



Present Advanced Practices at the Conference of Housing and Urban Public Corporations in Asia

On November 16, the 26th conference of housing and urban public corporations in Asia (A-HUC) was hosted by Singapore Housing Development Board (HDB) with participation from Hong Kong Housing Authority, Korea Land & Housing Corporation and Urban Renaissance Agency online. A-HUC has been held since 1997 for four agencies to exchange technology and experience in housing and urban development.

Theme is “the Future of Housing”. Mr FONG Chun Wah, Senior Advisor of HDB emphasized significance of community enhancement amid COVID-19 and climate change initiative. Ms SAWA Setsuko, UR and other representatives agreed on common agendas we are facing. Session 1 was addressed “Policies and Plans for Healthy and Happy Community” in the light of With Corona and Session 2 was focused on “Climate Action in the Planning, Design and Maintenance of Housing Communities”.



Mr HAYASHI Daiya and Mr IRIMURA Makoto from Housing Management Department presented “Housing Supply for New Lifestyles in the With /After COVID-19” in Session 1. Mr Hayashi described the change of lifestyles amid COVID-19 based on result and analysis of periodical resident survey in UR rental housing. Mr Irimura introduces good practices of the community enhancement accommodating the new lifestyles such as “MUJI × UR Whole Renovation” at Hanamigawa housing complex (Chiba) and other UR housing complexes.



Left: Mr Hayashi / Right: Mr Irimura

Mr MURAO Shun, Office for Promotion of Decarbonization and Environmental Considerations presented “Climate Change Initiatives in UR Rental Housing Complexes” that introduced the efforts of Chaleureux Ogikubo (Tokyo) and Confort Matsubara (Chiba) to incorporate advanced technologies such as regional environmental symbiosis, low carbonization, and disaster resilience.



The advanced case studies, such as implementation of periodical resident survey and improvement based on results, as well as countermeasure of global warming considering entire region were received a great response by other agencies and many questions were raised.

In the wrap-up session, Mr FUJII Masao, UR Head of Delegation expressed appreciation for learning other agencies experience a lot. He also summarized the need for continuous study on the costs and benefits of infectious disease control and climate change measure.

Finally, four agencies reaffirmed that the conference is useful for exchanging professional housing technology and knowledge and developing human resources in all agencies. Each head of delegation signed the agreement that the next conference will be hosted by Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2024.



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