

## ASIAN NETWORK OF MAJOR CITIES 21 (ANMC21)

### Singapore Declaration

We, the representatives from Bangkok, Hanoi, Jakarta, Metropolitan Manila, Seoul, Singapore, Taipei, Tokyo, Tomsk and Ulaanbaatar, participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the ANMC21, held in Singapore on June 30, 2012. We express our sincere gratitude to Singapore for successfully hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting.

We have held open and friendly discussions on the joint projects of the ANMC21 and common issues and challenges confronting cities. Upon the closing of this Meeting, through collective and common understanding reached by our discussions, we hereby declare the following:

1. Tomsk and Ulaanbaatar were approved at the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting as two new member cities of ANMC21, pursuant to Article 9 of the Charter of the Asian Network of Major Cities 21.
2. Since its establishment, ANMC21 has made steady accomplishments in a diversity of fields including the promotion of development of a small to medium-sized jet passenger plane, the promotion of tourism and sports, crisis management, measures against pandemic epidemic diseases, ICT initiatives and human resource development. We reaffirm our commitment to achieve ANMC21 objectives of promoting greater solidarity and cooperation among major cities in Asia, and shall work towards greater development and prosperity for the Asian region through continued implementation of joint projects.
3. Amidst robust economic growth, many Asian cities still face challenges such as environmental impact, or social issues such as an aging society. It is important for cities to include environmental and social considerations in their growth strategies, balancing growth with a sustainable urban environment, so as to provide a continuously-improving quality of life for our people. We shall continue to promote sustainable urban development, while sharing our knowledge, experience and technology on innovative infrastructure, environmental, energy and social measures that can help overcome the environmental and social challenges associated with economic growth.
4. Greenery and biodiversity bring many benefits to a city, such as ensuring a high quality living environment for its people, and even creating opportunities for tourism and recreation. Increasing greenery and biodiversity in cities, and garnering community support for these efforts, are key to sustainable urban development. In Singapore, the strategies for a greener and biodiversity-rich city are embodied in the City in a Garden vision. The outcomes of these strategies are also monitored using the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity. We shall drive and monitor the enhancement of greenery and biodiversity in our cities through the exchange of knowledge, experience and technology of each city.
5. The 12<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting will be held in Hanoi at an appropriate date in 2013.