



# General Session

## Chairman's Report



**ARAI, Shogo** Governor of Nara Prefecture

The Plenary Congress of the 11th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress will be hosted by Province of West Java, the Republic of Indonesia. I am very much looking forward to your participation in it.

The details of the congress will be announced by the governor of Province of West Java.

## Presentation by the Host Local and Regional Government (Province of West Java) of the Next Congress



**Mochamad Ridwan Kamil**  
Governor, Province of West Java

The 11th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress will be hosted by Province of West Java and will be held in Bandung as the Capital of West Java Province from 4th -6th of November 2020.

Province of West Java has 49 million people and contributes to approximately 13% of domestic GDP, and it gives a strong presence for Indonesia. Province of West Java was created when God was smiling, which is a famous quote from MAW Brouwer. This is one illustration for the irresistible beauty of West Java that gives abundant natural resources, very beautiful locations suitable for ecotourism, and a lot of cultural inheritances.

Province of West Java is known as famous coffee production area and we are working on a new concept of "coffee diplomacy." Province of West Java is an important base of education and holds as the biggest Muslim society in Indonesia. Furthermore, Province of West Java is a place of very high historical value as the venue of the Asian-African Conference.

East Asia has a large number of important problems, such as impacts of advancement of ICT and AI on employment, the balance between technological innovation and regulations, food safety, and climate change. At the 11th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress, I would like to hold discussions about leading solutions for these problems with you.

I hope we can strengthen and further develop the mutual relations between Province of West Java and the other local and regional governments together.

## The Conclusion of the Memorandum of Agreement Between Both Governors from West Java Province and Nara Prefecture

The Memorandum of Agreement was concluded for conduction the 11th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress with cooperation together.

**Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)**  
**on holding the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress**  
**between Nara Prefecture, Japan and West Java Province, Republic of Indonesia**

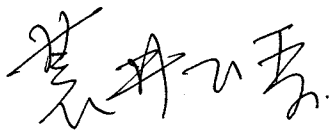
Nara Prefecture, Japan as the secretariat of the East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress and West Java Province, Republic of Indonesia as the government member of the congress have conducted frequent friendly discussions regarding hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress by West Java Province. Based on previous discussions, the place and date of the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress have been decided by the Charter Governments' approval, pursuant to Article 8.3.3 and Article 8.7 of the Charter. The details are as follows.

Place: Bandung City, West Java Province, Republic of Indonesia  
Date: From November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Nara Prefecture and West Java Province will cooperate concurrently to conduct the 11<sup>th</sup> congress in the future. We, the undersigned have read and agreed with this Memorandum of Agreement.

This memorandum is drawn up in Japanese, Indonesian, and English as authentic copies. Having signed them by its respective representatives, each party will hold on to one copy of each text. This memorandum will become effective from the date of signing.

Governor of Nara Prefecture  
Japan



Shogo Arai  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Governor of West Java Province  
Republic of Indonesia



Mochamad Ridwan Kamil  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Memorandum of Agreement (English)



**Kesepakatan Bersama**  
**pada Penyelenggaraan the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress**  
**antara Prefektur Nara, Jepang dan Provinsi Jawa Barat, Republik Indonesia**

Prefektur Nara, Jepang sebagai Sekretariat dari the East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress dan Provinsi Jawa Barat, Republik Indonesia sebagai Pemerintah Anggota kongres telah kerap kali menjalin diskusi terkait penyelenggaraan the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress oleh Pemerintah Daerah Provinsi Jawa Barat. Berdasarkan hasil dari diskusi sebelumnya, lokasi dan tanggal penyelenggaraan the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress telah ditentukan oleh persetujuan Anggota Pemerintah the 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress lainnya, sesuai dengan pasal 8.3.3 dan pasal 8.7 dalam Naskah Nara Charter. Dengan rincian sebagai berikut:

Lokasi: Kota Bandung, Provinsi Jawa Barat, Republik Indonesia  
Tanggal: 4 November 2019 s.d 6 November 2019

Prefektur Nara dan Provinsi Jawa Barat akan bekerja sama dalam melaksanakan penyelenggaraan the 11<sup>th</sup> congress di masa yang akan datang. Kami, yang bertanda tangan di bawah ini telah membaca dan menyetujui Kesepakatan Bersama ini.

Kesepakatan Bersama ini dibuat dalam bahasa Jepang, Indonesia dan Inggris, keduanya sebagai salinan asli. Setelah ditandatangani, masing-masing perwakilan akan memegang satu salinan dari setiap teks. Kesepakatan Bersama ini akan mulai berlaku sejak tanggal penandatanganan.

<p>Gubernur, Provinsi Jawa Barat, Republik Indonesia</p>  <p>Mochamad Ridwan Kamil 7 November 2019</p>	<p>Gubernur, Prefektur Nara, Jepang</p>  <p>Shogo Arai 7 November 2019</p>
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The Memorandum of Agreement (Indonesian)

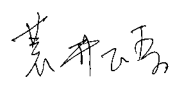

**日本国奈良県とインドネシア共和国西ジャワ州との**  
**第11回東アジア地方政府会合の開催に関する合意覚書**

東アジア地方政府会合事務局である日本国奈良県と、同会合の会員地方政府であるインドネシア共和国西ジャワ州は、第11回東アジア地方政府会合を西ジャワ州が主催することについて友好的な協議を重ねた。協議に基づき、第11回東アジア地方政府会合の開催地及び開催日については、東アジア地方政府会合奈良憲章第8条第3項第3号及び同条第7項の規定により、憲章地方政府の承認を得て、以下のとおり決定された。

開催地：インドネシア共和国西ジャワ州バンドン市  
開催日：2020年11月4日～6日

双方は、第11回東アジア地方政府会合の開催に向けて共に連携し、協力して取り組むことに合意した。双方はここに合意覚書に署名し、これを締結した。

本書は日本語、インドネシア語と英語により作成し、双方の代表者が署名した後、各1通ずつ保管する。本覚書は署名当日より効力を生じる。

<p>日本国 奈良県知事</p>  <p>荒井 正吾 2019年11月7日</p>	<p>インドネシア共和国 西ジャワ州知事</p>  <p>モハマド・リドワン・カミール 2019年11月7日</p>
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The Memorandum of Agreement (Japanese)





# Representatives' Press Conference



## ARAI, Shogo Governor of Nara Prefecture

The 10th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress had participants from 40 local and regional governments from five countries.

We selected two themes, “Promotion of Tourism” and “Enhancement of Welfare and Medical Treatment Supported by the Communities” for this year’s congress. I think we could have very fruitful and informative discussion on these themes. The objective of this congress is to learn from each other, and I would like to express my gratitude for holding such an earnest discussion.

Also, in celebration of the 10th anniversary, we included in the program a special speech by Mr. TANINO Sakutaro, a memorial movie featuring Mr. ISHIHARA Nobuo, and a guest speech by Mr. Adrian S. Cristobal Jr.

It was decided that the Plenary Congress of the 11th congress in the next year will be held in Province of West Java, Indonesia. I express my thanks and have great expectations for it. It will be the second time for this congress to be held abroad with the first time being the 8th congress held in Chengdu City, China.

This congress was initiated to commemorate the 1,300th Anniversary of Nara Heijo-kyo Capital and has been held with a thought that Japan, which was formerly a beneficiary of cultures of East Asia, could contribute as much as possible to the development of East Asia in the future. Finally, I would like to express once again my thanks for the cooperation and support for the past ten congresses. Thank you.





## Luoyang City, People's Republic of China

**ZHAO, Huisheng**

Deputy Mayor, Luoyang People's Government

Let me begin my remarks by expressing gratitude for the organizer and staff. I am very happy that I could participate in this 10th East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress. On the two themes, promotion of tourism and welfare/medical treatment, I had a lively exchange of views with people from other participating local and regional governments. I received very good stimulation and enlightenment and could get much from them. These wonderful results are entirely the product of careful preparation by Nara Prefecture and the secretariat staff. I am thankful to them.

I hope that this congress will be a platform where we can deepen mutual understanding and friendship with people from other participating local and regional governments. In addition, I would like to have an opportunity to invite you to Luoyang City.



## Province of West Java, Republic of Indonesia

**Mochamad Ridwan Kamil**

Governor, Province of West Java

Tourism and welfare/medical treatment are important themes. I think I can return to my country with various insights and knowledge I got here. I would like to express my gratitude to Nara Prefecture for hosting a wonderful congress like this.

Next time, the 11th congress in 2020 will be hosted by Province of West Java and held in its capital, Bandung. At that congress, I want to discuss labor markets, technological innovation, and impacts that climate changes have on agriculture, and so on. I very much hope that governors and mayors of municipalities will come to Bandung and have a wonderful experience.

I would like to thank again for your agreement to holding the 11th congress in Bandung.



## State of Melaka, Malaysia

**Mansor Bin Sudin**

Mayor, Melaka Historical City Council

I would like to express my gratitude for inviting me to this congress as a representative of Malaysia and congratulations on its successful completion.

The issues discussed in this congress are important problems facing regional governments in all countries. In particular, the promotion of tourism is an issue associated with the entire Melaka State. In this congress, representatives from local and regional governments met together in one place and actively discussed, and I think we could share thoughts and experiences.

I would like you to come to Malaysia, a multi-ethnic country with wealthy cultures. Melaka State wants to continue to support Nara Prefecture. In addition, I would like to participate in the next 11th congress to share ideas and experiences. I am looking forward to the congress in Province of West Java next year.

## Comments from Representatives of Participating Local and Regional Governments



### Chungcheongnam-do Province, Republic of Korea

**HONG, Man Pyo**

Director for Asia Team, International Cooperation & Trade Division

I have been to Nara many times, and I think the Japanese culture is rooted in Nara. Chungcheongnam-do, where the royal capital of Paekche was located, and Nara have had an inextricable bond since the ancient times. I think it is important not to lose international exchange and international perspectives for mutual prosperity.

What I learned and felt in this memorable 10th congress is that this congress is a place for us not only to share policies but also to meet each other. This congress gave us an opportunity for interaction with Province of West Java, Indonesia and Melaka State, Malaysia.

In order to start something, it is important to visit each other's place. I would like all of you to do in that manner and spread the spirit of this congress, the spirit of Nara.



### Kagawa Prefecture, Japan

**ANDO, Terufumi**

Director General, Health and Welfare Department

I could participate in the East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress, established based on the 1,300-year history, in its memorable 10th congress, and could share very valuable hours. I express my respect for and gratitude to the governor and the people of Nara Prefecture who devoted efforts to hold this congress.

In East Asia, where all the relations among central governments cannot be said to be good, I think activities among local and regional governments are increasingly important.

I think that the keywords for this congress are "regional vitalization" for tourism promotion and "local symbiosis society" for welfare/medical treatment and that the concept common in the two is "collaboration." I want to utilize the insight I got in this congress for developing measures in the future.



## MOTANI, Kosuke

Chief Senior Economist, the Japan Research Institute, Ltd.

I discussed tourism promotion with participants from Japan, China, Korea, Melaka State (Malaysia), and Province of West Java (Indonesia).

We can only know the realities of tourism from local and regional government staff. In that sense, this congress gave us a valuable opportunity to confirm again that staff on the front line are working with the same awareness of problems.

During the 10-year period since this congress started, Japan changed from a country with a small number of inbound foreign tourists to one with a large number of them. By talking with people from other countries, I think I could reconfirm the situation of Japan which I could hardly notice in Japan.

While Nara Prefecture is a major tourism prefecture, its number of Japanese hotel guests is the lowest in the country. On the other hand, however, the number of foreign hotel guests is considerably increasing. This is a result of eager efforts of the prefecture, and it can be said that the appeals of Nara are more appreciated by foreigners than by the Japanese. In Nara Prefecture, which has challenges in tourism, the holding of this kind of congress itself also brought a great discovery for the people of Nara. Through not only discussion but also the excursion and other various interaction events, this congress gave a valuable opportunity for the people of Nara to recognize the appeals of the prefecture again.

The next congress will be held in Province of West Java. I expect even more people to intentionally promote tourism interaction with the world based on the valuable experience gained in Nara.



## MIYAMOTO, Taro

Faculty of Law Professor at Chuo University, Professor Emeritus at Hokkaido University

International relations in East Asia take on an entirely different aspect from a political perspective focusing on central governments than from that of welfare/medical treatment focusing on local and regional governments. From the latter perspective, countries in East Asia are facing the same problems and can be said to be a community of problem.

Compared to European countries, countries in East Asia are experiencing aging at an extremely rapid speed. I think the theme common in today's discussion was how to increase healthy population across generations, in a situation where working generations cannot support the elderly due to changes in employment structure, and so on.

To solve that problem, it is necessary for local and regional governments to take initiatives. While it is the role of the central government to protect the people who are really considered to be the social weak, the welfare to make all people healthy beyond such distinction should be advanced by local and regional governments through service benefits.

Today, we had discussion over promotion of health, community-based welfare, use of IT and AI, securement of nursing human resources, and so on, and the problems and approaches of the participating local and regional governments had so much in common. I had a stronger thought that, in order to solve problems in common, we should give ideas to each other, compete in that respect, and aim to stabilize and grow East Asia.

## Speaker's Comments



### **TANINO, Sakutaro**

Advisor of the Japan and China Friendship Center, Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to China

This congress was wonderful and very enlightening for me. I learned the efforts of local and regional governments based on their respective localities on two themes, tourism promotion and welfare/medical treatment. They made me think about the roles of central governments and those of local and regional governments.

Roles of central governments include diplomacy, national defense, collection and distribution of national taxes, matters concerning human rights, care for the weak, working hours, and formulation of laws related to the above matters. On the other hand, I think they should not stunt the hard efforts by local and regional governments based on their respective localities. Rather, I think the role of the central government is to encourage them and sometimes grant necessary subsidies.

At present, relations among East Asian countries, particularly Japan-Korea relations are in a very difficult situation, but I hope something like the Elysee Treaty concluded between French and Germany, or its strengthened version, the Aachen Treaty will come into being among Japan, China and Korea. I have a dream, what if, in the near future, not in Tokyo, but in Nara that once had wealthy interaction with East Asia, the leaders of the three countries conclude a treaty and take a ceremonial photograph, let's say, against a backdrop of the Hall of the Great Buddha (An Indian monk who lived in China organized a lavish consecration ceremony.)?



### **Adrian S. Cristobal Jr.**

Chairman, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

I would like to express my gratitude to the governor and the people of Nara Prefecture for inviting me as a guest speaker and their hospitality.

As Chairman of Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia, I would like to say a change is coming to the trend of economic growth, people, goods, and services in Asia. Asia has been growing more than ever and is the biggest regional economy zone in the world. As shown in a prediction that it will account for about a half of the world's wealth by 2040, Asia will continue to economically grow in the future, and its integration will also advance in terms of trade and cultural exchange.

Under these circumstances, it is important to strategically promote regional coordination and cooperation leading to opportunities for growth and sustainable development.

I believe this congress is an important platform to share information and thoughts and find solutions to a wide range of common problems, and has numerous possibilities. I also think it is also an important place to seek opportunities for regional and inter-regional growth.

Lastly, I would like to express my congratulations on the successful completion of this 10th congress to the governor of Nara Prefecture and all of participating local and regional governments.