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UR Shared Public Land Development Expertise at World Bank Practitioner Program

On November 5, the Urban Renaissance Agency (UR) delivered a lecture and led a site visit around Tamachi Station as part of a World Bank Tokyo Development Learning Center practitioner program for government and local authority officials from borrowing countries. The program aimed to deepen participants' understanding of urban planning and land management approaches that support sustainable urban growth and redevelopment. Mr. Kanegae, Deputy Director General of UR's Department for Global Affairs, served as the lecturer and guided the site visit.

UR has collaborated with the World Bank through lectures and related activities since 2018. Approximately 50 people attended the program, including government officials and lending project staff from 9 countries—Azerbaijan, India, Liberia, Mozambique, Morocco, Paraguay, the Philippines, Rwanda and Vanuatu—as well as World Bank staff.

Under the theme of "Urban Development through the Use of Public Land," the lecture presented the Tamachi Station East Exit North District project as a practical case study. It explained how land readjustment was used to reconfigure land parcels, reorganize public facilities and urban infrastructure, and attract private investment. The presentation also covered the respective roles of local government, private developers and UR, as well as land value capture mechanisms that channel a portion of development gains into infrastructure such as roads and parks.

The lecture also highlighted transit-oriented development (TOD), integrating the station and surrounding urban area through pedestrian decks connecting the station with nearby facilities. Other topics included initiatives to reduce environmental impacts through efficient energy use across the district. Following the lecture, participants toured the area to see these initiatives on site.

A lively exchange followed, with participants asking about consensus building with landowners, the division of roles between public bodies and the private sector, and UR's functions and organizational development. World Bank staff praised the way a complex project had been realized through the use of institutional frameworks and coordination among stakeholders. Participants also commented that the experience offered valuable insights for countries seeking to establish organizations similar to UR.



Lecture by Mr. Kanegae



Discussion



Site visit

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