

Presentation by Mayor of Copenhagen

Mr. Morten Kabell, Mayor of Technical and Environmental Affairs in Copenhagen, Denmark, introduced some of the city's environmental and energy policies, such as the active use of wind power, biomass, and other types of clean energy. Copenhagen is well-known as one of the world's leading cities in environmental energy sustainability. The following is the summary: Copenhagen has a vision to reduce a great amount of carbon emissions and become the world's first carbon-neutral city (to achieve an equal amount of emitting and absorbing CO₂) by 2025. It is essential for a city to be compact when aiming to be an eco-friendly and sustainable city, and district heating services play an important role in this. At present, district heating services in Copenhagen cover over 98% of the city's buildings, which is the world's highest coverage rate. Being environmental friendly is not necessarily costly. From 1994 to 2010, economic activities in this region increased by 25%, while greenhouse gases were reduced by 40%. Copenhagen's strong economy was a contributing factor to the green transformation.



Presentation by Director Kondo, UNDP Representation Office in Tokyo

Director Kondo, UNDP Representation Office in Tokyo made a presentation about the overview of "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" adopted in the UN last year, and international cooperation on regional development among local governments. The following is the summary: SDGs is composed of 17 goals and 169 accompanying targets, including "end poverty," "end hunger," "take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts," and "ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all," which require both developing and developed countries to take their own action. To achieve the SDGs deeply affects not the United Nations and countries, but also local governments which are directly connected to the lives of local residents. Before becoming Director of the UNDP Representation Office in Tokyo, Director Kondo worked as UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Kosovo, the former Yugoslavia, and UNDP Country Director in Chad, Africa. In these countries, the policy of promoting decentralization was commonly in progress for country development. Currently, "local governmental cooperation among local governments" has been popular in the world. Knowledge, manpower and other resources possessed by local governments are needed across the world, and they have been exchanged, producing successful results. Director Kondo hopes that all the mayors and other staff who have gathered at the 17th WWCAM Mayors Conference will consider what they can do to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and will take action through daily administrative tasks and operations



Report on Ulaanbaatar Fire Fighting Technologies Project

Mr. Bayarbaatar Sandagdorj, Director of the Strategy Policy & Planning Department, Office of the Capital City Governor, Ulaanbaatar, our Member City, reported a Firefighting Technical Support Project as an example of the effectiveness of the WWCAM network. While the construction of high-rise buildings has increased due to rapid population growth and urbanization, this project was carried out from 2013 to 2015 using "grass-root cooperation project" by JICA to develop countermeasures to cope with large-scale disasters such as fire in high-rise buildings. By holding WWCAM Mayors Conference in Ulaanbaatar in 2012 as a momentum, this training is being implemented between the two cities, and produced successful results.

Urban Development Recommendations from Sapporo Municipal High School Students

Students in the third grade of Sapporo Kaisei High School, which was designated as a Super Global High School by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology with the aim of fostering global leaders who can play an active role in the international community, presented the proposal on the effectiveness of using theater for city development as showcasing case studies on city planning from the point of view of the young. While theater has three strengths, "communicative art," "a living art," "art created by citizens," junior high/high school students performed a play about a local issue. For the play, a professional director was invited to the school, and students performed the play around the theme of organized fraud in front of local elderly people. The local elderly people who actually watched the play commented: "Theater leaves a strong impression and facilitates interaction between different age groups." The play achieved a greater success than expected.

❄️ Winter Cities Expo ❄️

“Winter Cities Expo” was held aiming to develop cities further and promote the exchange of people, products, and information by using the connections among Member Cities fostered through the WWCAM activities. Winter Cities Expo is an event hosted by the host city of the WWCAM Mayors Conference, and has been held 12 times around the world. This time, “2016 Winter Cities Showcase” to introduce attractive features of Member Cities by exhibiting and selling local products and “Business Matching Fair” to create an opportunity of business negotiations between companies from overseas and in Sapporo were conducted.

❄️ 2016 Winter Cities Showcase

The 2016 Winter Cities Showcase was held over three days at “Chi-ka-ho” Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway from July 29 to 31. Exhibitors, including the cities that participated in the World Winter Cities Conference for Mayors set up booths in the expo venue to exhibit and sell local crafts, clothing and food and introduce their attractive features to visitors by displaying panels. After an opening speech by Sapporo Mayor Mr. Katsushiro Akimoto, the expo began with a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring the Sapporo Mayor along with delegates. During the period, many citizens enjoyed distinctive products and displays from winter cities.



❄️ Business Matching Fair

The Winter Cities Expo Business Matching Fair was held at the PAMIR International Convention Center, Sapporo Prince Hotel on July 28 and corporations in environmental and travel sectors from Sapporo/Hokkaido and Member Cities gathered together and had individual business matching. It became a great opportunity to establish the network to development future business relations.



❄️ Winter Cities Forum ❄️

A proposal made by Sapporo in 1981 led to the formation of the World Winter Cities Association for Mayors (WWCAM), which has become an NGO associated with the United Nations. To commemorate the World Winter Cities Conference for Mayors, the major event of the WWCAM, which took place for the first time in 34 years in Sapporo, the Winter Cities Forum was held. In the forum, Mr. Katsushiro Akimoto, the Mayor of Sapporo, outlined the WWCAM’s activities. Mr. Bayarbaatar Sandagdorj, the Director of the Strategic Policy & Planning Department, Office of the Capital City Governor of Ulaanbaatar, talked about the Fire Fighting Technologies Project, which was started as a result of the WWCAM Mayors Conference as a project to support Ulaanbaatar by the city of Sapporo. This project was a good example of how the network of the WWCAM has been utilized.

In addition, Ms. Kaoru Nemoto, the Director of the United Nations Information Centre, and Ms. Misako Konno, an actress and UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, introduced “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” adopted at “United Nations Sustainable Development Summit” held in September, 2015 and the activities of the United Nations which had the 60th anniversary of Japan’s membership to the UN along with their personal experiences of working with the UN.



Sustainable Development Goals: SDGs

United Nations Sustainable Development Summit was held in September, 2015 at the UN Headquarters and “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” was adopted by world leaders from member nations from more than 150 countries and regions. The agenda proposed a declaration and targets as action plans toward people, the planet and prosperity. The target is “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” consisting of 17 goals and 169 targets. All nations which are members of the UN commit themselves to achieve goals toward sustainable development such as poverty, hunger, energy, climate change, and peaceful society from 2015 to 2030.

