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19-21 October 2026 Fukuoka, Japan

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**Collaborating & Co-Creating:
Initiatives for Sustainable Cities**



Greetings



**TAKASHIMA
Soichiro**

Mayor of Fukuoka City

I am delighted to welcome all participants from Japan and around the world to the 15th Asian-Pacific City Summit held here in Fukuoka City.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have provided their invaluable support and made every effort to ensure the success of this Summit.

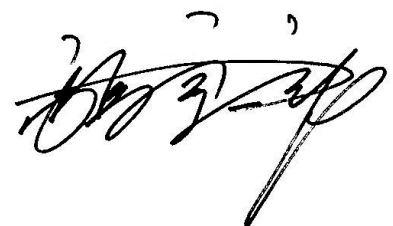
The Asian-Pacific City Summit is an international conference of cities, launched by Fukuoka City in 1994. Since its establishment, the Summit has grown as a platform where participating cities can share their knowledge and experiences of addressing the various challenges they face and of finding solutions to those challenges. It has also provided an opportunity to strengthen city-to-city networks through dialogue and interaction. The trust and cooperative relationships built among cities over more than three decades have become a significant force for advancing sustainable urban development.

The theme of this year's Summit is ***Collaborating & Co-Creating: Initiatives for Sustainable Cities***. The environment surrounding cities continues to change rapidly, with accelerating urbanisation, declining birth rates and ageing populations, climate change, and increasingly severe natural disasters. As a result, the challenges facing cities are becoming increasingly complex and diverse. To address these challenges and create cities where everyone can live safely and with peace of mind for generations to come, it is essential for cities to work closely with a wide range of stakeholders, drawing on their respective experiences and strengths to collaborate and co-create new value.

Fukuoka City has long prospered as Japan's gateway for exchange with the rest of Asia and has consistently promoted urban development that embraces and connects with Asia. Building on this long history of exchange, I sincerely hope that this Summit will further deepen interaction among cities, and that the dialogue and exchange of ideas during the Summit will lead to new insights. I also hope that these insights will serve as a catalyst for addressing the challenges faced by cities and further advancing sustainable urban development.

I also hope that, during your stay, you will have the opportunity to enjoy Fukuoka's rich and distinctive food culture and the many other attractions that our city has to offer.

Finally, I would like to conclude by expressing my sincere wishes for the continued prosperity and development of all participating cities, as well as for the good health and continued success of all participants.



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General Information

Conference Name : The 15th Asian-Pacific City Summit

Theme : Collaborating & Co-Creating: Initiatives for Sustainable Cities

Period : Monday, 19 October to Wednesday, 21 October, 2026

Venues : Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk

Organizers : Fukuoka City, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) – Fukuoka

Co-organiser : United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

Cooperating Organization : World Bank Group Tokyo Development Learning Center

Planning : 15th Asian-Pacific City Summit Executive Committee

Supporters : Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of the Environment, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Global Compact Network Japan (GCNJ), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Participating Cities : 28 cities from 11 countries

Program

Day 1: Monday, 19 October 2026

14:00–15:00	Opening Ceremony ■ Address by the Host City : TAKASHIMA Soichiro, Mayor of Fukuoka City ■ Address by the Representative of the Participating Cities : OH Seok-keun, Vice Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City ■ Guest Address : IZAKI Shinya, Director General, National Spatial Planning and Regional Policy Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan ■ City Introductions ■ Welcome Address by the Local Representative : HIRAHATA Masahiro, Chairperson of Fukuoka City Council
15:00–15:10	Keynote Speech ■ Anacláudia Rossbach, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat
15:25–16:30	UN-Habitat Session Advancing Inclusive Cities: Improving Living Conditions in Informal Settlements and Underserved Communities
16:30–17:15	World Bank Group Tokyo Development Learning Center Session Land as Leverage: Unlocking Urban Regeneration Through Value Capture
17:15–17:30	Photo Session
19:00–20:30	Welcome Reception ■ Opening Address : TAKASHIMA Soichiro, Mayor of Fukuoka City ■ Welcome Address by the Local Representative : NAGAE Shizuka, Vice Chairwoman, Fukuoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry ■ Toast : Low Yen Ling, Senior Minister of State of Singapore ■ Closing Address : Anacláudia Rossbach, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Day 2 : Tuesday, 20 October 2026

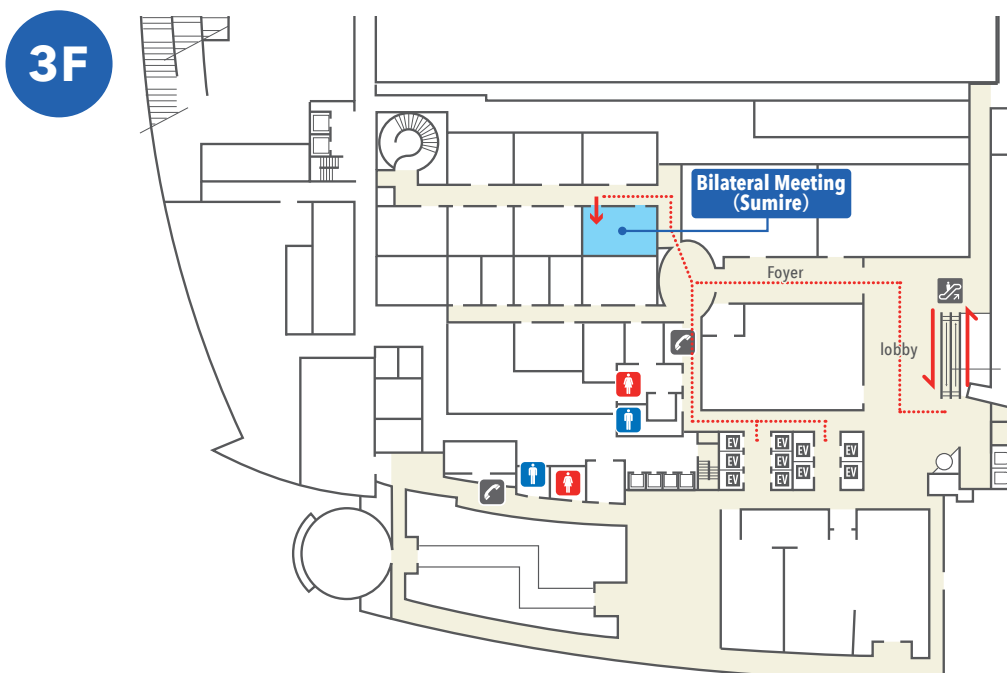
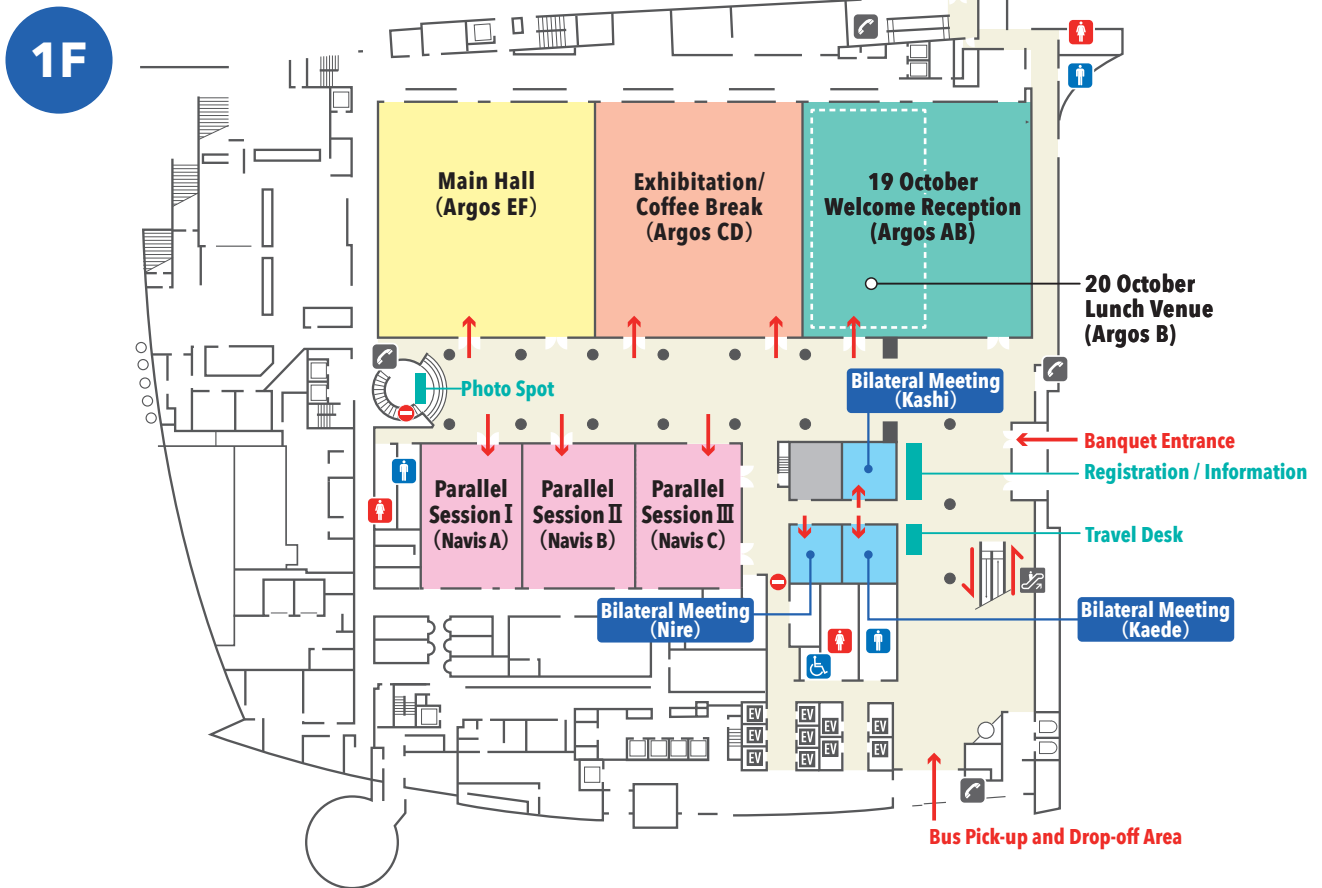
09:30–10:15	Bridge Session to Parallel Session I Accelerating Sustainable Urban Mobility in Asia-Pacific Cities: Local Actions, Global Commitments and Pathways to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport
10:15–10:55	Bridge Session to Parallel Session II Current and Future Burden of Dementia in Japan: Insights from Community-Based Epidemiological Studies
11:15–12:00	Bridge Session to Parallel Session III From Risk to Resilience: Collaborative Solutions for Cities
13:00–16:00	Parallel Session I Co-Creating Sustainable Urban Infrastructure through Public-Private Collaboration
	Parallel Session II Co-Creating Liveable Cities in an Era of Rapid Ageing and Declining Birthrates
	Parallel Session III Co-Creating Safe and Secure Disaster-Resilient Cities through Hard and Soft Approaches
17:00–17:30	Plenary Session & Closing Ceremony ■ Parallel Session Reports ■ Approval of the Agenda ■ Joint Declaration ■ Closing Address : TAKASHIMA Soichiro, Mayor of Fukuoka City
19:00–20:30	Farewell Reception ■ Opening Address & Toast: TAKASHIMA Soichiro, Mayor of Fukuoka City ■ Closing Address

Day 3 : Wednesday, 21 October 2026

City Tours	■ Course 1	8:40–12:50	Fukuoka City Urban Regeneration Areas, Startup Support and Park-PFI
	■ Course 2	8:30–12:20	Waste Management, Waste Reduction
	■ Course 3	9:00–15:40	Artist Support, Welfare and Nursing Care Experiences, Disaster Preparedness Experiences
	■ Course 4	9:00–16:45	Water Supply Systems, Sewerage Systems

Floor Map

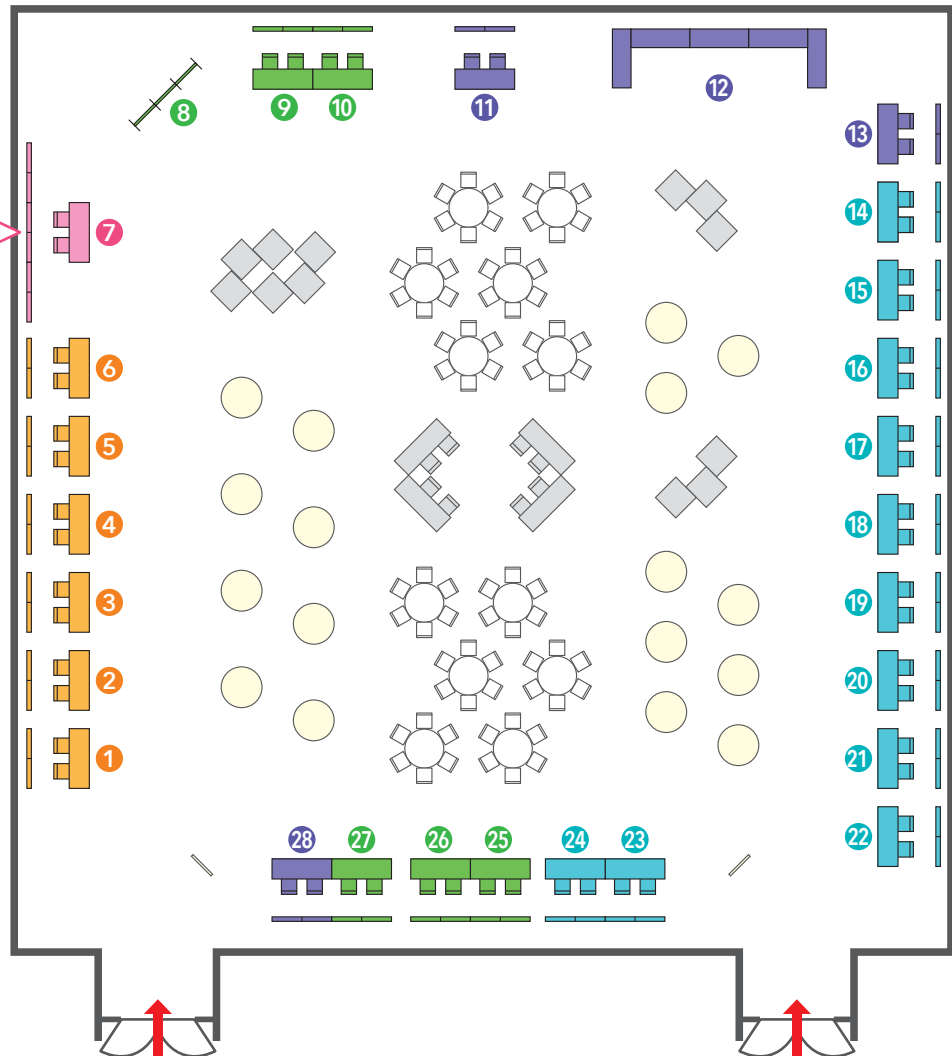
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Exhibition Venue Map

Exhibition/Coffee Break(Argos CD)

Students from Kyushu University School of Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation will showcase their perspectives and reflections on the three themes of the parallel sessions.



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- ② The Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd.
- ③ The Juhachi Shinwa Bank, Ltd.
- ④ LOTTE Co., Ltd.
- ⑤ Kyushu Railway Company
- ⑥ Asia Air Survey Co., Ltd.
- ⑦ Kyushu University School of Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation
- ⑧ 2026 World Habitat Day Children's Drawing Contest
- ⑨ UN-Habitat
- ⑩ United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)
- ⑪ Fukuoka Flower Show, Fukuoka City
- ⑫ Fukuoka City
- ⑬ Golden Route to West Japan, Fukuoka City
- ⑭ Kagoshima City

- ⑮ Kitakyushu City
- ⑯ Kumamoto City
- ⑰ Oita City
- ⑱ Saga City
- ⑲ Koh Rong City
- ⑳ Tarlac Province
- ㉑ Busan City
- ㉒ Gwangyang City
- ㉓ Pohang City
- ㉔ Can Tho City
- ㉕ Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center
- ㉖ Asian Townscape Awards
- ㉗ Fukuoka Directive Council (FDC)
- ㉘ Fukuoka Prize, Fukuoka City

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Keynote Speech

Monday, 19 October | 15:00–15:10

Accelerating the 2030 Agenda in Asia-Pacific Cities: Localizing the SDGs through Collaboration and Co-Creation



Anacláudia Rossbach

United Nations Under-Secretary-
General /
Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Brief Biography

Anacláudia Rossbach (Brazil) is the Executive Director of UN-Habitat and an economist with more than 20 years of experience in housing, informal settlements, and urban policies. She was appointed Executive Director of UN-Habitat at the Under-Secretary-General level by the General Assembly, following nomination by the UN Secretary-General, on 7 June 2024. Prior to this role, she was the Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and served as Regional Manager for Cities Alliance, where she founded the Urban Housing Practitioners Hub. Prior to that, with the World Bank, she oversaw the development and implementation of Brazilian housing and slum-upgrading policies. Ms. Rossbach has actively contributed to global urban policy discussions and has a strong academic presence in the field. She took office on 12 August 2024.

About the Keynote Speech

In her keynote speech, Ms. Rossbach highlights the pivotal role of cities and local governments in accelerating the 2030 Agenda through localization, collaboration and co-creation. Against the backdrop of uneven progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia and the Pacific, it emphasizes that global commitments become meaningful when translated into adequate housing, basic services, sustainable mobility, safe public spaces and greater resilience at the local level.

Particular emphasis is placed on adequate, affordable and resilient housing as a foundation for sustainable urban development. The keynote speech draws attention to the scale of informal settlements across the region and the growing interaction between housing vulnerability and climate risks. It also underscores the need to address housing through inclusive planning, community engagement, multilevel governance, innovation and investment, while ensuring that the needs of vulnerable and historically marginalized communities remain central.

The keynote speech further highlights practical examples of SDG localization and city-to-city learning across the Asia-Pacific region, demonstrating the value of locally driven solutions that can be shared and adapted. Its core call is for governments, cities, communities, the private sector and development partners to collaborate and co-create solutions, recognizing that neither the housing crisis nor climate adaptation can be addressed in isolation.

International Organization Sessions

UN-Habitat Session

Monday, 19 October
15:25–16:30

Advancing Inclusive Cities: Improving Living Conditions in Informal Settlements and Underserved Communities

This session will bring together diverse participants to share experiences and insights and discuss practical, scalable approaches to improving living conditions and advancing more inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban development across the region.



HATA Megumi

Director, National Land Management Office in charge of Human Settlement Improvement, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan



Roi Chiti

Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat ROAP

*Including participation by City Delegation Leaders

World Bank Group Tokyo Development Learning Center Session

Monday, 19 October
16:30–17:15

Land as Leverage: Unlocking Urban Regeneration Through Value Capture

This session will examine land value capture, land readjustment, and public-private participation as practical tools for city-led urban regeneration.



TAWARA Shoko

Deputy Program Manager, World Bank Group Tokyo Development Learning Center



Jon Kher Kaw

Senior Urban Development Specialist, World Bank Group



MIKI Haruka

Operations Officer, World Bank Group Tokyo Development Learning Center

*Including participation by City Delegation Leaders

Bridge Sessions to Parallel Sessions

Prior to the parallel sessions, useful topics related to each session will be provided to deepen and enrich the discussions.

Bridge Session to Parallel Session I

Tuesday, 20 October | 09:30–10:15

Accelerating Sustainable Urban Mobility in Asia-Pacific Cities: Local Actions, Global Commitments and Pathways to the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport

This session will bring together representatives of the United Nations, national governments, and cities to share practical initiatives and policy approaches for advancing accessible, safe, inclusive, low-carbon, and environmentally sustainable urban mobility.



MURATA Shigeo

Head, United Nations Centre for Regional Development-Division for Sustainable Development Goals/UN DESA (UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA)



Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty

Environment Programme Coordinator, United Nations Centre for Regional Development-Division for Sustainable Development Goals/UN DESA (UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA)



Astra Bonini

Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, DSDG, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

(Video Address)



OHYA Chiaki

Director for International Planning for Construction Industry, International Policy Division, Policy Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Government of Japan



SHIN Sang-jin

Mayor of Seongnam City, Republic of Korea

(Video Address)



Tristan Dwight Papas Domingo

Acting Department Head, City Transport and Traffic Management Office Davao City, Philippines

Bridge Session to Parallel Session II

Tuesday, 20 October | 10:15–10:55

Current and Future Burden of Dementia in Japan: Insights from Community-Based Epidemiological Studies

This session will discuss the current and future epidemiology of dementia in Japan, with a focus on findings from the Hisayama Study.



NINOMIYA Toshiharu

Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University

Bridge Session to Parallel Session III

Tuesday, 20 October | 11:15–12:00

From Risk to Resilience: Collaborative Solutions for Cities

This session will bring together UN-Habitat country offices to share experiences, lessons learned, and scalable solutions, while exploring how partnerships, technology, and community engagement can support more inclusive, resilient and sustainable cities across the region.



Pragya Pradhan

Habitat Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Nepal Country Office



Hafiz Amirrol

Senior National Programme Officer, UN-Habitat Malaysia Country Office



Waqar Syed

Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Pakistan Country Office



Roi Chiti

Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat ROAP

Parallel Sessions

As a core program of the 15th Asian-Pacific City Summit, the parallel sessions serve as a forum where participating cities and diverse stakeholders can learn from one another and discuss the various challenges facing cities.

Parallel Session I

Tuesday, 20 October | 13:00–16:00

Co-Creating Sustainable Urban Infrastructure through Public-Private Collaboration

Many cities in the Asia-Pacific region are facing a complex set of challenges, including rapid urbanisation, ageing infrastructure, and the need to address climate change. Against this backdrop, this session will discuss how to build and maintain sustainable urban infrastructure.

In particular, given the current reality where traditional public-led frameworks alone are no longer sufficient, this session will focus on the effective use of private capital and technology, including public-private partnerships (PPPs). The session will discuss the division of roles and governance structures in urban development, while sharing the initiatives and experiences of various cities.

Participants Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Oita, Saga, Nusantara, Ipoh, Iskandar Puteri, Gwangyang, Singapore, Can Tho

Other Presenters OGAWA Yuki, Development Bank of Japan Inc.
Sanjeevani Dilanthi Singh, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific



⟨Moderator⟩

MURATA Shigeo

Head, United Nations Centre for Regional Development-Division for Sustainable Development Goals/UN DESA (UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA)

Parallel Session II

Tuesday, 20 October | 13:00–16:00

Co-Creating Liveable Cities in an Era of Rapid Ageing and Declining Birthrates

Challenges related to urban sustainability and the maintenance of social systems due to factors such as an ageing population, declining birthrates, and the outflow of young people are pressing issues for many cities in the Asia-Pacific region. These challenges are expected to emerge rapidly in cities that are not currently facing them. Considering this situation, this session will discuss urban services with a view towards a society with an extremely low birthrate and an ageing population.

This session will focus on how to build and update systems that integrate healthcare, long-term care, housing, mobility, employment, and social participation across sectors, as well as systems that enable diverse citizens to live with dignity and choice now and in the future. The session will engage in a broad discussion while sharing practical examples from various cities.

Participants Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Miyazaki, Madhyapur Thimi, Busan, Hat Yai

Other Presenters ICHIKAWA Kazuhiro, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. / NINOMIYA Toshiharu, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University



⟨Moderator⟩

TAWARA Shoko

Deputy Program Manager, World Bank Group Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC)

Parallel Session III

Tuesday, 20 October | 13:00–16:00

Co-Creating Safe and Secure Disaster-Resilient Cities through Hard and Soft Approaches

Many cities in the Asia-Pacific region are in areas prone to frequent natural disasters such as earthquakes, and weather-related disasters are becoming more severe due to the impacts of climate change. Moreover, the risk of damage is increasing even further due to population concentration in cities and urban sprawl. Considering these circumstances, this session will discuss the initiatives and roles of local governments in realising cities that are resilient to disasters and where people can live safely and securely over the long term.

In addition to hard measures such as infrastructure development, this session will focus on collaboration with local communities and diverse stakeholders, the utilisation of nature-based solutions, and approaches to recovery and regeneration grounded in the “Build Back Better” philosophy. The session will engage in a broad discussion while sharing the experiences and lessons learned by each city.

Participants Fukuoka, Kagoshima, Kumamoto, Koh Rong, Shabqadar, Pohang, Da Nang

Other Presenters KANKI Sentaro, Asia Air Survey Co., Ltd. / Roi Chiti, UN-Habitat ROAP



⟨Moderator⟩

KATO Makoto

Member, Board of Directors / General Manager, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

List of Participants from Cities

(As of 8 October 2026)

Cambodia	Koh Rong	Mayor	Reach Sovann
	Siem Reap Province	Deputy Governor	Yun Linne
	Sihanoukville	Mayor	Sar Kackada
Indonesia	Nusantara	Deputy of Green and Digital Transformation	Agung Indrajit
Japan	Fukuoka	Mayor	TAKASHIMA Soichiro
	Kagoshima	Mayor	SHIMOZURU Takao
	Kitakyushu	Mayor	TAKEUCHI Kazuhisa
	Kumamoto	Mayor	ONISHI Kazufumi
	Miyazaki	Mayor	KIYOYAMA Tomonori
	Nagasaki	Mayor	SUZUKI Shiro
	Oita	Director-General, Environmental Affairs Department	YAMAGUCHI Daisuke
	Saga	Mayor	SAKAI Hidetaka
	Sasebo	Mayor	MIYAJIMA Daisuke
Malaysia	Ipoh	Director of Finance	Mohd Syazlan bin Mohd Isa Suffian
	Iskandar Puteri	Head of Planning Development Department	Muhammad Suffian
Nepal	Madhyapur Thimi	Mayor	Surendra Shrestha
Pakistan	Peshawar	Former Mayor	Zubair Ali
	Shabqadar	International Coordinator	Hamza Asaf Khan

List of Participants from Cities

(As of 8 October 2026)

Philippines	Manila	Chief Information Technology Officer Fortune Palileo
	Tarlac Province	Governor Christian Tell A. Yap
Republic of Korea	Busan	Vice Mayor OH Seok-keun
	Gwangyang	Mayor PARK Sung Hyeon
	Pohang	Mayor PARK Yong-sun
Singapore	Singapore	Senior Minister of State Low Yen Ling
Thailand	Hat Yai	Deputy Mayor Charinthon Patnantavech
Viet Nam	Can Tho	Vice Chairman of the Can Tho City People's Committee Tran Chi Hung
	Da Nang	Vice Chairman of the Da Nang City People's Committee Tran Nam Hung
	Hai Phong	Deputy Secretary of the Hai Phong City Party Committee Do Manh Hien

Profiles of Participating Cities

Koh Rong | Cambodia

Located in Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia, Koh Rong is an island municipality consisting of 18 islands situated entirely in the sea. Its main island is officially ranked as the 9th best beach globally by The World's 50 Best Beaches. The city is celebrated for its miles of pristine white sand, crystal-clear waters, and rich marine ecosystems. Moving beyond its natural charm, Koh Rong is rapidly transforming into a regional model for sustainable island development. The local administration focuses on preserving its coastal environment while expanding economic opportunities, modernizing infrastructure, and empowering local communities. By integrating conservation with smart urban planning, Koh Rong delivers a world-class eco-tourism experience while building a resilient future.



Reach Sovann

Mayor

Siem Reap Province | Cambodia

Siem Reap, located in northwestern Cambodia, is best known as the gateway to the world-famous UNESCO World Heritage site, Angkor Wat. Once the seat of the powerful Khmer Empire, this vibrant city blends rich ancient history with modern Cambodian culture. Beyond the iconic stone temples of the Angkor Archaeological Park, Siem Reap offers a lively downtown atmosphere centered around the Old Market (Psar Chaa) and Pub Street, where bustling night markets, street food stalls, and cafes line the avenues. The nearby Tonle Sap Lake introduces visitors to floating villages and unique freshwater ecosystems. Today, Siem Reap remains Cambodia's cultural capital and premier tourist destination, celebrated for its warm hospitality, traditional Apsara dance, and artistic heritage.



Yun Linne

Deputy Governor

Sihanoukville | Cambodia

Sihanoukville is designated as one of the major economic development areas in Preah Sihanouk Province. It is the site of country's only deep-sea water port serving as a commercial gate way to local and international.

Sihanoukville is also considered one of the most popular tourist destinations in Preah Sihanouk Province. It has a great potential for eco-tourism with its unspoiled beaches and nature-based tourism activities in Kbal Chhay Water Fall, O'cheauteal Beach, O'tres Beach and the islands. A number of tourists facilitate and services already exist, accommodating a rapidly increasing number of tourists annually, because of this, a long-term plan must be developed to respond to the increasing pressure the industry may exert on the coastal environment of Sihanoukville



Sar Kackada

Mayor

Profiles of Participating Cities

Nusantara | Indonesia

Nusantara is Indonesia's future capital city, located in East Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. Developed as a green, smart, and sustainable city, Nusantara is designed to support Indonesia's long-term economic transformation and create a high-quality urban environment. The city integrates modern infrastructure, digital technology, environmental sustainability, and nature-based development. Approximately 75% of the IKN area is planned as green open space, including protected areas and areas for food production. Nusantara also aims to promote public and active transportation, renewable energy, efficient water and waste management, and inclusive public spaces. The development of Nusantara is being carried out progressively toward 2045, with the vision of becoming a world-class, liveable, and sustainable city.



Agung Indrajit

Deputy of Green and
Digital Transformation

Fukuoka | Japan

Fukuoka City has a population of 1.67 million and is characterised by its geographical proximity to the Asian continent.

While Fukuoka City is blessed with rich natural surroundings such as the sea and mountains, it also has an airport, major train stations and a seaport conveniently located close to the heart of the city, offering excellent transport connectivity.

Since ancient times, Fukuoka City has developed as Japan's gateway for exchanges with the rest of Asia. The city continues to grow today as a liveable and vibrant international hub, attracting people with diverse expertise and businesses from across Japan and around the world.

Building on these strengths, Fukuoka City is moving forward with urban development that enables people to enjoy the comfort and serenity of its close surrounding nature, including flowers and other greenery, while fostering an environment where anyone can endeavour to create new values.

Through these efforts, Fukuoka City is fostering a virtuous circle of quality of life and urban growth, with the aim of building a sustainable city where people, the environment and urban vitality exist together in harmony.



**TAKASHIMA
Soichiro**

Mayor

Kagoshima | Japan

As Japan's gateway in the south, Kagoshima City has long flourished through exchange with other overseas nations, including Asian nations. Kagoshima City is the capital city of Kagoshima Prefecture, and as a major city of the Southern Kyushu region, urban faculties such as government, commerce, education, culture, and medicine accumulate here.

Kagoshima City also boasts beautiful city scenery that mixes elements of urban sophistication with abundant nature characterized by Kinko Bay and the active volcano Sakurajima. With a rich food culture, hot springs, and much more, we continue to strive towards a city where everyone can feel safe and thrive.



**SHIMOZURU
Takao**

Mayor

Profiles of Participating Cities

Kitakyushu | Japan

Kitakyushu City is a dynamic metropolitan city of approximately 900,000 people, where vibrant urban convenience blends seamlessly with breathtaking natural beauty. Surrounded by the sea and mountains, the city is home to rich cultural assets, including the historic Kokura Castle. As a world-renowned manufacturing city, Kitakyushu is home to many globally recognized companies, including TOTO, that compete successfully in international markets. At the same time, the city is also known for its outstanding culinary culture as a premier sushi destination and is one of its many charms. In addition, Kitakyushu is highly regarded as one of Japan's leading cities for child-rearing support, offering an exceptional quality of life for residents. At night, locations within the city transform it into one of Japan's most spectacular night views, creating a truly unique and memorable urban landscape unrecognizable from that during daytime.



TAKEUCHI
Kazuhisa
Mayor

Kumamoto | Japan

Situated in the heart of Kyushu, Kumamoto City is a designated city with a population of about 740,000. It is home to numerous tourist attractions such as Kumamoto Castle, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, and the Zoological and Botanical Gardens. The city is also famous for its gourmet culture, with a wide variety of great foods to enjoy. Residents and visitors can enjoy a life surrounded by nature, with lush parks and riverside promenades.

Transportation is convenient, with extensive railway networks, shinkansen access, and—not to mention—various air routes available via Kumamoto Airport. The warm hospitality of the locals also adds to the city's charm.

Following the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake, Kumamoto City has slowly but surely made its way down the road to recovery thanks to the diligent efforts of its citizens, along with domestic/ international support and cooperation.

We are committed to creating a city people want to visit and live in and where one can enjoy a high-quality lifestyle.



ONISHI
Kazufumi
Mayor

Miyazaki | Japan

Miyazaki City harmonizes urban convenience and rich nature. It faces the Pacific Ocean, has a mild climate and abundant sunshine. This environment makes the city famous for professional sports camps and a world-class surfing destination.

The city is compact, concentrating its business and daily essentials. The city center is highly accessible, located just a 15-minute drive from Miyazaki Airport and close to beautiful coasts like Aoshima. The short commute enables a high quality of life (QOL), allowing residents to easily balance work while still enjoying pastimes like surfing and golf.

Miyazaki City openly welcomes overseas migrants, businesses, and tourists alike. The city promotes an inclusive environment where people from diverse backgrounds starting with Asia, onto the world, thrive together.



KIYOYAMA
Tomonori
Mayor

Profiles of Participating Cities

Nagasaki | Japan

A city of peace and tourism selected by the New York Times early this year as one of the "52 Places to Go in 2026." Although Nagasaki suffered serious damage from the atomic bombing in 1945, the city center was spared. As a result, the city was rebuilt while preserving this downtown area, which was supposed to be gone in the attack.

Today, Nagasaki is experiencing a dynamic, once-in-a-century transformation with public-private, large-scale redevelopment projects in progress, including in the area around Nagasaki Station. We will continue our journey both as a city calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons worldwide, as well as a city that cherishes our history and culture nurtured through centuries of international exchange.



SUZUKI Shiro

Mayor

Oita | Japan

Blessed with lush green mountains, a blue sea, crystal-clear rivers, and a moderate climate, Oita City has long played an important role as a key hub in eastern Kyushu. The city actively engaged in overseas trade under the leadership of Otomo Sorin, a territorial lord during the Sengoku Period (1467-1590). Also, the city has made great strides as a prefectural capital full of vitality equipped with diverse functions in various fields such as industry, education, and welfare.

Oita City is committed to a municipal administration that fosters a society where the well-being of all citizens is a priority by ensuring their physical, mental, and social needs are met. Guided by sincerity and a human-centered approach, we have established five fundamental pillars of development: protecting, nurturing, supporting, enriching, and energizing our citizens.



YAMAGUCHI Daisuke

Director-General,
Environmental Affairs
Department

Saga | Japan

Saga City is a city blessed with a rich natural environment stretching from the Sefuri Mountains to the Ariake Sea, and home to historical and cultural assets such as the World Heritage Site "Miotsu Naval Dock" and the Saga Castle ruins. The city is actively engaged in creating an appealing community by leveraging its diverse local resources, including the Saga International Balloon Fiesta—one of Asia's largest hot air balloon competitions. Furthermore, through the promotion of smart city initiatives and digital transformation (DX), the city is working to improve public services and build a sustainable community, striving towards its future vision: realizing a city where everyone looks toward the future, embracing the unique character of Saga.



SAKAI Hidetaka

Mayor

Profiles of Participating Cities

Sasebo | Japan

Located in northern Nagasaki Prefecture, Sasebo City is a unique and vibrant city where the beautiful natural scenery of the Saikai National Park “Kujukushima,” the history embodied by the World Heritage site “Kuroshima Village,” and a cosmopolitan culture cultivated as a port city open to the sea coexist.

Having developed alongside its harbor since modern times, the city continues to have a thriving shipbuilding industry today.

It is also a popular tourist destination with abundant attractions, such as “Huis Ten Bosch,” one of Japan’s largest theme parks, and “Mikawachi-yaki,” a pottery tradition dating back 400 years.

The city is actively working to deepen exchanges with both domestic and international communities, promoting multicultural coexistence and sustainable urban development.



**MIYAJIMA
Daisuke**
Mayor

Ipoh | Malaysia

Ipoh is the capital city of the state of Perak, Malaysia, and one of the country’s major urban centres. Renowned for its rich tin mining heritage, stunning limestone hills, vibrant street art, and diverse culinary scene, Ipoh has successfully transformed into a thriving destination for tourism, culture, and business.

Strategically located between Kuala Lumpur and Penang, Ipoh serves as a gateway to northern Peninsular Malaysia. The city offers a unique blend of historical charm and modern development, featuring well-preserved colonial architecture alongside contemporary urban amenities.

With a population of over 800,000 within the Ipoh City Council administrative area and covering approximately 643 km², Ipoh is committed to sustainable urban development, heritage conservation, community well-being, and tourism innovation.



**Mohd Syazlan
bin Mohd Isa
Suffian**
Director of Finance

Iskandar Puteri | Malaysia

Iskandar Puteri is strategically located at Malaysia’s southern gateway, close to Singapore and Indonesia. The city is directly connected to Singapore through the Malaysia–Singapore Second Link and to Indonesia via the Puteri Harbour International Ferry Terminal. It is also home to the Port of Tanjung Pelepas, one of the world’s major container ports. With approximately 40% of its land available for future growth, Iskandar Puteri offers significant opportunities for sustainable industries, digital infrastructure and smart development. Its investment potential is strengthened by the Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone and Forest City Special Financial Zone. As a Green Catalyst, MBIP provides clear policies, coordinated facilitation and monitoring to support responsible investment aligned with ESG and climate commitments.



**Muhammad
Suffian**
Head of Planning
Development Department

Profiles of Participating Cities

Madhyapur Thimi | Nepal

Madhyapur-Thimi, an ancient Newari municipality in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley, covers 11.47 sq km across nine wards. The name derives from "Chhemi" (capable) for defending Bhaktapur, later meaning "central city." It features heritage sites like Balkumari Temple (guardian deity), Mahalaxmi Temple, Nagadesh Durbar, Bode Durbar and Thimi Durbar. Renowned for pottery, the town celebrates vibrant festivals: Biska Jatra (New Year), Gai Jatra, and the unique tongue-piercing festival rooted in a demon legend. There are so many Traditional dances include Layaku Bhaila Naach. The municipality, formed in 1996, has over 83,000 residents. As of 2022, Mayor Surendra Shrestha lead it.



Surendra Shrestha
Mayor

Peshawar | Pakistan

Peshawar, the vibrant capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in South Asia. Known as the "City of Flowers" and the ancient "Gateway to the Khyber Pass", it is a bustling cultural and economic hub bridging South and Central Asia.

History and Culture

Dating back to at least 539 BC, Peshawar has been a vital crossroads of empires, serving as a capital for both the ancient Kushan and Durrani empires. / **The Walled City:** The ancient heart of the city features historic architecture like the 16th-century Mahabat Khan Mosque and the majestic Bala Hisar Fort. / **Qissa Khwani Bazaar:** Known historically as the "Street of Storytellers," it remains a vibrant hub for traditional crafts, local teas, and tribal artifacts. / **Gandhara Legacy:** The Peshawar Museum houses one of the world's most extensive collections of Gandharan Buddhist art and sculptures.

Economy and Education

With an urban population of over 2.3 million, it is the primary political, educational, and manufacturing center of the province. It features major academic institutions like the University of Peshawar and is known for its light manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and livestock industries.

Food and Atmosphere

Peshawar is famously known across the region for its authentic cuisine. Namak Mandi is the go-to spot for food lovers seeking authentic Peshawari Chapli Kebabs, Karahi, and traditional green tea.



Zubair Ali
Former Mayor

Shabqadar | Pakistan

Shabqadar is a vibrant and historic municipality in the Charsadda District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. Rooted in a rich cultural heritage and shaped by the resilience and hospitality of its people, the city has long served as an important center of agriculture, commerce, and community life. Strategically located near Peshawar, Shabqadar is steadily advancing toward a future of sustainable urban development, improved public services, and economic opportunity. The municipal administration is committed to inclusive governance, environmental responsibility, and citizen-centered development, while preserving the city's unique identity and traditions. Through collaboration and international partnership, Shabqadar aspires to become a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable municipality that offers a high quality of life for present and future generations.



Hamza Asaf Khan
International Coordinator

Profiles of Participating Cities

Manila | Philippines

Manila, the capital of the Philippines, packs centuries of history into just 42.88 square kilometers along Manila Bay. Its culture reflects over 450 years of layered influence—Tagalog roots, Spanish colonization from 1571, American rule, and Japanese occupation—visible today in Intramuros's churches, Ermita's architecture, and a still-dominant Catholic identity alongside smaller Muslim, Protestant, and Buddhist communities.

Governance operates through a mayor-council system, currently led by Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso and Vice Mayor Chi Atienza, alongside a 38-member City Council. As national capital, Manila also hosts key government institutions.

Roughly 1.9 million residents call the city home, making it the world's most densely populated city—though daytime commuters swell Metro Manila's population to nearly 15 million. Districts like Tondo and Sampaloc anchor working-class communities known for resilience.

City services span health, education, housing, and public safety, coordinated from City Hall—supporting a capital constantly balancing its past with its present.



Fortune Palileo

Chief Information
Technology Officer

Tarlac Province | Philippines

Tarlac Province: Ready to Co-Create

At the heart of Central Luzon, Tarlac Province offers Asia-Pacific partners strategic connectivity, investment opportunities, and a commitment to sustainable industrialization. Major expressways connect it to Metro Manila, Clark International Airport, Subic Bay Freeport, and Northern Luzon. New Clark City, TARI Estate, Victoria Industrial Park, Cresendo, and two provincial IT parks offer opportunities across manufacturing, commerce, and digital services. Its agricultural heritage, diverse cultures, and skilled workforce provide a foundation for inclusive growth. By linking industrialization with agricultural development and urban innovation, Tarlac seeks to expand livelihoods and strengthen communities. The province comes to Fukuoka ready to listen, learn, share, and co-create lasting partnerships for sustainable, resilient development.



Christian Tell A. Yap

Governor

Busan | Republic of Korea

Busan is South Korea's premier maritime hub and a global port city, renowned for the unique charm of its urban landscape that seamlessly harmonizes with the sea. Anchored by one of the world's leading ports, the city has grown into a major center for maritime affairs and logistics, complementing its industrial strength with a beautiful coastline as well as rich tourism and cultural resources. The city also actively engages with the global community through the hosting of various international events, most notably the Busan International Film Festival. Today, Busan is taking its next big leap forward. By upgrading its marine industries and cultivating emerging sectors, the city is rising as a maritime capital that connects with the world and propels the nation's future growth.



OH Seok-keun

Vice Mayor

Profiles of Participating Cities

Gwangyang | Republic of Korea

Gwangyang is a major economic city in southern Korea and a key hub for international port logistics and industry.

Home to POSCO Gwangyang Works, one of the world's largest and most advanced steelmaking facilities, the city is also emerging as a major hub for the global secondary battery industry.

Covering an area of 466 km² and home to approximately 150,000 residents, Gwangyang is developing into a vibrant city where industry, culture and the arts, tourism, and social welfare come together.



PARK Sung Hyeon

Mayor

Pohang | Republic of Korea

Pohang is building on the strong foundation of its steel industry, which played a pivotal role in Korea's industrialization, while embracing cutting-edge industries and innovative technologies to shape a new future. Moving beyond its traditional carbon-intensive steel industry, Pohang is transforming into a green steel hub centered on hydrogen-based steelmaking and low-carbon specialty steels, while actively fostering future industries such as secondary batteries, biotechnology, and robotics. Through this transformation, Pohang is creating a city where industrial innovation, a vibrant local economy, and hope for the younger generation can grow together. Together with its citizens, Pohang is building a "Great Pohang, a Better Tomorrow," and taking a bold step to grow beyond Korea into a world-class carbon-neutral industrial city and global innovation hub leading the future.



PARK Yong-sun

Mayor

Singapore | Singapore

Singapore is a vibrant global city-state at the heart of Southeast Asia, renowned for its multicultural society, world-class infrastructure, and strong international connectivity. Home to over six million people from diverse cultural backgrounds, Singapore offers a unique blend of modernity and heritage, where different communities contribute to a rich tapestry of traditions, languages, cuisines, and experiences. Singapore continues to pursue sustainable urban development through long-term planning, strong public-private partnerships, and investments in resilient infrastructure. Key initiatives include integrated water management, green buildings, and its "City in Nature" vision, which seeks to harmonise urban development with environmental sustainability and liveability.



Low Yen Ling

Senior Minister of State

Profiles of Participating Cities

Hat Yai | Thailand

As a leading urban center in Southern Thailand, Hat Yai is recognized for its multicultural heritage, dynamic economy, and resilient community. We are actively navigating modern growth through the 'Co-Creating Liveable Cities' initiative, integrating efficient public services, healthcare, and technology to enhance social well-being. Beyond our bustling trade and logistics success, Hat Yai prioritizes environmental responsibility and social inclusivity. We are dedicated to sharing our experiences in disaster resilience while learning from international best practices. By building strong partnerships with Asia-Pacific cities, we strive to foster innovative solutions that ensure long-term prosperity, dignity, and a high quality of life for all our residents.



**Charinthon
Patnantavech**

Deputy Mayor

Can Tho | Viet Nam

Can Tho City is strategically located at the heart of the Mekong Delta, serving as a gateway connecting the region with other parts of Viet Nam and the international community. Following the administrative restructuring in 2025, the city covers approximately 6,360 km² and has a population of over 4.2 million. Blessed with an extensive network of rivers and canals, fertile land, diverse natural resources, and rich cultural heritage, Can Tho offers favorable conditions for agriculture, trade, tourism, logistics, and agro-processing. The city is also developing its education, healthcare, science and technology sectors, while strengthening international cooperation. With these advantages, Can Tho is advancing toward becoming a green, civilized, modern, climate-resilient, and sustainable growth hub of the Mekong Delta.



Tran Chi Hung

Vice Chairman of the
Can Tho City People's
Committee

Da Nang | Viet Nam

Since 1 July 2025, following the merger of Da Nang City and Quang Nam Province, the new Da Nang City has covered nearly 12,000 km² and has a population of over 3 million. Strategically located in central Viet Nam, the city has two airports, four major seaports and strong connectivity. Growth drivers include the Da Nang Hi-Tech Park, Chu Lai Open Economic Zone, Da Nang Free Trade Zone and the Viet Nam International Financial Centre. Da Nang is also home to Hoi An Ancient Town, My Son Sanctuary and the Marble Mountains Ma Nhai inscriptions. The city prioritizes finance, logistics, high technology, semiconductors, AI, innovation and quality tourism, aiming to become a smart, sustainable and liveable Asian city.



Tran Nam Hung

Vice Chairman of the
Da Nang City People's
Committee

Profiles of Participating Cities

Hai Phong | Viet Nam

Hai Phong is a dynamic port city and one of the leading industrial and economic centers of northern Viet Nam. Strategically located as the region's gateway to the sea, the city connects northern Viet Nam to regional and global markets through its modern seaports and comprehensive transport network spanning road, railway, inland waterways, maritime and aviation. Following its administrative merger with Hai Duong Province in 2025, Hai Phong has gained greater development space, a stronger industrial base and new momentum for growth. The city is investing in modern seaport and logistics infrastructure while promoting green, smart and high-tech industries. Looking toward 2050, Hai Phong aspires to become a modern, globally connected international port city and an important logistics hub in the region.



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