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■ Overview of the 5th International Conference of Aquapolises

The 5th International Conference of Aquapolises (ICAP) was held at Nurimaru APEC House and BEXCO (Busan Exhibition & Convention Center) in Busan Metropolitan City, South Korea, May 21-23, 2008. At the Conference, held under the main theme "For a Sustainable Aquapolis," mayors, experts and other delegates from 41 aquapolises in 15 countries and regions discussed the ideal future of aquapolises in the 21st century, sharing a variety of information, such as expertise in urban development featuring water and greenery. In the Plenary Session, under the above-mentioned main theme, participating mayors and governors discussed and exchanged opinions on each city's initiatives relating to water and greenery, then compiled the results into the Busan Declaration. In the experts' sessions, based on the respective sub-themes participants gave presentations and shared information regarding each city's related efforts.



Opening remarks by Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City

■ Theme of the 5th ICAP

○ Main theme:

- For a Sustainable Aquapolis

○ Sub-themes:

- Development of a city through the use of its water and greenery
- Water transportation & urban development
- Eco-friendly environment around urban streams
- Weather disasters & water resource management



Plenary Session (Nurimaru APEC House)

■ Main Program

Date		Program	Outline	Venue
May 21 (Wed)	Afternoon	Opening Ceremony	Opening remarks by Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City (host city) Congratulatory addresses by Mayor of Osaka (directorial city) and President of Busan Metropolitan Council Keynote speech by Prof. Euiso Choi, Professor Emeritus, Korea University	Nurimaru APEC House
		Plenary Session	Presentations by mayors and other representatives of 20 aquapolises on respective aquapolises' initiatives regarding water and greenery	
May 22 (Thu)	Morning	Expert Sessions	Four topical sessions, in each of which experts from participating aquapolises gave presentations and exchanged opinions and information about related initiatives	BEXCO (Busan Exhibition & Convention Center)
	Afternoon	Summary Plenary Session	Briefings on conclusions of Plenary Session and Expert Sessions, given by respective chairpersons Adoption of Busan Declaration based on these conclusions	
		Closing Ceremony	Announcement of Busan Declaration and closing remarks by Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City (host city)	

<Session Outline>

May 21, Wed

Plenary Session

Delegates from 20 aquapolises around the world, including those from Hamburg (Germany), Shanghai (China), Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) and Illinois State (USA), delivered keynote presentations on the challenges that respective aquapolises had faced in the area of water and greenery, and how they had striven to overcome them.

May 22, Thu

Expert Session

Session 1: Development of a city through the use of its water and greenery

Experts from nine aquapolises, including Los Angeles (USA), Ulsan (Korea) and Kitakyushu (Japan), introduced a number of examples showing how these aquapolises had been developed through the effective use of water and greenery in rivers, lakes and ports.

Session 2: Water Transportation & Urban Development

Experts from five aquapolises, including Seoul (Korea) and Kaohsiung (Taiwan), gave presentations in this session. It was recognized

that inland water transportation, river dredging and improved waterfront environment are conducive to enhancing quality of life and competitiveness of each city.

Session 3: Eco-friendly Environment around Urban Streams

Experts from seven aquapolises, including Shanghai (China) and Jeju Special Self-Governing Province (Korea), introduced examples of a variety of development projects that took urban streams' ecosystems into consideration by recycling industrial effluent, improving combined sewer systems, and conserving and restoring wetlands in river basins.

Session 4: Weather Disasters & Water Resource Management

Experts from eight aquapolises, including San Bernardino (USA), Belgrade (Serbia) and Fukuoka (Japan), introduced examples of comprehensive flood control measures taken by entire basin areas, and of sewerage technologies to help realize a recycling-oriented society. As for water resource management, participating experts gave presentations and exchanged opinions on such water source development topics as dam development, seawater desalination plants, water-saving measures, reforestation etc.



Expert Session (BEXCO)

Summary Plenary Session

Chairpersons of the Plenary Session and Expert Sessions gave briefings on the conclusions of the respective sessions. Subsequently, to enable aquapolises around the world to share the valuable opinions and information presented in this conference, and thus promote collaborative efforts to achieve eco-friendly urban development, the Busan Declaration, outlined below, was adopted.

<Outline of the Busan Declaration>

After sincere discussions on the extensive themes, the participating aquapolises confirmed the following points:

- ① Combining efforts so as to preserve water and greenery, cope with such problems as greenhouse gas reduction, and share know-how in technology and policy
- ② Creating and using environmentally friendly waterside spaces to ensure healthy life of residents in aquapolises
- ③ Actively participating in, and cooperating with, international conventions to ensure close collaboration among aquapolises



Summary Plenary Session (BEXCO)



Announcement of Busan Declaration

Cities and Regions Participating in the 5th ICAP

The 5th ICAP was attended by 41 aquapolises from 15 countries and regions.

Cities/Regions whose mayors, governors or other delegates attended

	Nation	City/Region
1	Korea	Busan Metropolitan City
2	Korea	Gyeongsangnam-do
3	Korea	Goseong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do
4	Korea	Ulsan
5	Democratic Republic of the Congo	North Kivu Province
6	Democratic Republic of the Congo	South Kivu Province
7	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Uvira
8	Tanzania	Kagera Region
9	Tanzania	Musoma
10	Tanzania	Mwanza Region
11	Turkey	Golbasi
12	UAE	Dubai
13	Japan	Kitakyushu
14	Japan	Niigata
15	Japan	Shimonoseki
16	Japan	Osaka

Cities/Regions whose deputy mayors/governors or other delegates attended

	Nation	City/Region
1	Korea	Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
2	Korea	Seoul Metropolitan Government
3	China	Guangzhou
4	China	Lianyungang
5	Taiwan	Kaohsiung
6	USA	Illinois State
7	Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City
8	Japan	Fukuoka

Cities/Regions whose experts or other delegates attended

	Nation	City/Region
1	Austria	Vienna
2	China	Beijing
3	China	Guilin
4	China	Shanghai
5	China	Zunyi
6	Germany	Hamburg
7	India	Gujarat
8	Russia	Saint Petersburg
9	Serbia	Belgrade
10	Turkey	Istanbul
11	USA	Los Angeles
12	USA	San Bernardino
13	Japan	Fukuoka Prefecture
14	Japan	Nagasaki Prefecture
15	Japan	Saga Prefecture
16	Japan	Tokyo
17	Japan	Yamaguchi Prefecture

■ Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009 to be Held



Osaka is blessed with a unique terrain, in that its urban area is encircled by rivers. Featuring this geographical character, known as a "water corridor," Osaka is currently launching a variety of projects to enliven its riverine and waterfront areas, for instance, by developing levees and by illuminating bridges and waterside areas. Scheduled as one of these projects is "Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009," a series of symbolic events aimed at widely introducing Osaka's revitalization as a metropolis featuring its water environments.

Overview of Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009

[Theme]

Osaka, living with Rivers

[Key words]

Cooperation, Inheritance, and Continuity

[Basic concepts]

- Create attractive features of Aqua Metropolis Osaka, and communicate them to the world.
- Create a livelier and more beautiful Osaka based on public initiatives.
- Contribute to urban development so that the effects of this event will be sustained and the accumulation of urban assets and mechanisms promoted.

[Schedule]

August 22 (Sat.) to October 12 (Mon. holiday), 2009 [52 days]



World



Japan



Kansai



Water Corridors Area



Nakanoshima Park · Hachikenyahama Pier Area

[Project Policies]

[Art]

- Promote urban development through art projects that can facilitate interaction and cooperation with public.
- Facilitate the realization of more beautiful urban space.
- Facilitate the fostering and gathering of creative persons.

[Civic participation]

- Generate the driving force for the creation of future society by promoting active participation of public, who are the leaders of the city.
- Facilitate civic participation as the main users of the city.
- Facilitate quantitative expansion and qualitative improvement of civil activities.

[Bequeath to the future]

Establish the city's brand image as the Water Metropolis and make it widely known.

- Create attractive sceneries and cultures.
- Foster and gather persons who will actively participate in urban development.
- Create diverse communication networks, such as a network of artists, public and local communities.
- Create lively spaces through new ways of using waterfronts.
- Create various models and mechanisms for urban development.

Official website of Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009: <http://www.suito-osaka2009.jp/>

■ Information from the ICAP Secretariat

· We are pleased to issue Aquapolis No. 11, reporting to each member aquapolis the overview, program, participating cities/regions and other information regarding the 5th ICAP, held on a grand scale in Busan. We sincerely apologize for the late issuance, and request your continued support of and cooperation with ICAP.

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