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## Sweden–Japan Symposium on Sustainable Urban Development: 17 April at UNU

- Event:** Sweden–Japan Symposium on Sustainable Urban Development  
**Theme:** “Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Transport”  
**Date/Time:** 17 April 2008 (Thursday)  
**Venue:** United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo  
**Organizers:** Embassy of Sweden, Japan Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and United Nations University (UNU)  
**Supporters:** Swedish Institute, The Natural Step Japan and Volvo

### Background

- Climate change is one of the most severe threats facing our world today. An enormous amount of work needs to be done to reduce both energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in order to ensure that sustainable growth can be achieved.
- Cities and municipalities have an important responsibility, especially since a majority of the world’s population now lives in urban areas. This concentration of people and economic activities creates both a need and a basis for efficient and smart solutions in the fields of transport, energy, etc.
- Sweden and Japan have come a long way in building sustainable cities and sustainable transportation systems. Both countries also are working on innovative measures for the future. With Japan chairing the G8 in 2008, and Sweden preparing to take over the Presidency of the European Union in the latter half of 2009, in time for the Copenhagen Summit, cooperation between these two countries in the environmental field is of ever-greater importance.
- UNU has a number of on-going projects on climate change (more than 20 in the 2008–2009 biennium).

### About the Symposium

- Simultaneous English–Japanese translation will be provided.
- Advance registration is required; those who wish to participate should e-mail their name, title, affiliation and the session they would like to attend — A) sustainable cities or B) sustainable transport — to [environ-april17.tokyo@foreign.ministry.se](mailto:environ-april17.tokyo@foreign.ministry.se). Please bring a photo ID on the day of the event.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the symposium. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)) to confirm your attendance.

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## Programme

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 10.05 Opening session *U Thant International Conference Hall, 3F*

- *Prof. Dr. Konrad Osterwalder, Rector UNU — Welcome greeting*
- *Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of Sweden — Opening remarks*
- *Mr. Ichiro Kamoshita, Minister of the Environment of Japan — Keynote speech*
- *Mr. Andreas Carlgren, Minister of the Environment of Sweden — Keynote speech*
- *Mr. Christer Fuglesang, Swedish Astronaut — Remarks on climate monitoring from space*

10.05 – 10.20 Coffee break

Session A – Sustainable cities *U Thant International Conference Hall, 3F*

10.20 – 11.35

*Meeting Mars – Recycling Earth*

Prof. Maria Nyström, Adjunct Professor of Design for Sustainable Development, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

*Energy strategy toward sustainable cities*

Mr. Tetsunari Iida, Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies (ISEP)

*Integrated approach on sustainable urban development: Methodology and model cities*

Prof. Ulf Ranhagen, Professor of Spatial Planning of Royal Institute of Technology, Chief Architect of SWECO, Sweden

A Japanese speaker (to be announced)

*Malmoe: A forerunner on sustainable city development*

Mr. Ilmar Reepalu, Chairman of the Executive Board of Malmoe, Sweden

11.35 – 12.15 Panel discussion

Session B – Sustainable transport *Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, 5F*

10.20 – 11.35

*Future technologies to meet the environmental challenges*

Mr. Satoru Takeuchi, President, Nissan Diesel, and Member of the Volvo Group Executive Committee

Prof. Jan-Eric Sundgren, Senior Vice President of Volvo Group, Responsible for Public & Environmental Affairs

*The significance of R&D of FCVs and the activity of the Japan Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Demonstration Project*

Mr. Shogo Watanabe, General Manager, FC·EV Center, Japan Automobile Research Institute

A Swedish speaker (to be announced)

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