process, the Japanese government selected 13 domestic municipalities that are taking actions to achieve ambitious environment targets, and designated them as *Eco-Model Cities*. The government also established the Promotion Council for the Low-Carbon Cities, comprised of 204 members that include the Eco-Model Cities as well as local governments, national governmental agencies and other related organizations that are ready to assume a leading role in working toward a low-carbon society. Through this council, efforts are underway to introduce good practices across the board and promote collaboration with environmentally advanced cities abroad.

The council will organize the International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities in Tokyo and invite experts and representatives of environmentally-friendly cities, both Japanese and foreign, to learn from the insights of the foreign cities, share best practices internationally, and discuss how cities and regions can play a leading role in creating a sustainable society. Foreign experts invited from the cities in Europe and Asia with successful records in shifting toward a low-carbon society will make presentations and participate in a panel discussion.

Date : Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Venue: Nikkei Hall, Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo

Organizer:  Promotion Council for the Low-Carbon Cities

## International Conference on Promoting the Low-Carbon Cities in Tokyo - Schedule

**13:30~13:50** Opening

**13:50~14:20** Keynote lecture: **Trends toward the Low-Carbon Cities in the World and Necessity for Model-Building in Asian Region**

Dr. Tsuyoshi Fujita, Professor, Toyo University



Dr. Tsuyoshi Fujita

Graduated from Department of Urban Engineering at The University of Tokyo in 1983, and University of Pennsylvania (Master of Urban Planning) in 1991. Ph. D. (Engineering). Worked on regional development planning and urban activities for a construction company after graduation, and assumed education and research position in environmental systems engineering at Osaka University and Toyo University. NIES Director since 2005. Dr. Tsuyoshi Fujita wrote urban environmental planning, environmental technology assessment, eco-town, urban industrial symbiosis system, and many other research papers. Expert panel of environmental information at the Central Environment Council, Chair of the Eco-Town Study Group of the Environment Ministry, a member of the Planning Process Research Committee for Planning Stages of Public Works of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, a member of the Study Committee on Eco-Town and Other Cooperation Facilities at the Ministry of Economy, a member of the Manual Planning Committee for Global Warming Countermeasures at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Visiting Professor at Chinese Academy of Sciences.

**14:20~14:40** Case Study: **Issues of Japanese Local Governments for Establishing the Low-Carbon Societies: Lessons from Low-Carbon Policy Research on Local Governments**

Mr. Mitsuru Tanaka, Professor, Hosei University



Mr. Mitsuru Tanaka

1978 University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Science (MSc). After entering Kawasaki City, he worked at the Office of Environment and the Office of Pollution. Appointed Director of the Environment Bureau of Kawasaki City in 2000. Professor of Sociology, Hosei University in April 2001. Ad-hoc committee member of the Central Environment Council of Policy Research Division, member of the Committee of Human Environment Studies, the Ministry of Environment, member of the Committee for Considering Measures to Promote Environmental Management, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, member of the Committee for Civil Society Organizations for Conservation of Natural Environment in Metropolitan Area, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, member of the Committee of Strategic Environmental Assessment Method, the Ministry of Environment, Researcher, the National Institute for Environmental Studies.

**14:40~16:00** Panel Discussion: **Realization of the Low-Carbon Societies by Inter-City Collaboration: from Japan to Asia**

Panel Discussion aims at deepening understanding of the points for effective inter-city collaboration as well as sharing the keys to deploy the practice of cities and the coexistence of environment and economy through exchanging views between participants from national/international local governments, etc.

Coordinator: Dr. Tsuyoshi Fujita, Professor, Toyo University

Participants: Mr. Toshikazu Matsuoka, Chief Executive, Environmental Bureau, City of Kitakyushu

Ms. Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya City

Mr. Gino Van Begin, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Director for Europe, ICLEI

Ms. Ritt Bjerregaard, Former Lord Mayor of City of Copenhagen

## Participants

### City of Kitakyushu, Japan



Mr. Toshikazu Matsuoka

B.Eng., Environmental Engineering, Kyushu Institute of Technology in 1981. Entering Kitakyushu City in April of the same year. He was in charge of the Department of Environment and the Environmental Management Department in the Planning Division. After experiencing the director at the Office of Promotion of New Industry & Science and the Office of Eco-polis, he has been in the current position since April 2009.

### Surabaya City, Indonesia



Ms. Tri Rismaharini

Surabaya city's first female mayor. Master of Surabaya Institute of Technology in 2002. Project manager of the Inca land use development planning committee in 1997, director of integrated information architecture office in 2001, Project Manager of the office of park planning and bureau chief in 2002, Director of Parks, Beautification Director of Development Studies, 2005 Incumbent chairman of the development plan, 2008, from 2010.

### ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability



Mr. Gino Van Begin

He worked at the European Commission in Brussels from 1987 until 1993. He also worked at the Cabinet of the Minister for Economy and Vice-President of the Government of Flanders, in Belgium.

He is a member of the Steering Committee of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign since 2000 and is known as a co-drafter of the Aalborg Commitments on urban sustainability to which more than 650 cities and towns in Europe have adhered since its launch in 2004. He participated in ICLEI 12 years ago, and has been in charge of the current position since 2007.

### City of Copenhagen, Denmark



Ms. Ritt Bjerregaard

She obtained a Teaching Degree in 1964. Since 1973. She has held numerous political positions as a minister in the Danish Government, as well as an EU Commissioner for Environment. From 2006 to 2010 she was Lord Mayor of City of Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. During her time as Lord Mayor, she adopted several environmental regulations including a bill on making Copenhagen the world's first carbon neutral capital by 2025.

## **Eco-Model Cities for the Low-Carbon Society**

To facilitate shift to a low-carbon society on a nationwide basis, the Japanese government selected the following 13 domestic municipalities that are taking actions to achieve ambitious environmental targets, such as reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, and designated them as *Eco-Model Cities* in fiscal year of 2008.

Shimokawa-cho, Obihiro, Chiyoda-ku, Yokohama, Iida, Toyota, Toyama, Kyoto, Sakai, Yusu-hara-cho, Kitakyushu, Minamata, and Miyakojima

## **Promotion Council for the Low-Carbon Cities**

The council was established in December 2008 with the participation of municipal and prefectural governments, relevant national governmental agencies and other stakeholder organizations, with a view to disseminating the good practices of the Eco-Model Cities nationwide and sharing information with the world. As of February 1, 2012, the membership consists of a total of 204 organizations.

Reference: Website of Eco-Model City Project-Sustainable City for Future: <http://ecomodelproject.go.jp/>



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