



Mayor Hiroshi Nakada to Visit Singapore from June 24 Attending the Inaugural World Cities Summit (World Cities Summit 2008)

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN – Tuesday, June 17, 2008 – Hiroshi Nakada, Mayor of the City of Yokohama, will visit Singapore from June 24 to 26 to attend the inaugural World Cities Summit 2008*1. At the event, he will discuss effective public governance and urban development, two issues shared by cities around the world with representatives of mainly Pacific Rim cities, as well as officials from the World Bank and the agencies of the United Nations.

The World Cities Summit (WCS) is a series of conferences held under the theme “Liveable and Vibrant Cities.” Representatives at the municipal or city levels discuss and examine potential solutions to the problems facing modern cities, such as the development of urban infrastructure, environmental issues including climate change, as well as quality of life at a time of rapid urban growth. As the leader of the management of Yokohama, which has a number of major international companies and Japan’s second largest population, Mayor Nakada will introduce successful examples, challenges, and future visions of public-private partnerships to pursue efficient public governance and urban development.

Mayor Nakada will also attend the East Asia Summit Conference on Liveable Cities*2, a co-located event of the WCS that focuses on cities in East Asia. He will discuss challenges such as climate change and sustainable development, based on his experience in providing assistance concerning waste management, waterworks, and environmental education to Asian cities, which he has pursued as head of CITYNET*3, a regional organization of cities in Asia Pacific (president city: Yokohama).

< About Yokohama >

Yokohama lies on the peninsula around Tokyo Bay, approximately 30 kilometers (18 miles) southwest of the capital of Japan. Home to over 3.64 million people, Yokohama is Japan’s second largest city. The GDP of Yokohama is about 12 trillion 6.8 billion yen (roughly 112.2 billion US dollars) with main industries being electronic machinery, transportation machinery and service industry. Yokohama has built its economic base largely through businesses with foreign countries since the early days of modern Japan. Today, the city sincerely welcomes foreign enterprises, international conferences and a wide variety of international events.

***1: World Cities Summit**

Organizer	Civil Service College Singapore / Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy / Ministry of National Development
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Date / Venue	Monday, June 23 – Wednesday 25, 2008 Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre
Strategic Partner	The World Bank / Asian Development Bank / United Nations Development Programme / United Nations Environment Programme / United Nations Human Settlements Programme / United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
URL	http://www.worldcities.com.sg

***2: East Asia Summit Conference on Liveable Cities**

Organizer	Republic of Singapore
Date / Venue	Monday, June 23 – Wednesday 25, 2008 Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre
URL	http://www.mnd.gov.sg/EAS-LCC/index.htm

***3: CITYNET** (The Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements)

A non-profit international organization devotes to bring together cities and organizations in the Asia Pacific region in finding solutions to urban problems through mutual cooperation. Established in 1987, CITYNET currently maintains a membership of 70 cities and 42 organizations. The City of Yokohama acts as the president city and hosts the secretariat of CITYNET. The city plays a major role in various fields such as assisting Indonesia to recover the waterworks from Tsunami; promoting environmental education; affiliating with EUROCITIES, an association of European cities; and facilitating the development of CITYNET.

< Schedule of Mayor Nakada >

Date	Plan
Tue., June 24	Depart from Narita Arrive at Singapore
Wed., June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World Cities Summit 2008 Speech at the Plenary Session 2 (9:30 ~ 11:00) • East Asia Summit Conference on Liveable Cities
Thu., June 26	Depart from Singapore Arrive at Narita

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