



Global Power City Index – New Tool for Urban Planning

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Abstract:

The speakers will discuss the research findings and larger implications of the Global Power City Index (GPCI) project, produced by the Institute for Urban Strategies of The Mori Memorial Foundation (Tokyo). GPCI explores the comprehensive power of cities to attract creative people and excellent companies from around the world, and produces rankings for the world's major cities. The report, released in October 2009, examines 35 global cities through 69 indicators covering Economy, Research & Development, Cultural Interaction, Livability, Ecology & Natural Environment, and Accessibility. Although cities are ranked in each category, the main object of this research is to reveal and understand the strength and weakness of the cities. As a feature of the presentation, Tokyo and Hong Kong will be compared to understand each international position and learn from each other to shape the direction of the urban planning towards the next generation.

About the Speaker:

Hiroo Ichikawa, PhD is currently Dean at the Professional Graduate School and Dean at the Graduate School of Governance Studies, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan. He is also a member of the board of directors at Mori Memorial Foundation. Ichikawa majors urban policy, urban planning and policy for foreign aids. Ichikawa graduated from Waseda University with a Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture and later earned a Master of Engineering in Urban Planning degree at Waseda University. He continued his study at University of Waterloo in Canada where he was granted a Ph.D. from this institution in Urban and Regional Planning. He is an author of *Global Front Tokyo: Achieving its world leading status* (2007); *Urban Space as Culture* (2007); *Encyclopedia of Metropolitan Tokyo* (2002); *The Conflicting Futures of the Tokyo Metropolitan Region* (2001); *Future of Tokyo as Matured Society* (1998); *Objecting the Relocation of Capital Function* (1999); *Tokyo's Future reformed by Relocation of Capital and Decentralization* (1995); *A City of Attractive Diversity and Flexible Form* (1994); and *Future of World Cities and their Development of Infrastructure – New York, London and Paris* (1992).

Takayuki Kubo, JIA is an Architect and Researcher. He has a Master of Architecture degree from the College of Architecture, Art and Planning, Cornell University. Kubo is affiliated with the Japan Institute of Architects. In the past Kubo has been involved in the design and administrative wings of several architectural ventures, such as the Shanghai World Financial Center, the Guanzhou Convention Center, and the Tenozo Isle JAL Building. He is currently in charge of the Global Power City Index and the Scenario Planning for Tokyo Urban Strategy Project.

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