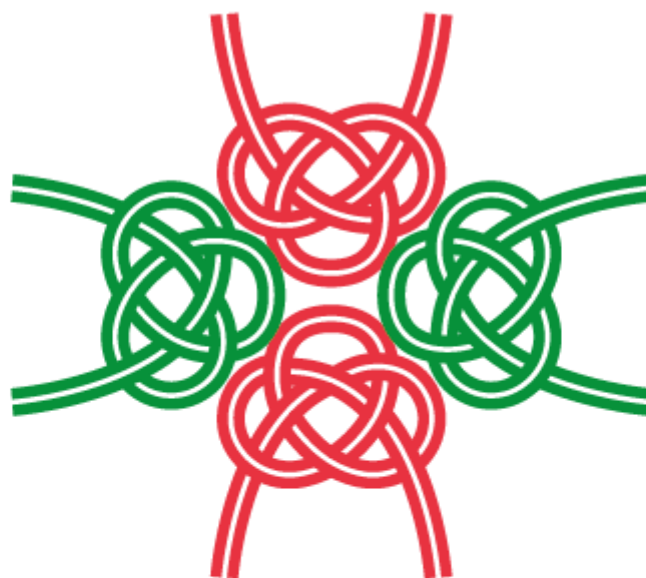


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Outline

1 Name

Sustainable Recovery Tokyo Forum

2 Schedule

Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Japan Standard Time)

3 Purpose

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) hosted the “Sustainable Recovery Tokyo Forum” (Re StaRT), where Governor Koike Yuriko joined with the Mayors of Paris, Los Angeles, Brisbane, and Dakar, and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Singapore to Japan.

TMG has been working to implement a “Sustainable Recovery” that contributes to the world’s efforts against climate change and to achieving an economic revival from the COVID-19 pandemic, in which people can enjoy a vibrant, sustainable way of living.

For this reason, the Sustainable Recovery Tokyo Forum (Re StaRT) was an opportunity for TMG to promote sustainable recovery as a goal for the world.

At the conference, participants exchanged views on environment and culture and adopted a joint declaration as a result of these discussions.

4 Venue

TMG Building No. 1 (on-site conference room)

5 Organizer

TMG

6 Forum Participants (titles omitted) ※ Underlining is online attendance.

Anne HIDALGO (Mayor of Paris)

Eric GARCETTI (Mayor of Los Angeles)

Adrian SCHRINNER (Lord Mayor of Brisbane)

Soham El WARDINI (Mayor of Dakar)

Peter TAN Hai Chuan

(Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Singapore to Japan)

KOIKE Yuriko (Governor of Tokyo)

ISHII Naoko (Moderator/Executive Vice President at the University of Tokyo)

7 Press

Open to the media and live-streaming online

8 Language

English

Program

Time (JST)	Program
13 : 00	Streaming begins (a video is played; the Moderator announces the start of the conference and gives an outline of the program)
13 : 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Opening Remarks by Governor KOIKE ●Introduction of speakers
13 : 06	Round 1: Principles and approaches concerning the environment and culture for contribution to sustainable recovery
13 : 28	Round 2: Discussion on concrete measures
13 : 48	Summary by the Moderator
13 : 52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Concluding remarks by Governor Koike, ●Announcement of the Tokyo Declaration on Sustainable Recovery
13 : 57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Closing Remarks ●Group photos
14 : 00	Close

Minutes

< Outline explanation >

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)



Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone. Thank you for participating in the Sustainable Recovery Tokyo Forum or "Re StaRT" hosted by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. I'm Naoko Ishii and I'm honored to moderate today's discussion.

The world has been working hard to promote economic recovery from COVID-19, while addressing climate crisis: dual challenges of global scale. But Tokyo Metropolitan Government under the leadership of Governor Koike aims higher.

Tokyo is promoting sustainable recovery while goes beyond the economic recovery from COVID-19, while addressing the climate crisis, but includes the perspective of realizing sustainable way of life of people.

Today, the speakers will be sharing visions, measures and ideas for promoting sustainable recovery in each city from that perspective of environment and culture. They will be engaging in discussion on the realization of sustainable recovery to create the future societies, where everyone can shine in all aspects of their lives. First, I would like to invite Governor Koike for her opening remarks.

< Opening Remarks by Governor Koike >

(KOIKE Yuriko - Governor)



Hello everyone, I'm Koike Yuriko, Governor of Tokyo. I'd like to thank you for joining us today for the Sustainable Recovery Tokyo Forum, "Re StaRT." With only tomorrow remaining, the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020 will soon draw to a close. I'm certain that many people were moved and inspired by the sight of the athletes from various backgrounds from over 200 countries and regions, including the refugee Olympic team, engaging in their sport with

total dedication or embodying the unity in diversity vision for the games.

I believe it is through this power of sport that a sense of global solidarity and unity has been cultivated. While working to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will create opportunities for people to connect and we will prepare an environment that facilitates the continuation of art cultural and sport activities.

With respect to recovery from the pandemic, the global trend is to seek economic recovery while at the same time addressing the climate crisis.

Tokyo Metropolitan Government is taking the sustainable recovery concept one step further, however. We are advancing a recovery that goes beyond the environment to include realizing a sustainable way of life for people.

We will not simply return to a pre-COVID way of life, working with you and others around the

world we will advance a sustainable recovery to create an even brighter future.

So today, I'm very pleased to welcome participants from the 5 continents represented by the Olympic rings and I look forward to exchanging views on topics from standpoints such as sustainable recovery.

From the European continent, I am pleased to welcome Mayor Anne Hidalgo of Paris, the host city of the 2024 Games. Mayor Hidalgo is here in Japan, no jet lag, for the closing ceremony of the Tokyo 2020 Games tomorrow.

Representing the Americas, I would also like to welcome Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, Good evening, good morning, the host city of the 2028 Games. Mayor Garcetti also serves as the Chair of C40, a group of major cities in the world dedicated to tackling climate change.

It is a pleasure to have Lord Mayor Adrian Schinner of Brisbane, representing Oceania with us. It was just announced that Brisbane will host the 2032 Games. And, representing Africa, I would like to thank Mayor Soham El Wardini of Dakar, which will host the 2026 Youth Olympics, for joining us by video message.

Finally, it is a pleasure to welcome Singapore's ambassador to Japan. Mr. Peter Tan Hai Chuan. How are you? You look terrific, and who can provide a perspective from both inside and outside Japan.

I look forward to promoting actions for a sustainable recovery together with you. Thank you very much.



(Mayor Anne HIDALGO)



(Mayor Eric GARCETTI)



(Lord Mayor Adrian SCHRINNER)



(Ambassador Peter TAN Hai Chuan)

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you, Governor Koike.

Round 1: Principles and approaches concerning the environment and culture for contribution to sustainable recovery

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Now let us move on to the discussion. In the first half of today's discussion, each speaker will comment on the topic that is vision and applauds to environment and culture that contribute to sustainable recovery.

Let's now hear from Governor Koike, what approach Tokyo is undertaking in promoting sustainable recovery? Governor Koike please.

(KOIKE Yuriko - Governor)

Thank you. Well, the world now faces two major crises, as you know: the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate emergency. And in order to tackle these challenges, the actions we take as cities on the frontlines are really crucial.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government is advancing a sustainable recovery that goes beyond the global trend of seeking economic recovery while at the same time addressing the climate emergency. We aim not only to realize a sustainable environment, but also a sustainable way of life for the future.



Now, U20 Mayors Summit, you remember? World Economic Forum Davos Agenda with regard to measures to address climate change, Tokyo aims to fulfill its responsibility as a global metropolis and achieve the shared international goal of net zero emissions by 2050. And in January, we announced that Tokyo will, by 2030, cut greenhouse gas emissions by half from year

2000 levels, as part of our “carbon-half style” initiatives.

As a C40 vice-chair, I am representing Asia, as you know, I have advanced the expansion of climate action. Through the U20 Mayors Summit, WEF Davos Agenda, and other platforms, I have also urged the world to join these efforts. And, as the leader of a city on the frontlines of the climate crisis, I had the privilege of sending a message to the Leaders Summit on Climate convened by U.S. President Biden this April.

Well, buildings are one of the largest sources of carbon emissions in cities, right? That is why Tokyo, in 2010, launched the world’s first urban cap-and-trade program to also include office buildings. In fiscal 2019, the covered facilities achieved significant reductions of as much as 27%

compared to base-year emissions. We are also sharing this know-how with New York City as a matter of fact.

And we must take action now. Under the rallying cry of “Time to Act,” Tokyo is rolling out a global movement to accelerate climate action for the future.



Now, the Tokyo 2020 Games, which are currently underway, are not only a celebration of sport, but also of culture as you know.

The arts and culture are part of what forms Tokyo’s appeal as a city. Throughout the pandemic,

however, they have played an even greater role, supporting people in various situations, and bringing us inspiration and happiness.



In order to create excitement from a cultural angle in the lead up to the Games, Tokyo rolled out a variety of cultural programs under the Tokyo Tokyo Festival banner.

And due to the pandemic, we were forced to postpone or modify many of the cultural programs. We are, however, devising various ways to hold these events, including by taking full precautions against infection and moving events online.

In addition, we are implementing initiatives to keep the flame alive for culture—the source of the Tokyo’s appeal. These efforts include the “Support Program for Arts and Culture,” which provides support for artists and others, who have been forced to limit their activities due to the COVID-19 situation, by uploading their videos online and so forth.

In this way, we will roll out initiatives that aim for a forward-looking recovery, while restoring people’s mindset, even during the pandemic. Thank you very much.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Governor Koike next I'd like to invite Madam Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris to speak. Mayor Hidalgo, please.

(Anne HIDALGO - Mayor of Paris)



Thank you. Thank you so much and first of all I would like to thank the Governor Koike for invitation and her leadership role on sustainable recovery and for this organization of the Olympic Games.

It's an amazing organization. Congratulation because in this bad time with the pandemic, it's incredible what you do with this Olympic Games. Thank you so much, this is an example for us and for Paris of course and I would like to say hello to my friends

and colleagues.

Eric I'm very happy to see you and our friend from Brisbane, Dakar and Singapore.

Dear colleagues, I'm very happy to be here. I'm pleased to be here with you to discuss this critical issue affecting our societies.

We know it and see it every day, extreme weather conditions ranging from heat waves to floods are affecting our lives. Climate experts are saying the same thing and the 6th IPCC Report, which will be published in 2 days should confirm this message. It is imperative that we keep warming to 1.5 Degrees to stop a non-reversible situation. We are running against the Clock. We know that. And to reverse this trend before it is too late, all of us must get together globally as well as locally to transform our economic model and our way of life. Cities must lead in this sustainable recovery to reduce the ecological footprint.

And here I would like to clarify the 3 meaning I have in mind for the term sustainable: 1. the

recovery must be green.

I have been promoting this message all year long together with other mayors in Europe of course. Recovery plans must first finance sectors with the leading role in the ecological transition. This is the essence of the Paris declaration that we sign on the 5th anniversary of the COP21 with Eric Garcetti, then C40 chair. Mayors from all continents have also joined us to provide their support.

More than 300 cities have played to become carbon neutral, more will join us. And so much has been done, but so much remains to be done and for this reason, I think that the COP26 must absolutely bust up a current initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions before the end of the decade.

For this reason, recovery plans must support first those sectors that promote and guarantee fairness, beyond the green battle the recovery must be fair.

We know that health and the environmental crisis affect the most vulnerable among us in the first place, for this reason stimulus package must give priorities to those sectors that foster and guarantee social justice and play a part in reducing the inequalities and social injustices that are the greatest threat of, to our democracies.

Finally, the recovery must be social and cultural. Each of us has felt it deeply, we cannot live without others, without art, without sports.

We need to connect with each other and social diversity is made possible through culture and sport. The 3R: Reduce, reuse and recycle which are central to the policies of this meeting attendant must be standard in all sectors, including sports and culture.

Major cultural and sporting events are being redefined.

I am thinking of course of the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, which will be the first games ever to fully offset carbon emission and ban single use plastic. Thank you so much. Thank you.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Mayor Hidalgo. Next, we have Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, also chair of C40. Mister Garcetti please.

(Eric GARCETTI - Mayor of Los Angeles)



Domo Arigato doctor Ishii and thank you so much Governor Koike for your courage and your leadership to you, the people of Tokyo, the people of Japan. Thank you for inspiring our world at a moment when we need inspiration. And it is such an honor to be with you. Thank you for organizing this, but it's a great honor to be with my dear friend, Anne Hidalgo, my sister in C40, my predecessor. She will have the games, just before Los Angeles

does and an inspiration to me and to be with you and to be with Mayor Wardini, to be with Lord Mayor Schrunner, the newest to join the club.

To have five mayors or four mayors that will be hosting Olympic Games of one sort or another, to have you ambassador TAN.

This is really a great honor here late on a Friday night in Los Angeles, but one which I was watching Tokyo just minutes ago on television.

You know the Paralympic Games and the Olympic Games are all about idealism. They are about whether or not we can put down our differences to come together, to achieve the very best in the human spirit, human body, human possibility, and it's a fitting metaphor, I know for all of us because we're committed not only to that celebration and that coming together across cultural and geographical and national lines, but also what work that inspires around specifically the greatest crisis that we face for the entire lives that we have ahead of us, that of the climate crisis. And if this year has taught us anything, the pandemic has taught us that we only move forward when we move forward together, when we fulfill our local pledges in order to participate in national pledges so that we can achieve great international goals and that is the only way that whether it's a virus or emissions, which ignore national borders, the only way we can confront the challenges they bring is together.

And that's why, working together and proud to join my fellow mayors and steering adjust and equitable path, a global Green, New Deal in this decade, which must be a decade of action, the climate decade in which it may be too late to reverse the impact we've had on the environment, but not too late to mitigate it and that we challenge ourselves not to return to a broken status quo.

But as Governor Koike said so eloquently and as Mayor Hidalgo enforced to make sure that our recoveries are the greenest recoveries because our people deserve better economies and better ecology together.

What is good for our planet must also be good for our people and our shared prosperity. Here in Los Angeles through a year's long study with a supercomputer in our national renewable energy lab, we've shown in this study called LA 100 that 100% renewable energy is not only possible, it's achievable, it's stable, it's cheaper and it's within reach. I know that cities today here share my commitment to building a green print in each one of our Metropolitan areas to put justice and sustainability, things like gender equity and economic opportunity, hand in hand with our environmental policies and a great place this year to start that I would welcome and I know all the mayors that are on this call are part of, it is the city's Race to Zero which will be the largest commitment of governments in the world this year, a transformative campaign that cities around the world, already more than 700 of them.

Our goal is to get at least 1,000 cities from every continent on the face of the planet, both large and small, to set the bold ambition to take the pledge to the goals that the Mayors were formally outlined by 2030 and by 2050 to have and to eliminate of our emissions and to get to net zero.

So I invite you all to join us on this critical path in the last 2 weeks of Tokyo 2020 showed us that even in the toughest headwinds, what is possible that every medal, every competitor is part of a team, so I'm proud to race alongside this team, this international team, a team of coaches and friends and family working together to achieve a shared goal just as we've watched those athletes and a sustainable recovery is the goal that is within our grasp.

We just have to seize that baton and carry it through the finish line. Thank you.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Mayor Garcetti. Next, please welcome Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner of Brisbane, please.

(Adrian SCHRINNER - Lord Mayor of Brisbane)



Well, thank you to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and in particular, Governor Koike.

I was in Tokyo just 2 weeks ago and had the honor of being part of the opening ceremony to watch that I was hoping to be able to meet you in person, but that wasn't possible, but I just want to share the inspiration which Australians have found in Tokyo and commend you on what is such an incredible effort under

such challenging times.

I know there have been challenges for the government and I know that you've worked through those challenges, amazingly and diligently and I want to thank you and commend you for that and echo the words of my mayoral colleagues that you have been a source of inspiration to all of us.

As city leaders, we very much deal in trying to lead change in our community for the better positive change. And it's been our focus for many, many years as city governments.

But in the end what that change comes down to is often changes in habits, the changes in habits of organizations of households, and of individual people. And one thing that the pandemic has done is changed a whole range of habits really quickly, and that provides obviously a challenge, but it provides an opportunity as well. Habits that may take years or decades to change have changed overnight.

And so if that can be done now, and we've been through this pandemic and working together on this pandemic, then think about the changes in habits that can positively benefit our environmental and economic and social future.

Cities do tend to lead the agenda and even more so than state and nation governments and that's what we see the role here of cities in doing, leading that change in habits. In my view, a healthy city is one that not just has a healthy economy but has a clean and green environment and also a healthy arts and cultural scene, but also has a healthy multiculturalism and respect for diversity and the whole breadth of different cultures.

And so this is a great opportunity that we see coming out of the pandemic, to focus on the things that are important. We've been focusing on how important it is to have social connection how important it is that our habits in small ways, as people and as households, and as governments and as cities change.

And so this is a great opportunity and I see the opportunity as a host city in the future of the 2032 Olympics as a transformational opportunity for our city and our region and that is something that I'm very much looking forward to working with you on.

I had the opportunity to briefly meet the LA organizing team while I was there in Tokyo and there were some really good insights that they shared with me and the Premier of Queensland. So thank you all for joining in what is such an important forum, look forward to working with you to achieve that positive change into the future.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Mayor Schinner. Next is Ambassador, Peter Tan of the Republic of Singapore to Japan. Ambassador Tan, please.

(Peter TAN Hai Chuan - Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore)



Very good afternoon Governor Koike, Ishii Sensei, Mayor Hidalgo, Mayor Garcetti, Lord Mayor Schrunner and Mayor El Wardini, and ladies and Gentleman.

First of all, thank you very much to governor Koike for inviting Singapore to be a part of this conference. It is an honor for me to be here virtually with everyone. It is timely that this conference focuses on Sustainable Recovery, given the twin threats of climate change and COVID Pandemic that the world faces today.

For Singapore, sustainability and development go hand-in-hand. Sustainability has always been a part of Singapore's DNA. Even before the term became widely used, Singapore has always pursued sustainable development by balancing economic growth with protecting our environment. In 1967, barely two years after our independence, we had the vision of a “Garden City”. In 1971, the Clean Air Act.

Singapore undertook a huge task of cleaning up our rivers in 1980s. More recently, we launched our “ABC Waters Program – Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters” to realize the full potential of water infrastructure beyond drainage and water storage functions. Earlier this year, we launched our Singapore Green Plan 2030. This built on all initiatives of the preceding decades to ensure that Singapore remains a green and livable home. It places Sustainability as Singapore's new engine of growth. Let me touch broadly on our Green Plan.

It is led by five ministries and charts ambitious sectoral plans and targets over the next decade. This will position Singapore to achieve net zero emissions as soon as viable. The Green Plan reinforces our commitment to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. It specifies targets that will enhance our food security, ensure sustainable water management, scale out deployment of clean energy, promote sustainable economic growth, green our infrastructure and industries and position our city to be resource-efficient and climate-resilient.

I will elaborate more on some of the specific measures under the Green Plan later. Earlier, Governor Koike spoke about culture and what the Tokyo Metropolitan government is doing to support culture and the arts during the pandemic. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Governor Koike, her team TMG, and Japan for hosting the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 over the past three weeks. It has not been easy given the circumstances, and we fully appreciate the efforts that the Japanese government has made in ensuring a safe and secure Games for all those involved. One of the roles that the Games serve is to allow people from across the globe to interact with one other; to learn about different cultures.

Japan's hosting of the Games shared with the rest of the world your culture. Your resilience, your *omotenashi* came through because of the pandemic. It was not the full Games that we are used to, but it was still Japan's gift to the world, a stage where our athletes inspired and uplifted our spirits in a time when the world needed it most. So thank you, Japan, for sharing your culture with us and we have much to learn from you. Thank you.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you so much Ambassador. We now present the video message received from Mayor Wardini of Dakar, Senegal.

(Soham El WARDINI - Mayor of Dakar)



Madame Governor of Tokyo, dear colleagues, honorable guests. It's a huge pleasure that I take part in this virtual meeting dedicated to the recovery of pandemic.

At the start of my remarks, I would like to begin by thanking the metropolis of Tokyo for this invitation, which gives voice to local authorities.

It is obvious that our world has changed. This is all the more true as the COVID-19 crisis continues to expose our strengths, our weaknesses, our solidarity, the strengths and sometimes the fragility of our ties.

Our populations have been impacted physically and morally, our cities have been tried, our states shaken and our economies destabilized.

We have all change and our territories have been the receptacle of these changes. However, in these difficult times, we also had to hang onto the basics.

We affirm our priorities and reinforce our values. It is on the strength of all this that the recovery is of capital importance because it carries only the essentials.

It is also paradoxical to note that this global health crisis by restricting our movements from one continent to another has also brought us closer together by promoting virtual dialogues, which are all links between our territories.

Ladies and gentlemen, our role as mayor is to make society. The COVID crisis has shown the fundamental role of the local level in preserving social ties, providing basic needs, and strengthening community dynamics as a level for prevention.

This COVID crisis has shown the importance of strengthening our actions in basic community, prevention through awareness campaigns, use employment employability through use employability support programs, environment sustainable development and improvement of the living environment through the Dakar clean city program and the territorial climate and energy plan of the city of Dakar.

Support for cultural initiatives through the support fund for cultural initiatives, support for women and protection of children in danger among other assets.

Ladies and gentlemen, I renew my congratulation to the metropolis of Tokyo for organizing this important moment and the city of Dakar through my voice reaffirm its willingness to continue our collaboration. Thank you for your attention.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you. Thank you mayors for sharing your vision and approach on sustainable recovery. Each one of you stressed that employing environment and cultural perspective makes recovery truly sustainable. What I gathered from this discussion is that citizens are willing to coalesce under your vision through diverse, inclusive and creative activities of their own. That makes the sustainable recovery robust to us a brighter future.

< Round 2: Discussion on concrete measures >

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)



We will now move on to the second part of the discussion on what kind of concrete initiative and measures you are taking to realize sustainable recovery, which is raised in the first half of the discussion.

Let me start with you the Governor Koike. What kind of initiatives are you promoting? What specific measures are being implemented, including efforts at Tokyo 2020 games? Governor Koike please.

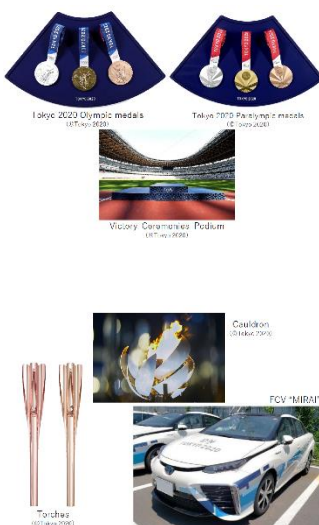
(KOIKE Yuriko - Governor)

Thank you Madam Ishii but since this is an online real conference. So I would like to offer you the breaking news and just now the Men's basketball final was ended! The victory went to the United States of America, Garcetti, Eric san, *omedetou goaimasu!* With 87 ...and the silver medal goes to France, with 82. So congratulation, both of you!

Now so, let us compete how to keep our sustainable recovery in each society and on the ground. Now talking about the concrete idea or concrete measures, I consider it essential for measures to be advanced by not only government alone, but through the solidarity of various actors, including the people, the private sector, and civil organization of Tokyo, so we need to receive their understanding and cooperation and together take actions.

Based on this, we are taking new initiatives for the 2020 Games as well to make them a sustainable Games that give due consideration to the environment.

Tokyo is using the credits provided by businesses participating in our cap-and-trade program to offset carbon emissions in Tokyo and achieve net zero emissions during the four days of the Olympic and Paralympic opening and closing ceremonies. This initiative is a historic first for the Games.

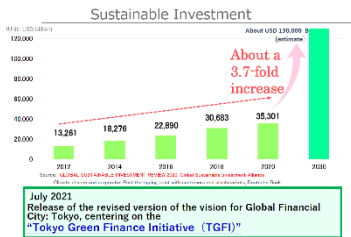


We also conducted a project to make the 5,000 medals awarded at the Games from metals extracted from used mobile phones and other electronic devices, our “urban mine.”

The phones donated by Mayor Hidalgo and Mayor Garcetti have also become medals that will be treasured by the medalists as proof of their hard won victories. Thank you very much. I would like to add that the podiums were made from recycled plastic.

The Olympic and Paralympic Village facilities, torches for the torch relay, and the Olympic cauldron are partially fueled by hydrogen produced from renewable energy sources.

475 fuel cell vehicles running on hydrogen, called MIRAI, are being used for Games operations. As a legacy of the Games, some of them are scheduled to later be utilized by the Tokyo government, municipalities and companies.



It is also essential to develop green finance for a financial approach to environmental issues.

Global sustainable investment has been growing steadily. It is estimated that by 2030 it will become about 3.7 times larger than the amount in 2020.

Against this backdrop, in July we released the revised version of the vision for Global Financial City: Tokyo, which centers on the Tokyo Green Finance Initiative. We call it TGFI and TGFI is Tokyo’s strategic initiative for the growth of Tokyo’s green finance. Green finance will serve as a major opportunity for various actors to combine their resources for actions to address the climate crisis and we will accelerate the flow of investment in environmental measures and strongly boost the green finance market.

And talking about culture, Tokyo is also realizing a sustainable recovery for culture and we will overcome the pandemic and let the world know about Tokyo’s inclusive and creative culture.

As the core program of the Tokyo Tokyo FESTIVAL, which I just mentioned, 13 projects selected from among some 2,400 entries from Japan and abroad are underway under the name Tokyo Tokyo FESTIVAL Special 13. Let me introduce some of them, may I?



パビリオン・トウキョウ 2021
Pavilion Tokyo 2021



SUPER WALL ART TOKYO



First, is “Pavilion Tokyo 2021” Japanese architects and artists who are active on the world stage have designed their own pavilions in areas around key competition venues for the 2020 Games. These are their proposals for new urban landscapes.

Next is “Super Wall Art Tokyo.” Two skyscrapers standing in front of Tokyo station, central station are transformed into a pair of huge canvases for this mural art exhibition.

I went to see them. It was so nice and they are wonderful pieces of art on a very dynamic scale.

And the “Support Program for Arts and Culture” is another endeavor to keep the lights of culture alive. Some 8,000 videos by over 20,000 people are available for viewing on YouTube.

The various initiatives, both tangible and intangible, that

Tokyo has promoted for the Games, will be developed upon as our urban legacy.

Now is the time to act and let us all work together for a strong post-pandemic reboot by implementing a sustainable recovery in all fields. Thank you very much.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Governor Koike. That is a very clear message. Your strong leadership is encouraging and really inspiring.

Next I would like to ask for comments from other participants, first, Mayor Hidalgo. You have defined sustainable recovery through 3 different prisms. Sustainable recovery has to be green, fair and social and culturally sustainable. How do these 3 different prisms translate completely into the policies you have led in Paris during your mandate?

(Anne HIDALGO - Mayor of Paris)



Thank you. Thank you so much. Yes, we carry out a larger range of action in Paris. First, Paris has taken full steps to educate and train future generation. After more than a year of pandemic crisis young people expect us to act and to take action and provide answer.

This is the meaning of the climate Academy we will inaugurate in September and which is one of the major innovations of my mandate. This new facility built for children and young people will be dedicated to elect ecological education. It will be their House of ecology.

A school for passing on knowledge where they will acquire the tools they need to think and act differently. A school where they will learn how to think out of the box or economic model and act for the climate. The climate Academy will help young people to enter in the job market and support Parisians companies making the ecological shift. I hope to invite you there next year to debate on the key issue of education and the ecological transformation.

Paris is adapting and changing to meet the challenges of our time and maybe another example, perfect example of it is the tactical urban planning that we have implemented to address the health crisis.

We have respond by quickly increasing the bicycle lanes to encourage Parisians to embrace cycling and an effective transportation not only to fight the pandemic, but also to reduce air pollution. In the last month, we have added 50 kilometers to the existing 1,000.

And one example among many, the number of bicycles in the center of Paris has multiplied by 10 in 5 years to reach more than 20,000 bicycle per day and last year for the first time in Paris the number of cyclists was equal to the number of drivers in the capital.

The green recovery in Paris is also based on the transformation of the urban highway into the green urban Boulevard with an entire lane reserved for carpooling. This will be a great legacy of the Olympic Games in Paris.

The green recovery in Paris means renovating 5,000 social housing units each year to reduce fuel poverty and as I said the recovery must be fair and that is why we are giving priority to social housing.

Finally, Paris is reinventing the new urban way of life and here I would like to talk to you about the 15 minutes city. The 15 minutes city is a real revolution for us. It is a new way of thinking about the city in terms of proximity. It is redefining our lives on a new geographical scale for greater conviviality, solidarity, better access to healthcare, culture and also to democracy. Schools are at the heart of this redefined neighborhood.

School yards open outside of school hours to family are being turned into new spaces to socialize. We are also banning car from the street in front of schools to reduce pollution and protect children. In total 3 under streets will be bent off over the course of the mandate.

Over half of them are already closed as we speak supporting young people adapting to climate change, changing the way we move around and live in the city are the 3 components of the action. I'm living in Paris to improve the quality of life of Parisians and pave the way for the future. Thank you.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you so much Madam Hidalgo. I hear the very inspiring ideas. Now there is a climate Academy to educate, train and support the future generation, a 15 minute city by bicycle. Big congrats to wise mayor for your vision, and courage to get this done.

Next Ambassador Tan. Earlier, you implied that sustainability has always been a part of Singapore DNA and New Green plan put sustainability as a source of the engine for growth. Please tell us more about what exactly that you are implementing this idea. Ambassador Tan please.

(Peter TAN Hai Chuan - Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore)



Thank you, thank you Ishii Sensei.

Let me elaborate on some of the specific measures that Singapore has to be placed on our path on Sustainable Recovery. I earlier mentioned Singapore first started out with a plan to have a “Garden City”. Now, we are looking at “City in Nature”. This is the first pillar of our Green Plan, and is about infusing greenery into our environment, and building up our carbon sink

by extending nature throughout our island. Our key targets are to add 1,000 hectares of green spaces, plant one million more trees across Singapore, which will cut down 78,000 tonnes of CO₂. The second pillar is Sustainable Living. This is about making saving resources and energy a way of life in Singapore. This is achieved through a citizenry that consumes and wastes less. The key targets are to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by 20% by 2026, and to achieve 75% mass public transport model share by 2030.

Our third pillar is Energy Reset. This entails greening our energy supply. This is achieved through green energy, cleaner energy vehicles, sustainable towns and districts as well as greener infrastructure and buildings. We have set a “80-80-80 in 2030”. This refers to 80% of all buildings, 80% of new developments to be Super Low Energy, Best-in-class buildings to see a 80% energy efficiency improvement. These goals are similar to what the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has announced.

The efforts to lower our carbon footprint across several sectors will reduce our energy consumption by more than 8 million megawatt hours per year. This amount of energy is sufficient to power almost all our households’ annual energy use in 2030. This will in turn reduce domestic greenhouse gas emissions by at least 3 million tonnes per year by 2030.

The Green Economy pillar is about harnessing sustainability as a new engine of growth and job creation. That is the fourth pillar. We will help local enterprises adopt sustainability practices, position Singapore as a sustainable tourism destination, and develop our country into a carbon trading and services hub and a leading centre for Green Finance.

In May this year, we announced that we would issue green bonds for approximately US\$14 billion worth of infrastructure projects.

The fifth and final pillar is Resilient Future. We will leverage science, technology and modelling for our coastal adaptation measures to build up our climate resilience. We aim to adapt to sea level rise, keep Singapore cool and grow local.

Our campaign to deal with climate change will last into the next century, and we are starting our preparations now to build up our national resilience for the future.

Let me now touch a little bit on culture. For Singapore, a distinctive attribute of our culture is our multiracial, multicultural society. Singaporeans of different races, religions live side-by-side in harmony. The diverse array of food we have, festivals that we celebrate, is testament to the melting pot of cultures that we have.

But we do not and must not take our peace and harmony for granted. It is a constant work-in-progress, and an issue that the Singapore Government pays close attention to. We have experienced first-hand and seen in others how destructive racial divisions can be, and we cannot afford to let that happen in a small country like Singapore.

Let me conclude by saying that we all have to find our own paths to navigate through the choppy waves ahead. But where we can, we should learn from others and find our way out of these uncharted waters.

For Singapore, we have to take into account our realities and balance our competing national priorities. We must build the social compact to deal with the challenges of climate change and sustainability. This will involve candid discussions on the costs and trade-offs involved, which we will have to bear whether as consumers, as businesses, or as the Government. These costs may manifest in the change in the price for a good or service we enjoy today, the cost of producing a product, the need to allocate scarce resources to a new solution, the investment in new infrastructure, or some inconveniences in changing our habits and the way we do things.

Hence, we need to evaluate each choice carefully, and find the right pace and balance in our policies and actions, taking into account our realities as a small city-state. Trade-offs we must make and changes we must pursue, for the consequences of not doing so will inflict on us costs that will be many times greater in the future. Thank you.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Ambassador Tan. I am particularly interested in your specific specifically pointing to the costs and trade ownership in achieving the sustainable recovery and the need for social compact built on candid discussion among citizens. Now, thank you for waiting Mayor Garcetti. Please tell us what specific initiative city of Los Angeles is undertaking to realize your vision. Mister Garcetti.

(Eric GARCETTI - Mayor of Los Angeles)



Well, thank you. Thank you so much and thank you. Governor Koike for giving us the basketball scores because I was watching it before and it's great to see France, United States, Japan for the women final.

I know it's tomorrow together and it's again, so inspiring to be here and to hear from all of my fellow mayors and the ambassador about the great work happening other places.

I'm very inspired to not only emulate those things, but to share what we're doing in Los Angeles. Look cities stand together in a way we never have before and I'll cut to the chase. You know in the C40 network, over half of our cities have not only capped our emissions but are coming down only 2 nations in the world can say that today in more than 200 countries.

And I know our national governments are trying hard but it's cities that are leading national governments and we should be inspired.

Whether it's through C40 or Italy or the mayor's covenant, the Global Covenant of Mayors, all of these organizations, which have come together to work and to take these pledges, but more than making pledges is to do this specific work. So let me tell you a little bit about what we're doing in Los Angeles.

Together, we're dispelling this myth that have to choose between good economic policy and good environmental policy. In fact, we're seeing in Los Angeles that if you miss one, you'll miss the other. If you only do one you will leave something behind.

We are, for instance, reduced in one year, we reduced our emissions by 11% at very same year. That very same year, we reduced our unemployment by 14%. Our global Green New Deal and the Los Angeles Green, New Deal is something that will be adding between 8 and 13,000 jobs a year, a year to our economy.

So, in Los Angeles, we really have the 5 studios. We have zero carbon buildings, zero carbon transportation, zero emission transportation and zero carbon transportation, zero waste and zero wasted water and Los Angeles, where we have a dry environment, that last one is critically important.

We are adding 60% more water to our water supply so a drought due from climate change is not something that stresses us out, but something which we find a way forward by recycling the water that we have.

We are the number one solar city in America with more solar power working with Japanese companies and others to build out a public transportation system of 15 rapid transit lines that are on deck and the Olympics.

We have 28 projects by 2028. We call it the 28 by 28 project to give people more options to get out of their car to have the 15 minutes city that Mayor Hidalgo talked about.

We expanded by 40 kilometers during the pandemic, the number of bike lanes that we have and we're looking at hydrogen together with Japanese companies to fuel those turbines that used to be turned by coal and natural gas so that we can get to it zero emissions fuels that are dependable and reliable even in the face of things that Japan and Los Angeles face together, earthquakes. We also are looking at linking this to climate and youth, making sure that young people can benefit and that's something that the Olympics also opens up.

We are so proud as Olympic and Paralympic hosts to have \$160 million from the International Olympic Committee.

We're spending today in advance of the Olympics to expand youth sports to take to the poorest communities of color, things like swimming lessons that often bypass African American or Latin Latino, Latin American origin children in our city.

And we've also seen girls' participation in sports go from 25% to 52% by promoting girls play LA, so we tie together the environment with everything we do around social justice and economic opportunity and as Mayor Hidalgo mentioned too, we focus on housing.

If you can build housing closer to transportation if we can reduce homelessness, we have 11,000 units of permanent supportive housing for people who are formerly homeless that are underway and will be completed the next 3 years, so we're very inspired, very excited to be specific whether it's 100% Renewable Power 100% Renewable zero emission transportation and all of our bus fleet being converted to zero emission buses.

Whether it's the work we're doing to provide young people with hope, with jobs and the inspiration that the Olympics and Paralympics brings.

So thank you again Governor Koike, Domo Arigato for your great leadership and for hosting us. Mayor Hidalgo, I can't wait to be in Paris for the next games.

I very much wanted to be in Tokyo this time, but I know that you have done a real great job, not only pulling off an Olympics Governor Koike but I look forward in Dakar, and in Australia to seeing this movement grow as we not only inspire the planet, but save it as well. Thank you.

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you Mayor Garcetti I am convinced more than ever that cities should and will play a major part of addressing challenges of global scale, climate, pandemic and social division as you may as so close to citizens, the change agents and your network and the coalition among mayors is so critical to address those challenges.

Next is the Lord Mayor Schrinner. In the first half, you said that you would launch a task force or economic recovery and support the environment and culture and you also emphasize the importance of collaboration among the multi stakeholders, please tell us more at how to realize your vision.

(Adrian SCHRINNER - Lord Mayor of Brisbane)



Well, thank you. I know that I said before that habits are a big part of what we're trying to change and those habits together, when people change their habits, when cities change their habits can do amazing things and very much in Brisbane, we've had our focus on what we can do to change those habits for the better. We have a city that traditionally has been challenged with urban sprawl, is very spread out low density city.

And it is also a city that heavily relied on the car to get around.

And so everything we're doing at the moment is faced on, is based on changing habits.

Getting more people onto public transport and all more people onto bikes, more people to walk and travel actively and you'll see behind me is a bridge that we're building as a city.

That bridge will start construction in just a couple of months' time and it's the first of 5 new bridges, which are for pedestrians and cyclists only.

And that is about helping to get that mode shift in travel across the Brisbane River. The River is one of our key transport barriers. It is a very big, wide River and the transport network is focused around getting people across that River.

If we can get more people onto bikes, more people onto e-scooters, more people walking across the river, that helps change people habits for the better and creates a more sustainable transport system. We're also investing in major upgrades to our rail and bus rapid transit networks as well. And they'll be ready well before the 2032 Olympics, but it's a great opportunity to bring forward projects that benefit not only a city hosting the Olympics, but benefit a more sustainable environment and a more sustainable economy.

We've also got a major program to support green and sustainable development in our buildings. Of being inspired by the journey of Singapore in particular, Brisbane has a subtropical climate and that climate is great for the Garden City environment that Singapore has but it also applies to Brisbane as well.

And so we've introduced new incentives, not only that buildings are designed more sustainably

from a carbon emissions point of view, but buildings have greenery on them as well. So trees and plants and gardens and rooftop gardens and pools and community areas on buildings in the same way that Singapore has been doing that. We're supporting that kind of initiative, we introduced new incentives that will help support that kind of development going forward in our city. We're also aware that the community in hand in the pandemic times much more appreciates their parks and green space in their native environment in our city and behind me, in a minute, you'll see what is a golf course in the city of Brisbane very close to the city center and that golf course will be transforming into the biggest theme park the city has seen in 50 years and so the golf course has closed down and we're transitioning to making that a big public park and the scale of that park, you can see against the city skyline is significant. The biggest new park in 50 years, but that's just part of an ongoing investment in our green space and our native environment and natural environment and wildlife right across the city. We have a city that covers great areas of forest and bushland and also we have a focus on protecting one of Australia's iconic animals, which lives here in our city, the koala and so we have a strategy to protect the koala. It is under threat from development and we're buying up privately owned parcels of land that have forests on them to protect koala habitat and that's an ongoing program. We will also say that the Brisbane City Council, so the city government of Brisbane is actually the largest government carbon neutral organization in Australia. We have 3 levels of government in Australia, the federal or national government, the state governments and then the local governments or councils and out of all of those governments across Australia, Brisbane City Council is the largest carbon-neutral organization and we're very proud of that. But we want to build on that in the lead up to 2032 to shift to the carbon positive games and ensuring that our community embraces the challenge of reducing the carbon footprint and also improving the offsets that we provide, planting trees, enriching our environment and so many things like that. I want to echo what Mayor Garcetti said about the fact that the economic imperatives and economic growth are not separate to these environmental and sustainability challenges. The 2 work hand in hand and we very much steered that way as well. So thank you for the opportunity to share in some of the things that you're all doing in your cities. I do agree that cities are leading the way and it's our responsibility, as mayors and city leaders to continue that path to sustainability, both in environment and in culture.

< Summary by the Moderator >

(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you so much Lord Mayor Schrinner and thank you so much for emphasizing that the economic growth will come hand in hand with a social and cultural and environmental sustainability.

Today we are so fortunate to directly hear from mayors who have advanced a concept of sustainable recovery, which goes beyond economic and the environment and aims higher at a sustainable way of life.

I would like to pay my sincere respect to you mayors who are bringing together diverse stakeholders such as business communities and citizens to accelerate sustainable recovery and who are working day and night to make city planning agile, relevant to ever changing social circumstances.

All cities are different, so as mayors but one thing common is your passion and commitment to make your citizens future brighter. Last but not least, Governor Koike, please announce the total declaration based on today's discussion.

< Concluding remarks by Governor Koike, and announcement of the Tokyo Declaration on Sustainable Recovery >

(KOIKE Yuriko - Governor)



Thank you Madam Ishii. And today, I was very encouraged by everyone's strong determination to overcome the pandemic and take action to achieve a sustainable recovery. Thank you once again for your participation.

And I would also like to extend our gratitude to the moderator for today's forum, Ms. Ishii.

These discussions have renewed my awareness that cities play a vital role in addressing global challenges. Now is the time to take action. We, the citizens, cities of the world, must put effective measures into action ahead of national governments and guide global efforts. Let's do this together.

And taking the opportunity presented by these Games, which united the world through sports, we organized this forum with the aim to further expand cooperation between our cities and accelerate initiatives together. With these objectives in mind, we have compiled the shared understanding reached at this forum into the Tokyo Declaration, which we will widely promote to the world.

<Tokyo Declaration on Sustainable Recovery>



Now with this forum serving as the starting point for the world to progress toward a sustainable recovery together, while working with everyone who participated today, I hope to establish a new international network for cities to share their knowledge and initiatives.

And I once again would like to thank you so much for participating today. Eric, thank you very much for joining us in spite of time difference and Adrian Schrinner, Brisbane, your wallpaper is wonderful. I can watch a city plan so clearly and I would like to thank Soham El Wardini, Mayor of Dakar for joining us from the continent of Africa and Peter Tan Hai Chuan, Ambassador of Singapore in Tokyo. He always participated in this kind of active conference in Tokyo anytime his circle, so cooperative and finally, Anne, thank you for joining us in Tokyo along with me here.

And we are going to practice the handover ceremony, tomorrow's closing ceremony. Yes, and we are sure

that we can hand the flag over beautifully and dynamically, right?

Thanks, thank you very much.



(ISHII Naoko - Moderator)

Thank you, Governor Koike. This brings this conference to a close. I would like to thank all panelists from around the globe for very active participation. We will now take a commemorative photograph and please wait a moment while we set up. But thank you so much for everyone. Thank you.

Tokyo Declaration on Sustainable Recovery

In this summer of 2021, we are welcoming the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Raising “Unity in Diversity” and “Connecting to Tomorrow” as the visions for the Tokyo 2020 Games, and also as the first city in the world to host the Summer Paralympic Games for the second time, Tokyo has been committed to realizing a truly inclusive society. Tokyo has also undertaken various initiatives to leave valuable legacies in a diversity of fields. These include the delivery of an eco-friendly, sustainable Games and dissemination of the arts and culture.

Now, as the world confronts global-scale challenges, we cities are given an even greater mandate to play concrete and active roles in finding solutions to these issues with the understanding and cooperation of a diversity of actors including our citizens, companies, and NPOs.

Recovery from the pandemic should not simply be a return to life before COVID-19. It provides us with the opportunity to realize resilient and sustainable societies full of diversity and inclusion, while responding flexibly to changes the coronavirus crisis has brought to society and the perception of values.

We must also not forget to deal with the climate crisis that is endangering the future of humanity. It is now time to accelerate actions. Under the slogan, “Time to Act,” we must immediately address the climate emergency.

We have also recognized anew that the arts and culture are not only elements that make up the appeal of cities, but are crucial in providing moral support and generating inspiration, activity, and discovery of new values. We shared the belief that the flame of culture should not be extinguished, and shall work for the flames of cultures throughout the world to shine brightly again.

It is with such aspirations that we hereby declare that in order to forge a bright future and leave a rich planet to following generations, we shall engage in efforts for a green, just, and sustainable recovery in various aspects concerning society as a whole, including the environment, the economy, culture, sports, human rights, and the awareness and behavior of people and companies, with the aim to realize sustainable lives for all people, and we shall expand and establish this throughout the world.

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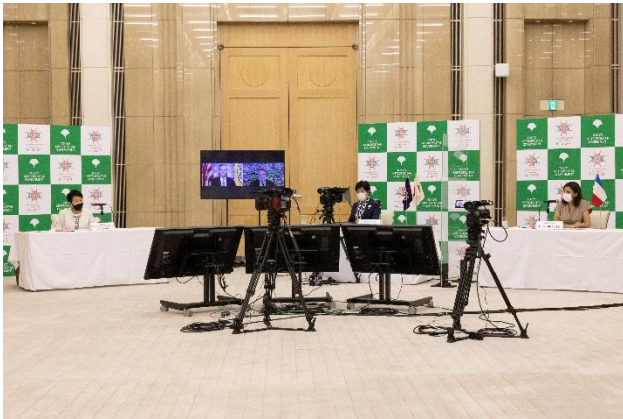
Group photos



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(In the screen, Eric GARCETTI (Mayor of Los Angeles), Adrian SCHRINNER (Lord Mayor of Brisbane), Soham EL WARDINI (Mayor of Dakar), Peter TAN Hai Chuan (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Singapore to Japan))

Pictures of the forum



Opening Remarks



Moderator



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Video messages of Mayor Soham El WALDINI



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Chatting among participants