

The 21st EAROPH 2008 World Planning Congress & Mayors' Caucus

Call for Papers



“Succession and Sustainability of Urban Culture and Human Settlement”

October 21 (Tue) – 24 (Fri), 2008

Himeji City & Awaji City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

Host: EAROPH JASOPH Hyogo Prefecture City of Himeji City of Awaji

EAROPH 2008 Executive Committee invites proposals for The 21st EAROPH 2008 World Planning Congress & Mayors' Caucus. We welcome papers (oral presentation) and posters. Applicants may make either or both proposal.

The 21st EAROPH World Congress and Mayors' Caucus will be held in Himeji and Awaji cities in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. As home to Himeji Castle – a world heritage site – Himeji is committed to city development by preserving its invaluable historic and cultural assets. Awaji, on the other hand, is reviving its community and economy from the devastating Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995. Hosted by these two cities, the 21st event will feature discussions about city development by sustaining its tradition and culture, and building a safe and secure city based on disaster culture. The objective of the 21st EAROPH World Congress and Mayors' Caucus is to contribute to city development in respective member countries of EAROPH by holding lively discussions on these subjects.

Program

《Congress Schedule》

October	21	Tue	Poster Session	Egret Himeji
	22	Wed	Plenary Speech I Mayors' Caucus Session 1-3	Egret Himeji
	23	Thu	Poster Session Field Trips	Egret Himeji Himeji/Awaji
	24	Fri	Poster Session Plenary Speech II Session 4-6	Egret Himeji Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center

※ Please see the congress web site “<http://www.earoph2008.jp/>” for more details.

Concurrent Session

The main-theme of the congress is “Succession and Sustainability of Urban Culture and Human Settlement”. Concurrent sessions will be arranged around two sub-themes that draw on the main-theme. The six themes of concurrent session are outlined below.

Main theme: “Succession and Sustainability of Urban Culture and Human Settlement”

The main theme – Succession and Sustainability of Urban Culture and Human Settlement – refers to a basic principle in creating housing, communities and cities by preserving traditions and cultures unique to respective EAROPH member states. Preparedness for natural disasters, such as earthquake and tsunami, is prerequisite to fulfilling this theme.

To achieve sustainable urban development, participants in the 21st event will hold discussions on the preservation of historic and cultural assets, disaster reduction, related culture (*Disaster Culture**) and disaster restoration based on case studies in various countries/regions, and will seek to build an international network, linking diverse organizations in many countries/regions. In so doing, the participants will take into consideration geographical, natural and socioeconomic conditions of individual countries, while respecting their histories and cultures.

Sub theme I (Himeji Venue): “City Development by Sustaining Tradition and Culture”

Under this sub-theme, discussions will be held regarding regional vitalization and infrastructural development by seeking effective use of historic and cultural assets, as well as traditional industries.

Session 1: “City Development by Taking Advantage of Historic and Cultural Assets”

In addition to Himeji Castle, Himeji City is home to many historic assets, most notably Engyoji Temple on Mt. Shosha, which has a millennium of history. Discussions in Session 1 will focus on the preservation of such historic and cultural assets, as well as on urban development by taking advantage of such assets as tourism resources.

Session 2: “City Development by Taking Advantage of Traditional Manufacturing”

Many cities have traditional manufacturing industries, which have supported the cities’ economies and given them distinct features. Discussions in Session 2 will focus on effective use of such manufacturing industries in city development.

Session 3: “Infrastructural Development by Taking Advantage of Historic and Cultural Assets”

To promote city development by taking advantage of historic and cultural assets, discussions will be held on infrastructural development and environmental preservation/restoration in areas surrounding historic and cultural sites.

Sub theme II (Awaji Venue): “Building a Safe and Secure City Based on *Disaster Culture”**

Based on case studies of initiatives taken in various countries/regions to restore cities following a variety of disasters, including earthquake, tsunami, windstorm and flood, discussions will be held regarding both tangible and intangible aspects of initiatives to promote disaster reduction and foster *Disaster Culture**. In addition, discussion topics will include ideal ways of disaster restoration and the creation of safe and secure cities in non-emergency.

Session 4: “Reducing Disasters Including Earthquake, Tsunami, Windstorm and Flood”

In session 4, best practices will be introduced for minimizing damage from earthquake, tsunami, windstorm and flood. Also, discussions will be held on ideal ways to create disaster-resistant cities. Topics in this matter will include preparing urban plans in consideration of disaster reduction, adopting measures to prevent the spread of damage and promoting disaster preparedness by sharing lessons learned from past disasters.

Session 5: “Restoring Communities following Disaster”

Discussions in Session 5 will focus on ideal methods of restoring cities and communities following disaster. Specific topics will include emergency measures to be taken immediately after a disaster, roles of residents, local governments, businesses, NGOs and other entities during the post-disaster restoration phase, advance preparation of restoration plans, and housing reconstruction processes.

Session 6: "Creating Safe and Secure Communities"

In addition to disaster reduction, topics of Session 6 will include diverse aspects of resident safety and security, ranging from crime and accident prevention to the creation of friendly communities where residents help and support one another.

**Disaster Culture* :Local legends associated with repeated natural disasters impart wisdom that has been gained from past disaster experiences and that is shared by many residents. In addition to such legends, *Disaster Culture* comprises community culture that is not apparent in time of non-emergency, but determines residents' behaviors in emergency, particularly in relation to escape, shelter and mutual assistance.

Poster Session (Egret Himeji)

Poster Session will be held from October 21st 13:00 to 23rd 17:00 at Egret Himeji. Applicants may apply both Poster Session and Concurrent Session or each of them. Poster size is 1,100cm wide by 1,650cm high. A horizontally oriented poster is not available. Please contact congress secretariat if a poster is bigger or you want to display several things.

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Registration

1. Qualification

EAROPH and JASOPH members, researchers, students, practitioners, community leaders, politicians and city managers are invited to propose paper reporting on current experience, projects, approaches, new technologies and research work on the issue of the congress.

2. Application

Applicants (papers and posters) should select the session and send application form to the congress secretariat. Please download the application form by congress web-site:

<http://www.earoph2008.jp/> . Applicant should submit abstracts by E-mail or Fax.

3. Registration Schedule

Please access the congress website for more information.

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4. Language

The official language of the congress is English. In Keynote Speeches and ,Mayors' Caucus, simultaneous translations will be provided from English into Japanese and vice versa.

Inquiry

Please access the congress website for more information.

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