



The 10th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress

1. Objectives

In 2010, in commemoration of the 1300th anniversary of Nara Heijo-kyo Capital, the “East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress” was established.

The purpose of this Congress is for local and regional governments to discuss common issues facing our communities, report on policy measures, deepen mutual understanding through candid discussion, and explore avenues for problem solving.

By convening on a regular basis, we, the local and regional governments can improve our administrative capabilities, strengthen friendship and trust amongst ourselves, complement national diplomacy, and contribute to the peace and stable development of East Asia.

2. Membership

The member governments

72 member governments from 7 countries

- ◇ China(16) Jiangsu Province, Anhui Province, Shandong Province, Henan Province, Shaanxi Province, Gansu Province, Chengdu City, Xi'an City, Luoyang City, Yangzhou City, Huangshan City, Suzhou City, Weifang City, Linyi City, Dongying City, Dunhuang City
- ◇ Indonesia(2) Province of West Java, Province of Yogyakarta Special Region
- ◇ Malaysia(1) Melaka State
- ◇ Philippines(3) Aurora Province, Municipality of Dinalungan, Municipality of Baler
- ◇ Korea(8) Gyeonggi-do Province, Chungcheongnam-do Province, Gongju City, Seosan City, Buyeo County, Jeollanam-do Province, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, Gyeongju City
- ◇ Viet Nam(5) Phu Tho Province, Thua Thien Hue Province, Quang Nam Province, Viet Tri City, Hue City
- ◇ Japan(37) Aomori Prefecture, Yamagata Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, Niigata Prefecture, Toyama Prefecture, Ishikawa Prefecture, Fukui Prefecture, Yamanashi Prefecture, Nagano Prefecture, Gifu Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture, Mie Prefecture, Kyoto Prefecture, Wakayama Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture, Shimane Prefecture, Tokushima Prefecture, Kagawa Prefecture, Kochi Prefecture, Kumamoto Prefecture, Nara Prefecture, Tagajo City, Arakawa City, Niigata City, Kofu City, Takamatsu City, Dazaifu City, Nara City, Tenri City, Kashihara City, Gose City, Katsuragi City, Ikaruga Town, Miyake Town, Asuka Village, Koryo Town, Shimoichi Town

Special members

Government of Japan / Embassies and Consulates General in Japan

- ◇ Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Embassies and Consulates General in Japan from 7 countries



3. The 10th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress

Date November 6 (Wed) – 8 (Fri), 2019

Venue Nara City, Nara Prefecture, Japan

Discussion Theme and Lecturer

◆ Theme 1 ◆

“Promotion of Tourism” ~ Developing an attractive community through tourism ~

<Outline> In the circumstance of increasing tourists globally, we would like to discuss about problems and measures of each local and regional governments in order to promote local development through tourism and to increase attractiveness of the region. For example discussing the development of regional assets including historical and cultural assets, tourism strategy for foreign tourists visiting Japan, and sustainable development of tourism industry.

<Lecture> Kosuke Motani (Chief Senior Economist, the Japan Research Institute, Ltd.)

<Profile>

Mr. Motani was born in Yamaguchi Prefecture in 1964. He visited all of Japan's 3200 municipalities before the nationwide municipal mergers of the early 2000's, along with 106 foreign countries mostly at his own expense in order to gain an understanding of local characteristics from different perspectives, and is a Leading researcher, author and speaker on regional vitalization and demographic maturity issues. He has held his current position since 2012. Author of works including “Defure no Shotai (The Real Face of deflation)”, “Satoyama Shihonshugi” (Satoyama Capitalism) published by KADOKAWA, “Kanpon Shinayakana Nihonretto no Tsukurikata” (The complete set of how to make the flexible Japanese Archipelago) published by SHINCHOSHA, “Sekai Machikado Chiseigaku” (The geopolitics of around town in the world) published by Mainichi Shinbun Publishing Inc., and “Sekai Machikado Chiseigaku Next” (The geopolitics of around town in the world, Next) published by Bungeishunju Ltd.



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◆ Theme 2 ◆

“Enhancement of Welfare and Medical Treatment Supported by the Communities”

~Developing a community where anyone can live healthy~

<Outline> The population of aging is expanding in East Asia and we would like to discuss about problems and measures of each local and regional government for enhancement of welfare and medical treatment that can increase an active and healthy population through the community support in order to develop a community where anyone can live healthy.

<Lecture> Taro Miyamoto (Faculty of Law Professor in Chuo University, Professor Emeritus in Hokkaido University)

<Profile>

Prof. Miyamoto was born in Tokyo in 1958. He completed a doctorate course at Chuo University Graduate School of Law and was majored in welfare politics. After being an assistant professor at Ritsumeikan University College of Law, and a professor at Hokkaido University of Law, he began his current position in 2013. Author of works including “Kyousei-Hosho Sasaeai no Senryaku” (The coexistence of security, “mutual support” strategy) and “Seikatsu-Hosho, Haijo shinai Shakai e” (The living security, society without exclusion) published by Iwanami Shinsho, “Fukushi Kokka toiu Senryaku, Sweden model no Seiji Keizaigaku” (Strategy as a Welfare State, political economic science based on the Swedish model) published by Horitsu Bunka Sha and etc. He was consecutively became the chairman of the expert conference, regarding the social security reformation, a committee member of the social security reform conference, etc. Currently, he is a chairperson of the social security council, the self-support of people in need and the livelihood protection section meeting, a member of the social security reform conference and the welfare section meeting, and the chairman of the board of the social welfare councils.



Participants

The member governments of the East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress and others.

4. Congress Schedule (provisional)

[November 6 (Wed)] Venue: Hotel Nikko Nara

Time	Program
Afternoon	Bilateral Meeting (*optional)

[November 7 (Thu)] Venue: Hotel Nikko Nara

Time	Program			
Morning	Opening Ceremony			
	The 10 th anniversary special speech			
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Sub Session (Theme 1)				
General Session, Photo Session, Representatives' press conference				
Evening	Governor's Reception and etc.			

[November 8 (Fri)]

Time	Program
Morning	Excursion, Lunch ② (Cultural facilities, etc. in Nara City)

※The above schedule is provisional at this time, therefore the program and time schedule may be subject to change.

The 10 th Anniversary Program

The special speech and the memorial movie are scheduled to be held.

Looking back to the Congress creation details and 10 years of history as well as considering the future possibility and direction of the Congress.



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Discussion

Main Session

[Morning] Promotion of Tourism

[Afternoon] Enhancement of Welfare and Medical Treatment Supported by the Communities

Government head level participants will exchange opinions about all themes throughout course of the day.



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Sub Session (Theme selective system)

[Morning] Promotion of Tourism

[Afternoon] Enhancement of Welfare and Medical Treatment Supported by the Communities

Based on the case introductions of each regional government, participants will share problems, circumstances and actual efforts of working-level regional officers.



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