

# The International Conference on Promoting Low-Carbon Cities 2009

Let's think about our own sustainable cities in future together with worldwide environment-friendly cities!

Date: **October 5, 2009 (Mon.)**

Venue: PACIFICO Yokohama Conference Center (Yokohama)

Organizer: Promotion Council for the Low Carbon Cities

(composed of members from local governments, central government and concerned organizations)

Admission Free (except the Lunch Reception)

Public attendance, including students, researchers, and people from business, academic and administrative fields are highly welcomed!

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## Introduction

"Eco-Model City (EMC) Initiative" reflects policy for realizing low-carbon society and revitalizing community.

It is strongly promoted by co-works of many local-governments nationwide including 13 EMCs, central government and concerned organizations.

At the conference, you can see and touch productive discussions on sustainable city for our future with introductions of best practices and reviews presented by worldwide eco-cities.

Why don't you join the conference and think about our sustainable cities together from your own perspective?

## Timetable

with Simultaneous Interpretation

Morning ● Sub-session [Conference Room, 3F]

(Professional discussion by government officials and experts from Japanese EMCs and guest foreign cities/governments.)

9 : 30~ Session 1 Panel Discussion

**"Development of Low-Carbon District/Area"**

10 : 45~ (Break)

10 : 55~ Session 2 Panel Discussion

**"Implementations of Policies to Promote Green Economy"**

12 : 15~ Lunch Reception (Fee: ¥2,000) [Lounge, 3F]

Afternoon ● General Session [Main Hall, 1F]

(Discussion with citizens' perspective by government officials and experts from Japanese EMCs and guest foreign cities/governments, and people from NPOs.)

13 : 30~ Opening

13 : 50~ Keynote Speech **"The international trend of actions towards low-carbon society and roles of local governments worldwide (tentative)"**

Speaker: Dr. Yoichi KAYA, Director-General of Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE), Professor Emeritus of University of Tokyo

14 : 10~ **The actions of Japanese EMCs (Part 1)**

15 : 00~ (Break)

15 : 20~ Session 1 Panel Discussion **"Development of a Low-Carbon District / Area"**

Coordinator: Prof. Shuzo MURAKAMI, Keio University

16 : 20~ **The actions of Japanese EMCs (Part 2)**

17 : 00~ (Break)

17 : 20~ Session 2 Panel Discussion **"Implementations of Policies to Promote Green Economy"**

Coordinator: Mr. Teruaki MASUMOTO, Executive Adviser of Tokyo Electric Power Company

18 : 15~ Concluding Session

18 : 30 Closing

## Related sessions

Japan-Sweden Environmental Seminar [Conference Room, 3F]  
(Seminar on Local Level Cooperation for Sustainable Cities)

The seminar will focus on actions taken as global warming countermeasures on a regional level, as well as future prospects, and advanced local governments in Japan and Sweden (two cities from each country) will introduce their specific actions, which will be followed by a panel discussion.

Time: 10:00 ~ 12:00

Organizers: The Ministry of Environment, the Embassy of Sweden in Japan



## Eco-Model City (EMC)

The government selected thirteen cities\* from across the country as showcase cities in FY2008, which address advanced approaches towards ambitious goals on reduction of greenhouse gases.

Encouraging activities of local communities is one of policies which aimed to transform the entire country into a low-carbon society.

\*Shimokawa, Obihiro, Chiyoda, Yokohama, Iida, Toyota, Toyama, Kyoto, Sakai, Yusuohara, Kitakyushu, Minamata, Miyakojima

## Promotion Council of Law Carbon Cities

The purpose is to spread the excellent cases of efforts by EMCs and send relevant information throughout the country and worldwide.

The Council was established in December 2008. Members are a total of 147 organizations\*... interested municipalities, prefectures, and governmental ministries and organizations.

\*As of May 11, 2009

Please see the website on the

“Eco-Model Cities (EMCs) Initiative”

<http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/tiiki/kankyo/index.html>

## Introduction of guest cities and governments (planned)

※Administrated officials or experts will attend

### Copenhagen (Denmark)

The host city of COP15\* (to be held in December 2009)

\*An intergovernmental meeting that determines the rules of Post-Kyoto Protocol

### Dalian (China)

One of the China's Eco-Model Cities which overcome serious air pollution with industrial success.

### Hamburg (Germany)

Awarded “European Green Capital 2011” by the European Commission (EU)

### Portland Metro (U.S.A.)

Revitalizing the downtown through the improvement of public transportation system (e.x. streetcar) in metropolitan area.

### Stockholm (Sweden)

Awarded “European Green Capital 2010” by the European Commission (EU)

### French Government (Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development, and Sea)

Promoting sustainable urban development with the Grenelle Environment Forum (Le Grenelle de l'environnement)\*

\*A forum to address climate change.

### European Commission

Promoting low-carbon policies on a local government basis such as “The Covenant of Mayors”\* and “European Green Capital”.

\*A commitment by mayors of signatory cities and towns to promote low-carbon society

## Site Map



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AM (Proceeding simultaneously)  
 International conference (Sub-session)  
 Japan-Sweden Environmental Seminar  
 Both

Noon  
 Lunch Reception

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 International conference (General session)

Lunch Reception fee: ¥2000/Payment method: Credit Card only  
(The details will be notified at a later date.)

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