



**Joint Communiqué  
Of the City of Helsinki (Republic of Finland)  
And the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Japan)**

On the occasion of the governor of Tokyo's visit to the city of Helsinki, a meeting was held between Tokyo Governor Koike Yuriko and Helsinki Mayor Juhana Vartiainen on August 21, 2023, at Helsinki City Hall. As the world is now facing various crises, broad discussions were held on efforts aimed at solving challenges common to both cities.

During the exchange of opinions, the governor of Tokyo expressed her determination to build a society brimming with diversity that enables everyone to pursue their hopes and dreams and to strategically advance "investment in the future" that will generate sustainable new values and growth.

The mayor of Helsinki welcomed this vision and spoke of the importance of advancing the creation of a city that is just, safe, and equitable for all by making Helsinki the most equitable and effective place to learn and realizing a smart city through digitalization, among other efforts.

The two leaders confirmed that the cities would work together in areas such as support for parenting, interaction among high school students, and startup support with the aim to cultivate human resources who can forge a new era even under difficult circumstances.

In addition to expressing respect and support for each other's ideas, the two leaders promised to work together to resolve issues common to the world's major cities and to enhance benefits to residents.

Signed in Helsinki on August 21, 2023

Juhana Vartiainen  
Mayor of Helsinki

Koike Yuriko  
Governor of Tokyo