

3rd UCLG ASPAC Congress 2010 Hamamatsu

Hamamatsu Declaration

We, the members of United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), participated in the 3rd UCLG ASPAC Congress 2010 Hamamatsu held in Hamamatsu City during 19th – 21st October, 2010.

This Congress with the main theme of “Responding to Globalization”, held keynote speeches and plenary sessions under the themes of 1. Multicultural Society, 2. Climate Change, 3. Tourism Promotion Through the Use of Local Resources and 4. Intercity Cooperation in the Economic Sector, and held proactive discussions as well as shared best practices of individual cities and organizations.

In order to link the achievements of this congress to the further development of the Asia Pacific region, the participating cities and organizations hereby declare the following:

1. In the midst of dynamic movement of people across national borders due to the advancement of globalization and in the backdrop of local communities where citizens of differing nationalities, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds have a deeper respect and understanding for each other’s cultures and sense of values; through the participation and cooperation of all residents, we will strive to form a true multicultural co-existence society in which its foundations are based on each individual fulfilling one’s duties and respecting the natural rights that are indispensable in sound urban living.

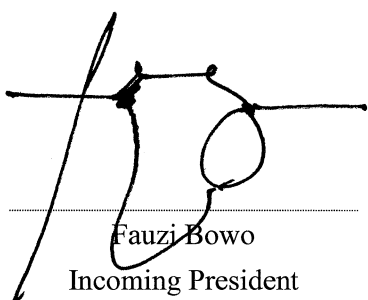
We also note UCLG ASPAC’s previous endorsement of the UNESCO policies in promoting multicultural societies and cultural diversity.

2. In order to aim for sustainable development and to preserve the earth’s bountiful environment for future generations, we will promote urban development that is compatible with the development of cities and environmental conservation. As the impacts of climate change become more pronounced, we will work together using approaches to prepare our citizens and communities to minimize the effects of such changes. In addition, regarding the dissemination of advanced technologies and know-how; together with deepening inter-city cooperation, we will proactively take initiatives and strengthen cooperation with international organizations including United Nations affiliated agencies.


Further, we welcome the opportunity for UCLG ASPAC to work with supportive UN agencies, such as UN-Habitat, to focus on issues such as the alleviation of poverty, decentralization, and other social concerns.

3. In the midst of evermore advancing globalization centered on the field of economics, through cities complementing each other and the fostering of cooperation, we will endeavor to enhance the international economic power of the entire Asia Pacific region. Furthermore, recognizing the invaluable resources and unique cultures belonging to this region and together with conveying this appeal to the world, we will cooperate to promote the tourism of each region.
4. In sustaining world peace, the building of trustworthy relationships through the culmination of exchange between people to people, cities to cities and other local governments, and regions to regions holds an important role in supplementing foreign diplomacy between nations. In order to create everlasting world peace beginning with the Asia Pacific region, we will proactively promote city diplomacy.

We call on all spheres of government - national, regional and local - to work in partnership to advance the legitimate expectations of the citizens whom we all represent.



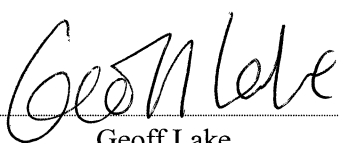
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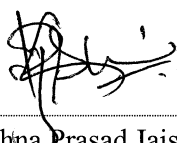
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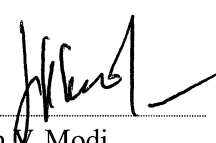
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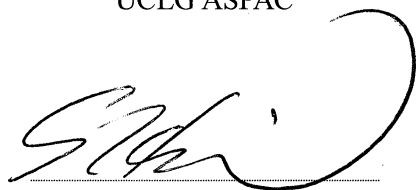
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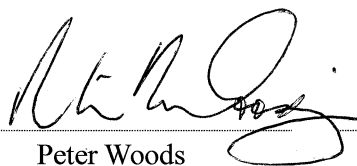
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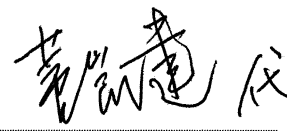
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