

1. Working-level Officials

Date	Time	Program	Lecturer etc.	Venue	Description
October 18 (Tue.)	17:00-17:55	Orientation	TSUJI, Takuya, Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University	Nara Royal Hotel 2nd Floor “Ho-oh”	Briefing on the schedule and content/proceedings of the Program for Working-level Officials
	18:00-18:45	Open Talk	Presenters: HONG, Man Pyo (Chungcheongnam-do, Korea) ZHAO, Dongbo (Shandong Province, China)		Participants of the Working-level Officials program who answered the call for presentations brought themes for all participants to engage in free exchange of views to deepen mutual understanding amongst participants.
October 19 (Wed.)	9:30-12:00	Session I Lecture : Economic Trends and Challenges in East Asia	Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Overseas Research Department YAMADA, Ryohei, Deputy-Director, International Economic Research Division MAIE, Yoichi, Director, China and North Asia Division WAKAMATSU, Isamu, Director, Asia-Oceania Division,	Nara Royal Hotel 2nd Floor “Ho-oh”	Participants acquired basic knowledge on the economic situation in East Asian nations. Economic Trends and Challenges in East Asia Contents of the lecture : • Economies of China and Korea, and their trade relations with Japan (Mr. Maie) • Economies of India, Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia (Mr. Wakamatsu) • Economy, Trade and FTA in East Asia -- Since the 2011 JETRO Global Trade & Investment Report -- (Mr. Yamada)
	13:00-16:30	Session II (continued) Lecture : Local Governance in East Asia	IKAWA, Hiroshi Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies		Participants acquired basic knowledge on local governance systems in East Asian nations. Subject : • Local governance systems in Japan • Local governance in East Asia • Decentralization and challenges in local governance in East Asian nations
October 20 (Thu.)	9:30-10:45	Keynote Lecture “The Role of Local Government Intergovernmental Relationships in Japan as a Super Aging Society”	TSUJI, Takuya Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University	Nara Royal Hotel 2nd Floor “Ho-oh”	Briefing on the background and challenges pertaining to the theme Subject : • Central and local governments in contemporary Japan • Local management of new public spaces • Depopulation, aging demographic, and government finances • Decentralization and local sovereignty • Trends in the advance of decentralization • Merging of municipalities and wide area administration • Wide area administration system
	11:00-16:50	Session II Lecture Case Study : Tourism	SHIMIZU, Shinichi Research Professor, Rikkyo University College of Tourism		Lecture by lecturer, case reports by local and regional governments, Q&A regarding the presentations. Contents of the lecture : • 2009 foreign tourists worldwide (International arrival passengers) • Declaration as a “Tourism Nation” • To amplify the effects of the “Great Era of Exchange” and “Tourism Nation” —Roles of regional governments—
October 21 (Fri.)	10:00-12:00	Fieldwork	TAHARA, Masanori Director, Kashihara City Imai Townscape Conservation Office	Imai-cho (Kashihara City)	Participants observed townscape conservation cases in Nara Prefecture to deepen their understanding. Briefing and walking tour of Imai-cho Tour of the museum and information session on the exhibitions including how Nara and East Asia have interacted in the past
	14:20-15:40		KATO, Shinji Chief Curator, Asuka Historical Museum	Asuka Historical Museum (Asuka Village)	
October 22 (Sat.)	9:00-14:50	Session III Lecture Case Study : Community Development	OHSUGI, Satoru Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University Graduate School of Social Sciences	Nara Prefectural New Public Hall 2F “Reception Hall”	Lecture by lecturer, case reports by local and regional governments, Q&A regarding the presentations. Contents of the lecture: • A rediscovery and reappraisal of the potential and strengths inherent in each region, and exploring how they should be utilized as “local resources.” For that purpose, there is a need to identify and develop human resources and carry out a style of community development that focuses on creating mechanisms which encourage interaction both within the region and with other regions. These matters were discussed using specific examples in action.



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October 22 (Sat.)	15:30-17:00	Aspen Lectures I	MURAKAMI, Yoichiro President, Toyo-Eiwa University / Vice-chairman of the Board, The Aspen Institute Japan	Nara Prefectural New Public Hall "Reception Hall"	Working together with the Aspen Institute Japan, we created an opportunity for participants to learn about leadership based on universal knowledge and values. Subject: Solutions to local challenges and the role of local government Contents of Lecture : • Aspen's spirit (triple dialog) • Problems concerning science and technology • Participation of ordinary citizens in decision-making
	17:30-18:30	Cultural Program : Noh	Konparu Style Noh Shite (Main character): Toshiyuki Sato Waki (Supporting character): Kazuo Hirotani Flute: Kazuhiko Aihara Small hand drum: Kensaku Araki Large hand drum: Yasuyuki Moriyama Drum: Mitsunaga Maegawa	Nara Prefectural New Public Hall "Noh Theater"	The NPO Nara Noh gave a presentation which included an informational session on the Japanese traditional performing art form Noh, a hands-on Noh mask experience, and a performance of the Konparu style Noh play, "Hagoromo." In addition to participants in the working level program, foreign students attending high schools and colleges in Nara Prefecture were invited to the presentation as a means to experience Japanese culture.
October 23 (Sun.)	9:00-14:50	Session IV Lecture Case Study : Cultural Heritage Conservation	NISHIMURA, Yukio Professor, University of Tokyo Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology	Nara Royal Hotel 2nd Floor "Ho-oh"	Lecture by lecturer, case reports by local and regional governments, Q&A regarding the presentations Lecture content: • How did the concept of "cultural properties" form in Japan? • Why we need to protect cultural properties • Situation faced by cultural properties in East Asia
	15:30-17:00	Aspen Lectures II	INOKI, Takenori Director-General, International Research Center for Japanese Studies / Board member, The Aspen Institute Japan		Working together with the Aspen Institute Japan, an opportunity was created for participants to learn about leadership based on universal knowledge and values. Theme: The Philosophical Background of Decentralization • The two meanings of the centralization of power • "Decentralization of Power " by Yukichi Fukuzawa; human dignity and democratic sovereignty • The principle of subsidiarity
October 24 (Mon.)	9:30-10:30	Closing Session	TSUJI, Takuya Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University	Nara Royal Hotel 2nd Floor "Ho-oh"	Critiques by lecturers were presented while looking back on the seminar and allowing participants to exchange opinions.
	12:00-14:00	The Second East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress and the Aspen Institute Japan Joint Symposium	【Moderator】 HONMA, Nagayo, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo and Vice Chairman of the Board of the Aspen Institute Japan 【Panelists】 MURAKAMI, Yoichiro, Chancellor, Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin University, and Vice Chairman of the Board of the Aspen Institute Japan INOKI, Takenori, Director, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, and board member of the Aspen Institute Japan TSUJI, Takuya, Professor, Hitotsubashi University Graduate School ARAI, Shogo, Governor, Nara Prefecture	Nara Royal Hotel 2nd Floor "Ho-oh"	Theme: The new role of local and regional governments: The critical aspects of leadership In the context of increasing globalization in a wide range of fields, we had a discussion on the leadership required of local government, residents, and corporations for the resolution of local challenges.



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2. Program for Head of Delegates

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October 24 (Mon.)	9:00-10:30 14:45-18:00	Bi-lateral meeting		Hotel Nikko Nara 5th Floor "Yuri"	Meeting of Nara prefectural governor and heads of participating local and regional governments
	19:30-21:00	Welcome Party		Nara Prefectural New Public Hall 2nd floor; "Reception Hall"	Welcome party with participation by local and regional governments and representatives from consulates general.
October 25 (Tue.)	9:00-12:00	Head of Delegates Group Discussion1: Risk Management	【Coordinator】 ISHIHARA, Nobuo, President, Research Institute for Local Government 【Lecturer】 TAMURA, Keiko Professor, Risk Management Office, Headquarters for Risk Management, Niigata University	Hotel Nikko Nara 4th Floor "Hiten"	Risk management: Participants read ethnographies distributed in advance and, referencing the lecture by the lecturer, held discussions in groups regarding policy determinations and decisions by the heads of local and regional governments. At the end of the session, the discussions within each group were summarized and presented to the entire room as a means for mutual learning for all participants.
	12:00-12:45	Lunch		Hotel Nikko Nara 5th Floor, "Tenku"	
	13:00-15:30	Group Discussion2: Regional Development	【Coordinator・Lecturer】 ISHIHARA, Nobuo, President, Research Institute for Local Government 【Presenter】 ARAI, Shogo, Governor, Nara Prefecture	Hotel Nikko Nara 4th Floor "Hiten"	Regional development: Referencing the lecture by the lecturer, participants held discussions in groups regarding policy determinations and decisions by the heads of local and regional governments. At the end of the session, the discussions within each group were summarized and presented to the entire room as a means for mutual learning for all participants.
	16:20-17:05	Plenary Session	【Chair】 ARAI, Shogo, Governor, Nara Prefecture	Nara Centennial Hall "Main Hall"	•Introduction of participating local and regional governments •Approval of new member government •Project report •Adoption of the "Second East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress Joint Statement (Draft)" •Information on the Third East Asia Local and Regional Government Congress
	17:20-18:30	Commemorative Photo Session; Press Conference		Nara Centennial Hall "Harmony Hall"	Participating local and regional governments, Consuls General, and the Foreign Ministry's Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary gathered together under one roof for a commemorative photo session Information session for the press regarding the Congress Speeches by representatives of each nation, participating heads and deputy heads, Consuls General, and Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.
	19:30-21:00	Governor's Banquet		Hotel Nikko Nara 4th Floor "Hiten"	Participating local and regional governments, consuls general, and members of the national Diet, prefectural assemblies, and business associations in the Kansai region and Nara Prefecture were invited for a banquet hosted by the governor as a means for interaction and networking.
October 26 (Wed.)	9:00-16:45	Excursion		Various points within Nara Prefecture Culture Course (Toshodai-ji Temple, Todai-ji Temple, Daibutsuden, Todai-ji Temple Museum, etc.) Environmental Conservation Facilities Course (Purification Center, Clean Center Koryo Town etc.	•Environmental Conservation Facilities Course Participants toured Nara Prefecture in two separate courses shown on the left, to deepen their understanding of Nara Prefecture's actions. •Temples in Nara Course Observation tour of major temples etc. in Nara Prefecture to experience the culture of Nara. •Environmental Conservation Facilities Course Observation of environmental facilities in Nara Prefecture to see how Nara attends to the environment.