

Declaration of the Asia Smart City Conference in Yokohama

Whereas, the City of Yokohama, having been selected as one of "FutureCities" by the Government of Japan, hosted the Asia Smart City Conference aspiring for a prosperous urban life and sustainable "Green Growth" in Asian cities by sharing visionary knowledge and advanced technologies of low carbon society.

Whereas, the Conference was held in Yokohama on the 31st of October, 2012, attended by representatives of Asian cities, namely the City of Bangkok (Kingdom of Thailand), the City of Cebu (Republic of the Philippines), the City of Colombo (Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka), the City of Da Nang (Socialist Republic of Viet Nam), the City of Kitakyushu (Japan), the City of Makassar (Republic of Indonesia), the City of Makati (Republic of the Philippines), the City of Penang (Malaysia), the City of Suva (Republic of Fiji), the City of Yangon (Republic of the Union of Myanmar), and the City of Yokohama (Japan).

Whereas, the participating cities have come to a common understanding of the importance in building a smart city to realize economically developed, livable and sustainable society by utilizing renewable energy and introducing smart technologies for the advancement of social infrastructure such as disaster prevention, water provision, waste water treatment, solid waste disposal and urban transport.

Whereas, the Conference was also attended by the Japanese government and international organizations, each of which is playing a significant role in solving urban problems in Asian emerging economies. They offered the participating cities a wide range of valuable as well as enlightening suggestions and advice toward realizing a smart city suitable to the situation of each city possessing its own versatile culture and history.

Therefore, the participating cities in the Asia Smart City Conference have agreed to strengthen coordination among cities and to press ahead the creation of smart cities in Asia by regularly holding conferences with the aim of furthering city-to-city cooperation in collaboration with respective governments and international organizations.

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On behalf of the representatives of participating cities,

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