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Sjá meðfylgjandi boðsbréf og drög að yfirlýsingu SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program Communiqué.

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Einar Þorsteinsson
borgarstjóri

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February 22, 2024

The Honorable Einar Thorsteinsson
Mayor of Reykjavík

Dear Mayor Einar Thorsteinsson,

Thank you very much for your continued understanding and support for the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's initiatives, as well as your commitment to deepening the friendship between our cities.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government will be hosting an international conference bringing together leaders of major cities around the world. This conference will be held as the "City Leaders Program" during SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024, an event to promote our initiative of "Sustainable High City Tech Tokyo," or "SusHi Tech Tokyo" for short, which seeks to generate sustainable new values.

The City Leaders Program is scheduled to take place from May 15 to 17, 2024. At the conference, we plan to discuss concrete actions to take in order to overcome common challenges faced by our cities, and share them with the world. We will be very grateful for your participation.

SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 will also feature a Global Startup Program that will be one of Asia's largest startup events, as well as an immersive, festival-like Showcase Program that will share our vision for future cities. Tours of both programs are included in the itinerary, so I hope you will enjoy experiencing these events as well.

I look forward to welcoming you to Tokyo.

Yours sincerely,

Koike Yuriko
Governor of Tokyo

SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program Overview

At the SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program, we will discuss matters including initiatives to overcome urban challenges and visions for the future, building on discussions that have taken place in working groups and during Global City Network for Sustainability (G-NETS) senior officials meetings. We will also confirm that the world's cities will work together to find solutions to challenges, and issue a communiqué to the world as the outcome of the conference.

Regarding matters raised in the communiqué, we will continue to share the status of initiatives to build up knowledge and strengthen the ability of cities to respond and take action, with the goal of realizing a sustainable world.

1. Dates and Venue

Wednesday, May 15 – Friday, May 17, 2024 *Japan Standard Time

Hotel New Otani Tokyo (4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan)

2. Topics

Overall theme:

- A better future through innovation for a just and sustainable world

Session themes:

- Inclusive and Just Societies (e.g., realizing an inclusive and diverse world)
- Safe and Secure Cities (e.g., responding to increasingly severe natural disasters, promoting public safety measures)
- Environment (e.g., achieving zero emissions, securing and effectively using water resources)

3. Participants

City leaders (Mayor/Governor level)

*Around 40 cities are expected to participate.

4. Program

See attachment

5. Language

English

*Please make your own arrangements for an interpreter if you plan to speak in a language

other than English.

6. Expenses

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government will cover the following expenses for cities participating in the City Leaders Program:

- **Travel:** Round-trip business-class airfare to/from Tokyo for one individual (mayor/governor level)
- **Lodging:** Accommodation for up to two individuals between Tuesday, May 14 and Saturday, May 18 (five days/four nights)
- **Meals:** Official receptions and luncheons during the summit

*Food and drink expenses incurred outside of official summit events shall be borne by participants.

*If the allotted budget is exceeded, or for other reasons, we may consult with participating cities individually regarding expenses. An early reply is, therefore, highly recommended.

*Individuals from certain countries and regions will require a valid visa to enter Japan. Please refer to information provided by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Japanese embassy/consulate in your country or region.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

7. Response Deadline

Friday, March 15, 2024

8. Miscellaneous

We hope the Sushi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program will provide an opportunity for cities to deepen mutual understanding and friendship.

As part of the program, we are planning visits to Tokyo's advanced facilities and other sites. Additionally, at the event receptions, you will be able to enjoy delicious Japanese cuisine and experience Japanese culture.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to come to Tokyo and fully experience the attraction of our city first-hand.

We also welcome accompanied media from your city for this program. They can cover the Site Visits, Sessions, Announcement of Communiqué, and other events. We have a press working space at the venue.

SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program (tentative)

*Details may be subject to change.

*Dates and times are in Japan Standard Time.

■ Tuesday, May 14

Time	Content	Venue
-	Arrival	Hotel New Otani Tokyo

■ Wednesday, May 15

Time	Content	Venue
AM	Site Visit (infrastructure facilities, sightseeing spots, etc.)	In Tokyo
PM	Lunch	TBD
	Event Tour (Global Startup Program, etc.) https://sushitech-startup.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/	Tokyo Big Sight, etc.
	Sushi Tech Tokyo 2024 Joint Reception <u>*Opening segment open to press</u>	Tokyo Kaikan

■ Thursday, May 16

Time	Content	Venue
AM	Opening Ceremony <u>*Online participation OK</u>	Hotel New Otani Tokyo
	Keynote Presentations (Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala, Rector of the United Nations University and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations; etc.) <u>*Online participation OK</u>	
	Session (e.g., by city leaders) <u>*Online participation OK</u>	
PM	Lunch	
	Sessions ("Inclusive and Just Societies," "Safe and Secure Cities," "Environment") <u>*Online participation OK</u>	
	Farewell Reception <u>*Closed to press</u>	

■ Friday, May 17

Time	Content	Venue
AM	Plenary Session <u>*Online participation OK</u> <u>*Closed to press</u>	Hotel New Otani Tokyo
	- Announcement of Communiqué <u>*Online participation OK</u> - Joint Press Conference	
PM	Lunch	
	Event Tour (Showcase Program) https://www.sushitechtokyo2024-sc.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/	Ariake Arena, etc.

■ Saturday, May 18

Time	Content	Venue
AM	Checkout	Hotel New Otani Tokyo

SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program Communiqué (Draft)

(Preamble)

1. Recent years have seen moment-to-moment change in the world's conditions, with these changes happening at an ever-increasing pace. Global issues, such as unprecedented natural disasters arising from climate change and an unstable international situation due to international conflicts between states, are growing more complex. Industry is also entering a period of structural change, which includes the advancement of green and digital transformation, and startups driving global innovation and growth. On top of this, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to in the functions expected of cities and in people's values. We cities are now caught in the middle of this complicated web of global dynamics.

The twenty-first century is called the “age of cities,” with cities standing on the frontline of response to challenges such as the climate crisis, natural disasters, and future pandemic preparation. In the face of current global circumstances, we must transcend national differences to cooperate with one another, combine our collective wisdom and experience, and take concrete action.

Through this global network of cities, by cities, for cities, we will facilitate continuous exchanges and seek brighter prospects for the future, while also further deepening intercity collaboration in order to address the common challenges outlined in this communiqué that we must tackle. Additionally, by leveraging the expertise and high technologies of diverse societal actors such as startups, we will accelerate our efforts to solve these challenges and pave the way for sustainable cities.

2. In May 2024, city leaders representing ● cities around the world engaged in three days of discussions under the theme of “A better future through innovation for a just and sustainable world” at the SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program, an international conference held in Tokyo, Japan.

At the summit of city leaders held in 2023, we agreed to establish working groups. Through the activities of these working groups up to now, best practices concerning specific key challenges were shared among cities. Moving forward, we will implement

projects utilizing the technologies of startups to find solutions to urban challenges, as well as intercity technological exchanges aimed at sharing wisdom and expertise. Through these initiatives, we will work to realize a just and sustainable world through practical intercity collaboration.

(Realizing an Inclusive and Just World)

3. Working to build a just society that embraces all, regardless of gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, cultural and social backgrounds, or other defining factors, is the common underlying philosophy of cities seeking to realize a sustainable world. Guided by this concept, we will realize more just, sustainable and cohesive societies through actions including reducing discrimination and inequity, recognizing intersectionality, and ensuring the social participation of young people and providing them with quality learning opportunities. In this way, while shining a light on those in vulnerable positions in society and receiving the participation of our citizens, we will strive for an inclusive world by promoting wellbeing, gender equity, a healthy and long-life society, barrier-free access, and culture and sports.

4. Promoting wellbeing

The formation of an inclusive society where no one becomes socially isolated requires the construction of safety nets to support those who are socially vulnerable. We will implement measures for poverty, realize a society that can counter structural poverty through means including greater economic mobility, and also advance initiatives to address new challenges such as measures to improve the housing environment in response to the recent global housing crisis resulting from soaring housing and land prices.

In order to address the various challenges faced by our citizens and realize a society that embraces people's concerns, we will also support persons with disabilities, the impoverished, sexual minorities, and others who are socially disadvantaged, provide children and youth with access to quality education and promote their social participation, and at the same time expand and strengthen social welfare. We will promote urban wellbeing by embedding in the social infrastructure such support for people facing economic, physical, social and other challenges.

5. Realizing gender equity

Support measures are needed to ensure that an individual's gender does not become an obstacle that prevents them from living comfortably in society. Women accounted for 40 percent, less than half, of the world's workforce in 2022. This makes it essential to

provide support for women's economic independence and political participation.

Specifically, we will support the social participation of women and promote their economic independence through vocational training and other such measures, cultivate female leaders, and improve women's political participation. We will also work to secure the safety and security of women through crime prevention measures and development of urban infrastructure.

6. Realizing healthy, long-life societies

We must strive to build societies in which members of all generations can lead healthy and long lives. The United Nations has stated that the world must address the issue of aging in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. As the percentage of older workers is on an increasing trend with the aging of the population, there is a need to create a work environment in which older citizens can play a more active role.

Specifically, in order to realize a society in which all older adults can sense that their lives have purpose and to create a healthy, long-life society, we will work to improve services and infrastructure to support their daily lives and ensure their health care. In addition, we will promote efforts to improve the labor market environment, build an environment that enables post-retirement reskilling and re-employment, and realize social and economic inclusion.

7. Promoting barrier-free accessibility

The promotion of accessibility is a crucial agenda for allowing everyone to lead comfortable lives in society. Removing people's mental and physical barriers and ensuring that everyone can equally utilize urban infrastructure, facilities and services will contribute to the realization of an inclusive and just society.

We will also develop hard and soft infrastructure and design cities that provide people of all backgrounds with equal access to public facilities and public transportation, and at the same time, work to improve regional disparities in the promotion of accessibility.

8. Promoting culture and sports

The promotion of culture and sports by a city not only encourages the physical and mental health of its citizens, but also contributes to sound urban development and to enhancing the city's attractiveness. We will also promote efforts to realize an inclusive society that leaves no one behind, such as promoting citizen interaction through culture and sports and building an infrastructure that makes local cultural and sports activities

more readily available.

In addition, through the promotion of Para sports and diverse cultures, we will create multifaceted city attractions while also using culture to become cities that are more inclusive and diverse

(Building Safe and Secure Cities)

9. There has been a five-fold increase in the number of global extreme weather events over the past 50 years due to climate change, with recent years seeing meteorological disasters such as storms and flooding increasing in intensity and frequency. Large-scale earthquakes and other natural disasters can also strike at any time. To maintain brisk urban activities, it is necessary to build cities that are resilient to all kinds of disasters. It is also imperative that we work to maintain and enhance public safety, as well as to ensure the security of drinking water and other essential resources, so that everyone can lead stable lives in cities.

To this end, we will seek to realize cities where everyone can live safely and with peace of mind through efforts including enhancing disaster resilience, adapting to natural disasters, maintaining and improving urban public safety, and securing drinking water and other essential resources.

10. Enhancing disaster resilience and adapting to natural disasters

Extreme weather disasters brought on by the climate crisis are growing more severe, and natural disasters such as large-scale earthquakes are also striking all corners of the world. As these disasters are having a major impact on people's lives and the economy, it is critical to build cities resilient to disasters.

While fully drawing on intercity collaboration and disaster mitigation technologies, we will work to thoroughly change the awareness of each and every citizen through disaster risk mapping and the formulation of disaster mitigation plans, as well as to develop and upgrade disaster mitigation infrastructure and prepare emergency relief supplies. Cutting-edge technologies will also be harnessed to secure power, communications and data, and provide disaster information and evacuation information to our residents during times of disaster, and we will work to procure disaster recovery funds. Through development of such hard and soft infrastructures, we seek to ensure safe and secure lives for city inhabitants.

11. Maintaining and strengthening public safety

Maintaining public safety is indispensable for the protection of citizens and the stability of society. The types of crimes that threaten citizen safety and the methods used are diversifying, making it necessary for cities to proactively address such issues.

While sharing knowledge among our cities, we will work closely with the police to secure citizen safety and prevent crime, and will also use crime prevention systems, big data, and other latest technologies to disseminate information to the public on a continuous basis. By also building momentum for crime prevention through volunteer activities and other efforts, we will seek to build a stable social infrastructure.

12. Ensuring drinking water, food and energy security

Drinking water, food, and energy are indispensable for the lives of citizens. Cities play an important role in securing a stable supply of these essential resources.

While strengthening intercity collaboration, we will promote the construction of sustainable water supply systems to ensure daily water security by developing the water infrastructure utilizing cutting-edge technologies, as well as, engaging in efforts such as enhancing the seismic resistance of facilities in preparation for earthquakes. We will also work to ensure food security amid challenges such as rising demand for food due to the growing global population, reduction in food production due to climate change, and delays and disruptions in international food supply chains. Furthermore, while sharing our knowledge, we will work together on matters related to energy security, including the promotion of energy conservation, greater adoption of renewable energy sources to enhance energy self-sufficiency, and the utilization of storage batteries.

(Response to Environmental Issues)

13. Rapid present-day changes in our global environment are exacerbating the risks of natural disasters, which pose a threat to the safe and secure lives of citizens in cities across the world. In order to build cities where even future generations of residents can live with peace of mind, it is imperative that we take action against climate change. Furthermore, with factors such as urbanization and population growth accelerating environmental degradation, we face a pressing need for environmental protection and the conservation of water resources.

To address these environmental issues, we will work to build a sustainable future by promoting zero-emissions through measures such as maximizing energy efficiency and encouraging the adoption of renewable energies that also utilize next-generation technologies, as well as by realizing a circular economy, protecting and conserving the

natural environment, and building cities in harmony with nature.

14. Promoting zero-emissions:

Climate change is a major environmental crisis faced by all cities, and promoting zero-emissions is essential in creating sustainable cities. To drive the transition to cleaner, next-generation energy sources such as solar, wind and hydrogen, we will accelerate the decarbonization of various sectors and industry as a whole, in addition to the societal adoption of renewable energies and other technologies.

We will also work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through promoting the use of ZEVs (zero-emission vehicles) and bicycles, as well as integrate renewable energy technologies such as solar power systems into buildings. Furthermore, we will engage in a wide range of measures that contribute to decarbonization, such as encouraging citizens to adopt eco-friendly lifestyles, with the aim to realize zero-emission cities.

As a next generation energy source, green hydrogen is expected to become a cornerstone for decarbonization. However, while the use of hydrogen has been progressing in some regions, the expanded use of hydrogen in a diversity of fields and technology for the use of green hydrogen are still under development. Therefore, we will work with each other and with relevant stakeholders to promote initiatives to expand hydrogen utilization and for technological developments.

15. Realizing a circular economy:

Presently, a third of the world's waste is not properly managed or treated. Creating a circular economy will help reduce environmental impact and mitigate both climate change and adverse effects on ecosystems, while also contributing to environmental conservation.

Additionally, to curb carbon dioxide emissions, measures are also necessary to decelerate the pace of production while reducing the use and consumption of resources. With the cooperation of citizens, we will encourage recycling and promote measures to minimize and properly treat waste, as we seek to realize a circular economy.

16. Protecting the natural environment:

The natural environment has suffered great damage at the hands of the climate crisis, which is now also called "global boiling." Protecting the environment is indispensable for building healthier, more sustainable cities. Population growth and further urbanization lead to worsening air and water pollution, while factors such as the

improper disposal of waste cause pollution in our oceans. These result in the loss of biodiversity, which not only threatens the health of citizens, but also destroys natural ecosystems.

We will advance air and water pollution measures to prevent the release of harmful substances from exhaust gas, industrial effluent, and other pollutants into the environment. At the same time, we will build urban infrastructure to properly treat byproducts such as wastewater, while also protecting water sources. Furthermore, we will secure habitats for wild fauna and flora in all regions, from cities to rural areas and islands, and take efforts to conserve biodiversity.

17. Building cities in harmony with nature:

As an absorber of carbon dioxide, greenery contributes to the mitigation of global warming. It also protects rich water sources and serves to improve the disaster resilience of cities through its water retention features.

As harmony between urban functions and the natural environment has been highly valued in recent years, we will promote the conservation of forests and other green spaces, the creation of green spaces in line with urban development, and the introduction of green infrastructure that harnesses the various functions of greenery. Through these efforts, with the cooperation and collaboration of citizens and other diverse stakeholders, we will realize sustainable cities in harmony with nature.

(Conclusion)

18. In conclusion, to protect and improve the lives of our citizens, we shall engage in efforts to expand cooperation among cities to realize more inclusive and just societies, build safe and secure cities, and create a world that facilitates response to environmental issues. It is with such aspirations that we hereby adopt the SusHi Tech Tokyo 2024 City Leaders Program Communiqué. We hope solving issues shared by the participating cities will also contribute to resolving global challenges for the realization of a just and sustainable world.