

Exploring wisdoms for mutual trust and a sustainable future through migration, diversity and integration -with resilience to global risks-

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1 Prospective Concept of IMC 2016 in Aichi-Nagoya

Wisdom is a concept which associates with *Aichi*. This term was also used in Expo 2005 in Aichi.

Irrespective of tensions and risks *in Asia* and in the world, we strongly desire to achieve *mutual trust* between nations *and sustainable future* for the next generation *despite global risks*.

In fact, Nagoya City and Aichi Prefecture made *the declaration for creation of multicultural coexistence society* acknowledging the significance of *diversity, migration and integration*.

These are reasons why we provisionally hope to use the phrase *“Exploring wisdoms for mutual trust and sustainable future through migration, diversity and integration -with resilience to global risks-*

It is the most important reason why Nagoya City is the most suited venue for International Metropolis to be hosted in Japan in 2016.

2 Necessity of hosting the First International Metropolis Conference in Asia

Japan has been endeavoring together with neighboring countries to realize *the first International Metropolis Conference (IMC) in Asia*.

Although the Metropolis Asia was established, it is *a long way to create a community of stakeholders related to migration policies*. Usually, academic networks on migration studies in Asia *do not always cover policy makers or practitioners*.

Asia should also acknowledge that migration policy making should be *based upon scientific findings and realities in practice*. In order to encourage Asian countries to establish a new community for stakeholders of migration policies and its networks, *there are great needs to invite IMC to Asia, after the Beijing Conference 2012 was cancelled*.

3 Continued commitment of Japan to International forum related to Migration Policies

There may be still some *stereo-typed view* that Japan is a closed country and unfriendly towards migrants. In fact, realities are much different. Especially *at the local level*, migration, diversity and integration (*multicultural coexistence*) policies in Japan has gone much more advanced than those *at the national level*.

With such development, *Japan joined the SOPEMI (continuous reporting system on migration) of the OECD since 1992*. In addition, Japan has actively involved *in the negotiation on trade in services in the Uruguay Round*.

From 1995 to 2006, annual meeting were held in Tokyo on *“international migration and the labor market”* by inviting *policy makers and academics* from North and South East Asian countries and regions with participation from OECD countries.

Since 2007, Japanese scholars have urged the government to resume and extend such initiatives without success. In the meantime, In 2008, Japanese academics have joined *in the G8 meeting on migration policy*

in Bonn, when the international Metropolis Conference took place.

Since then, Japan tried to create a new network in Asia together with International Metropolis. We are pleased to establish, join and activate *Metropolis Asia*.

In the steering committee of International Metropolis, *Prof. Yasushi Iguchi (Kwansei Gakuin University, President of the JAMPS)* and *Prof. Nana Oishi (Melbourne University)* have been continuously participating.

Therefore, Japan has been supporting the initiatives by China in 2012 and those by Korea in 2014 or 2015 to host the first IMC in Asia. After doing so, we believe now, ***Japan has become ready for hosting the IMC 2016 in Aichi-Nagoya*** in collaboration with the Metropolis Headquarter and *the Metropolis Asia*.

4 The Japan Association of Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS) supporting International Metropolis

There had been no think-tanks for migration policy in Japan, and there are *few forums of policy makers together with researchers and practitioners* to share information, network and engage in discussions.

As migration policy by definition touches upon wide-ranging issues concerning all human activity, it necessitates multi-disciplinary and evidence-based research.

Recognizing this, there emerged proposers, calling for the establishment of the “Japan Association for Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS)” *as a forum open not only to researchers active in various academic fields, but also to practitioners, particularly lawyers, staff of international organizations, NGOs and policy makers.*

JAMPS aims at sharing knowledge, information and experience amongst its members, and at a more effective use of these resources. *JAMPS shares the same objectives with International Metropolis Project and is supporting it.*

5 Partners and Management of the International Metropolis in Aichi-Nagoya

The Organizing Committee of IMC2016 Aichi-Nagoya will be hosting the International Migration Conference. The Committee should consist of Members from the Japan Association of Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS), universities in and near Aichi-Nagoya, Nagoya City and Aichi Prefecture as well as *Members from Metropolis Asia*.

The Committee will work in cooperation *with the Alliance of Cities with High Density of Foreign Citizens (Gaikokujin Shuju Toshi kigi : Members include Toyota City and Toyohashi City etc.)*, companies such as Toyota as well as NGOs and NPOs in this area.

The Japan National Bureau of Tourism, the Japan Foundation, the Aichi Expo Foundation as well as *several Ministries of the Government of Japan* will be supporting *this conference*.

Note: Financial Plans/ Transportation/ Accommodation are attached to this presentation slides. .

6 Final Remarks

The International Metropolis 2016 in Aichi-Nagoya, will contribute to

- 1) *Extension of International Metropolis network to Asia* and strengthening of collaboration esp. between Europe/ North America and Asia,
- 2) *Creation of a community within Asia* related to policies on migration, diversity and integration and Strengthening of Metropolis Asia.
- 3) *Innovation of migration and integration policies in each country.* Japan can also benefit from them.
- 4) *Enhancing acknowledgement of migration and integration policies* in the management of global economy.

Note: Draft themes of plenary sessions are attached to the presentation slides.