

The Third East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress

Table of Contents

Program	2
Greeting	4
Theme-specific meetings	5
First theme-specific meeting	
List of representatives of member local and regional governments ...	6
Group discussions	
Theme 1: "Social Security in terms of Aging Population and Decreasing Birth Rate"	7
Theme 2: "Methods for Efficient Collection of Local Tax and Developing Tax Resources" ...	11
Second theme-specific meeting	
List of representatives of member local and regional governments ...	16
Group discussions	
Theme 3: "Regional Development"	17
Theme 4: "Human Resource Development"	22
Plenary congress	27
List of heads of participating local and regional government delegations ...	28
Keynote speech	30
Group discussions	
Theme 1: "Social Security in terms of Aging Population and Decreasing Birth Rate"	31
Theme 2: "Methods for Efficient Collection of Local Tax and Developing Tax Resources" ...	34
Theme 3: "Regional Development"	37
Theme 4: "Human Resource Development"	41
Plenary congress	44
Representatives' press conference	46
Report by the Chairperson	48
 The Third East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress and the Aspen Institute Japan Symposium	 59
Newspaper Article	62

※ The titles listed are those as of the time of the congress.

Overview of the Third East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress

// First and second theme-specific meetings ——— Nara Royal Hotel



8/28 (Tue.) First meeting 18 : 30 — 19 : 00

Orientation

9/10 (Mon.) Second meeting 19 : 30 — 21 : 00

Welcome party

8/29 (Wed.) First meeting 10 : 00 — 11 : 35

Group discussions

- Keynote speeches
- Provision of topics

9/11 (Tue.) Second meeting 12 : 50 — 17 : 00

Group discussions

- Presentation of case examples
- Discussions
- Summary

// The Third East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress and the Aspen Institute Japan Symposium ——— Naramachi Center



10/17 (Wed.) 13 : 30 — 15 : 40

Symposium

- Keynote speech
- Dialogue
- Q&A
- Closing remarks

Plenary congress

Hotel Nikko Nara

11/ 5 (Mon.)

14 : 45 — 18 : 30

Bilateral meetings

19 : 00 — 19 : 20

Kyogen performance

19 : 30 — 21 : 30

Welcome party



Nara Prefectural New Public Hall



11/ 6 (Tue.)

8 : 30 — 9 : 30

Bilateral meetings

9 : 40 — 11 : 15

Keynote speech and reports

- Keynote speech
- Report of results of theme-specific meetings

11 : 15 — 12 : 30

Group lunch/Lunch

12 : 30 — 15 : 45

Group discussions

- Presentation of undertakings
- General questions, free discussion
- Summary

16 : 00 — 16 : 35

Plenary congress

17 : 00 — 17 : 15

Commemorative photo session

17 : 45 — 18 : 15

Representatives' press conference

19 : 00 — 21 : 00

Governor's banquet

Greeting



Nara is the place where the shape of Japan as a country was formed while exchanges were made with various regions in Asia since the Heijokyo Era 1,300 years ago.

The East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress was proposed in 2009 by 19 regions including Nara, and the first congress was held in 2010, which was the 1,300th anniversary of the Heijokyo capital.

The third congress was held this year, and it has become a large organization with 64 local or regional governments from 7 countries as members.

The fact that the East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress was held in Nara and opinions were exchanged candidly will lead to the building of a permanent local-to-local network that surpasses national borders and this will contribute to the peace and prosperity of East Asia.

Governor of Nara Prefecture
ARAI, Shogo