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INTERCULTURAL CITY SYMPOSIUM 2024 HAMAMATSU

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The Intercultural Cities (ICC) network is an international network of over 170 cities that promote interculturalism worldwide. ICC advocates the leveraging of cultural diversity to promote urban vitality and development.

With the number of foreign residents in Japan reaching an all-time high exceeding 3.4 million, there is a growing need for initiatives that ensure our increasingly diverse communities are vibrant and safe places to live. This symposium aims to share ideas on the further advancement of such initiatives through discussions on topics such as "Sports x Interculturalism" led by athletes, and lectures on "International Collaboration x Interculturalism" hosted by ICC member cities from around the world. Together, we hope to explore innovative ways to create cities that leverage diversity for future urban development.



INTERCULTURAL CITY
SYMPOSIUM 2024
HAMAMATSU

Day 1

Interculturalism Workshop and Seminar

* with Japanese-English interpretation

10.10 (Thur) 13:00-16:10

Kamoe Art Center Hamamatsu,
1 Kamoe-cho, Chuo-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka

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PROGRAM

Session 1

Workshop (80 minutes)
13:00~14:20

TOPIC

Interculturalism Workshop

A City for Everyone by Everyone – Thinking and Learning about Interculturalism

PARTICIPANTS

40

INSTRUCTOR

Hamamatsu Intercultural Understanding Education Network

Intercultural Understanding Facilitator

Born and raised in Fukuroi, Mita graduated from university and subsequently spent five years in Laos working for NGOs and governmental organizations. During her time in Laos, she worked alongside locals to support local educational and medical systems. Upon returning to Japan, she founded the Hamamatsu Intercultural Understanding Education Network with the support of like-minded teachers and volunteers in efforts to create a space that facilitates learning about global issues. She has held several workshops on topics such as interculturalism, international cooperation, and world peace in schools across Shizuoka, helping students to independently learn about these issues through games and discussions. Currently, she serves as the secretary-general of the Iwata UNESCO Association. Her hobbies include karate and Latin dance, which was introduced to her by the locals of Laos.



Keiko MITA

SUPPORT

Associate Professor Yasutaka Saeki and Students from the Shizuoka University of Art and Culture

Session 2

Seminar (80 minutes)
14:50~16:10

TOPIC

Diversity in our Everyday

Building a Diverse Society through Soccer

PARTICIPANTS

60

SPEAKERS



Associate Professor of the Department of International Culture at the Shizuoka University of Art and Culture Faculty of Cultural Policy and Management, Saeki previously served as an Assistant Professor at The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Medicine, School of International Health, and at the Osaka University School of International Public Policy. He holds a doctorate in economics and specializes in the international migration of labour and interculturalism. His publications include works such as "Economics of Migration". He is a member of the Hamamatsu City Foreign Children Support Council, the Shizuoka Prefecture Multicultural Coexistence Council, and director of the Migration Policies Academic Committee.

MODERATOR

Yasutaka SAEKI



Multicultural ShizuCup Executive Committee Member

Watanabe was born in 1986 in Lima, Peru, and is a third-generation Japanese-Peruvian. He came to Japan at the age of 12 and has served as the manager of the Information Counter for Foreign Residents at the Iwata City Hall since 2016. In July 2017, he established the private organization SHIZULATINOS. He provides support to foreign residents in Shizuoka Prefecture, especially those from South America, by working together with local governments and international exchange associations to promote 'genuine' interculturalism.

PANELIST

Carlos WATANABE



President of the International SHIZU Cup Executive Committee and Lembaga Persahabatan Indonesia Hamamatsu.

Born in 1969, Kinoshita resided in Indonesia during the 1990s and has been annually participating in the Lembaga Persahabatan Indonesia Hamamatsu event "Indonesia Friendship Tour", organizing school visits and cultural festivals in Indonesia, and conducting grassroots exchange to strengthen Japan-Indonesia relations since 2007. He currently organizes Indonesian events to promote exchange with Indonesian citizens and conducts seminars at schools and institutions with the aim of introducing the country to the citizens of Hamamatsu. He also gives advice to Indonesian nationals about working and living in Japan, and what do to when they return back to Indonesia.

PANELIST

Hidehiro KINOSHITA



Multicultural ShizuCup Executive Committee Member

Doan came to Japan at the age of 20 and majored in business at university after studying Japanese at a Japanese language school. Following his graduation, he worked for 10 years - gaining experience in manufacturing, Japanese language education, and HR. In March 2021, he started his own Vietnamese restaurant and employment agency, and he hopes to use these ventures to become a bridge between companies and job seekers and to provide delicious Vietnamese cuisine. He enjoys life in Japan with his Vietnamese wife and three children, and never misses an opportunity to take on a new challenge.

PANELIST

Son Tung DOAN



Born in 1996 in Lima, Peru

After graduating university, he began working at the Shizuoka Job Station as an interpreter for foreigners and a job-seeker's consultant, alongside a wide variety of side activities such as being a self-employed translator and interpreter, an insurance agent, and selling Peruvian dishes and snacks.

Last summer he became a proud father to his first child - a baby boy.

PANELIST

Antony ALVAREZ

SUPPORT

Associate Professor Yasutaka Saeki and Students from the Shizuoka University of Art and Culture

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International Symposium (Commemorative Speech and Sessions)

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10.11 (Fri) 10:00-17:15

Act City Hamamatsu Congress Center 4F,
111-1 Itaya-machi, Chuo-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka

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PARTICIPANTS

200

PROGRAM

Morning

Commemorative Speech
10:10~10:55

TOPIC

The Intercultural Adventures of an African Boy

SPEAKER



Rene HOSHINO

Manga artist and media personality.
Hoshino was born in Cameroon in 1984, but moved to Himeji, Hyogo when he was four following his mother's marriage to his stepfather.
After graduating from high-school he found employment in Hyogo, but he soon discovered that people took an interest in hearing about his upbringing and could relate to his experiences, so he decided to move to Tokyo at age 25.
Alongside his media personality activities, he also posted manga essays about his daily life on X (formerly Twitter). These short comics have garnered attention and were compiled and published in August 2018 as "African Boy Raised in Japan" (Mainichi Shimbun Publishing Inc.).
He currently publishes a serial, "African Boy! Every Day's an Adventure" in the Mainichi Shogakusei Shimbun.
In May 2020 he published "Rene Hoshino's Wonderful World Words: A Collection of World Proverbs Discovered by an African Boy" (Shuushisha).

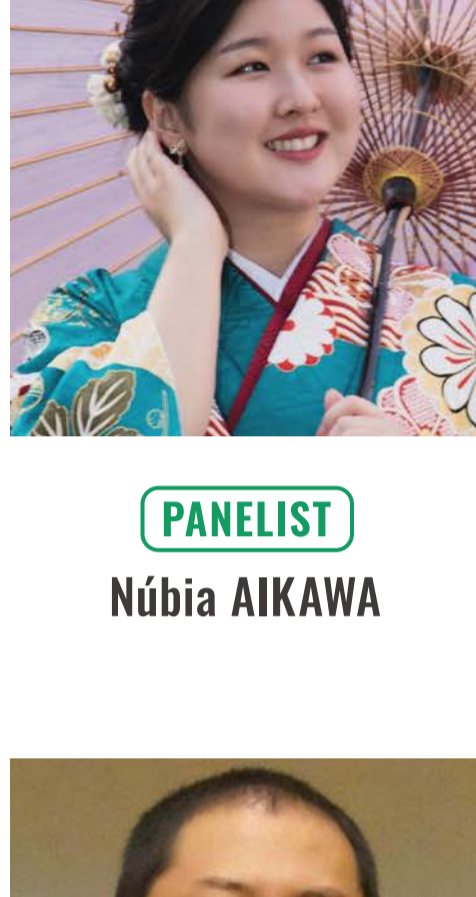
Session 1

11:00~12:20

TOPIC

Creating Inclusive Society for Vibrant Living
-Focusing on Present and Future Generations-

SPEAKERS



Gunei SATO

Executive Director of the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute
With extensive experience as a professor; board chairman; president at Tokyo Gakugei University and Meiji University; and as a specially-appointed professor at Meiji University School of Global Japanese Studies, Sato currently serves as a professor emeritus at Tokyo Gakugei University and Meiji University. He holds a doctorate degree in education and has been the executive director of the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute since April 2020 - specializing in areas such as intercultural education. He has been conducting investigative research into various subject areas, such as the education of children of Japanese and foreign heritage, the current state of diversity in Japan, and the role of education in advancing diversity. Currently, he is interested in and conducting research on language education for children both in Japan and abroad.



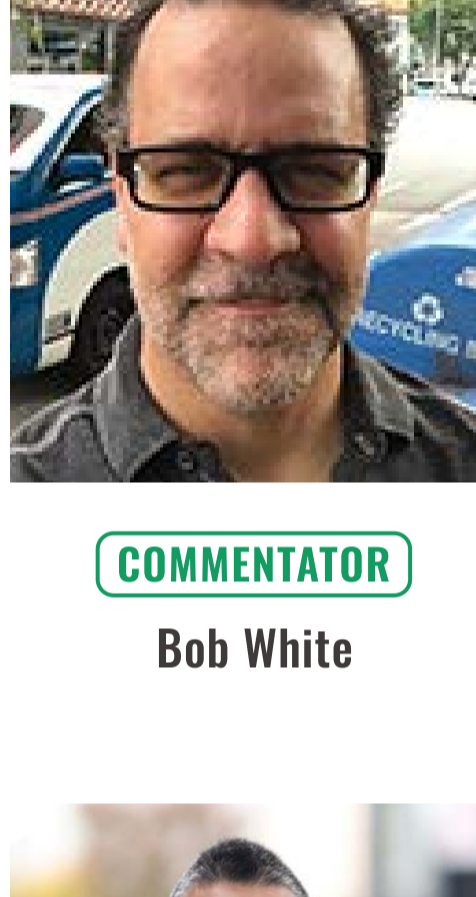
Yuka AOKI

Director of NPO ALECE TAKAOKA
AOKI was born in Takaoka City in Toyama Prefecture. After teaching at a Japanese language school for Nikkei students in Paraná, Brazil as a "Volunteer for Nikkei Communities" for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 2005-2007, she worked as a consultant for foreign residents, providing Japanese language and academic support for children at elementary and junior-high schools in Toyama Prefecture. In 2010, she founded ALECE TAKAOKA (transitioned to an NPO in 2021), creating areas of support outside of schools, alongside her endeavors to provide academic and multilingual information support, she has recently been directing her efforts towards citizenship education projects aimed at all local residents. In 2022, ALECE TAKAOKA was awarded the Japan Foundation Prize for Global Citizenship.



Nobia AIKAWA

COLORS
A Brazilian of Japanese descent who was born and raised in Hamamatsu. She attended a Brazilian school in Hamamatsu until her second year of junior high school, after which she transferred to a public school. She then attended and received her high-school diploma from an illustration vocational school. In 2019, she enrolled in the Department of Intercultural Studies at the Shizuoka University of Art and Culture Faculty of Cultural Policy and Management and studied abroad at the University of São Paulo in Brazil. She is currently in her first year of a graduate degree at the Graduate School of Cultural Policy and Management at the same university, focusing her research on the aging of the Japanese-Brazilian population in Japan.
Alongside her studies, she also works part-time as an English tutor and provides learning support for South American elementary school students at public schools in Japan.



Yoshiyazu MATSUMOTO

Representative Director of NPO Filipino Nagasia
Following his post-graduation study abroad in Canada, he became involved in Japanese education for Filipino youth at Filipino Nagasia. He then moved to Davao City to work as a Japanese language course consultant at the Philippine-Nippon Kaikan International School and continued his activities there after returning to Japan.
He started a support project for young Filipinos in 2011 and from 2016 to 2022 he worked as a part-time lecturer at a high school in Shizuoka and as support staff for foreign students, providing Japanese language and employment support. Since 2016, he has served as a member of the Hamamatsu Board of Education's Foreign Children Support Council.
(Member of the Japan Association for Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS)).

Afternoon

Session 2

13:40~15:00

TOPIC

Diverse and Inclusive Urban Development- "Sports x Interculturalism"

Using Sports to Transcend Differences: Diversity in Community Revitalization
Urban Policy Expert

SPEAKERS



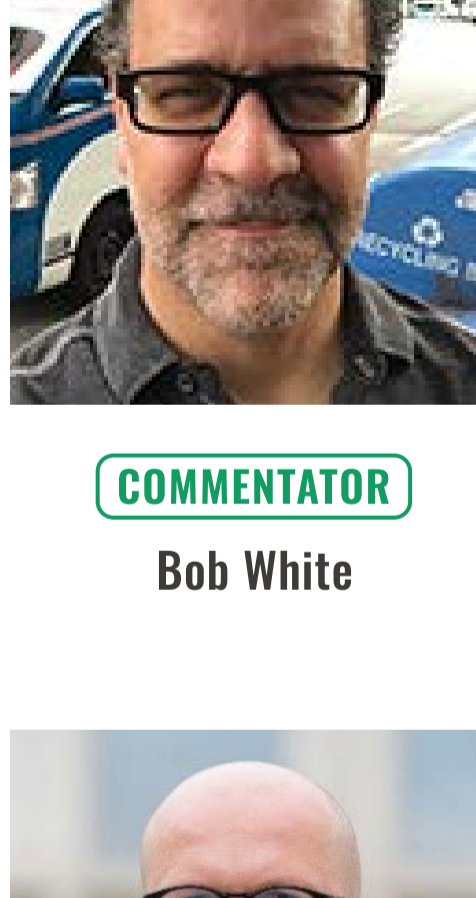
Takahiko UENO

Junior Associate Professor of the Department of Comparative Study of Cultures at the Tsuru University Faculty of Letters.
Ueno is currently conducting sociological research on the exclusion and inclusion of immigrants and minorities in Southern Europe. His particular area of focus is the "Anti-Rumours Campaign" and Intercultural Cities, and in 2019 he conducted a field survey as an Invited Researcher at the Autonomous University of Barcelona whilst taking part in the Spanish Network of Intercultural Cities (RECI).
His recent publications include "Comparing Cultures of Living Together and Memory" (Tsuru University Department of Comparative Study of Cultures ed., Shunpu-sha Publishing) and "Diversity a Community Building Intercultural Cities: Experiences in Europe, Japan, Korea, and Australia" (co-edited with Keizo Yamawaki, Akashi Shoten).



Bob White

Bob W. White is Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Montreal in Canada and is director of the Laboratory for Research on Intercultural Relations (LABRRI).
Since 2012 he has led a multi-sectoral research partnership on the dynamics of inclusion in Montreal. He is coordinator of the Quebec-based Network of Municipalities on Immigration and Intercultural Relations (REMIR) and has worked with municipal administrations in Africa, Europe and North America to help mobilize the principles of intercultural policy in cities.
His research has focused on intercultural communication, popular culture and collaborative research methodologies. He has published widely on pluralism, systems theory, public policy, and intercultural dynamics in cities. Bob White has been visiting professor at the École des hautes études en sciences (EHES) in Paris, the University of Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) in Dakar, the Max Planck Institute in Göttingen and Meiji University in Tokyo. He is currently working on a general theory of intercultural communication.



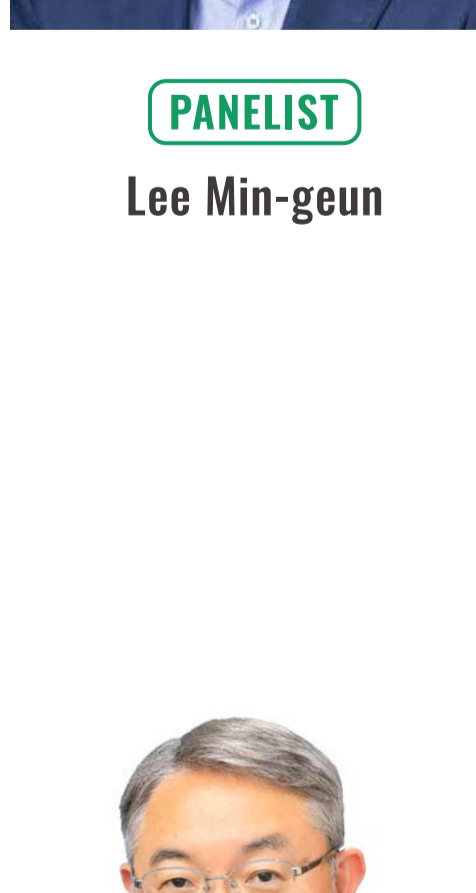
Seiichiro KAGE

SAN-EN NEOPHOENIX SAN-EN Ambassador
Standing at a whopping 200 cm tall, Kage played as center for ten seasons during his active years before transitioning to a coaching and a general manager role in 2011 following his retirement. In 2020, he became a team executive for SAN-EN NEOPHOENIX, and since 2022, he has been working as the Director-General of the Promotion Division. He's adored by local children who have affectionately dubbed him "Kagecchi" - a nickname you will hear ringing through halls during his school visits and events.



Leirelainy ANDRADE

Breath Hamamatsu
Born in Brazil, Andrade was raised in Fukuroi and still lives there today. She played volleyball throughout her high school years at Toyohashi Chuo Senior High School and continued during her time at Gifu Kyoritsu University. She has been a member of Breath Hamamatsu since her third year of university and is entering her third season with the team. She is set to play in the V league which will kick off in October, with seven home games, each spanning two days, held at the Hamamatsu Arena and the Saito Green Arena in Hamamatsu. She is training hard in hopes of securing the win, so please show up to support both Breath Hamamatsu and Leirelainy and cheer them on to victory.



Nguyen Vo Huyen Duong

Chief Director of Nihon Vietnam Worldmate NPO Plenipotentiary Representative of the Vietnam Football Association in Japan
After graduating high-school in Vietnam, he moved to Japan to study and pursued a graduate degree at Shizuoka University, at which beginning his journey towards entrepreneurship at an early age. At present, he serves as a bridge between Japan and Vietnam as the founder and CEO of NAV Bridge Group, working to promote cultural exchange and business collaboration between both countries. He has helped many pioneering collaborative projects with Japanese companies come to fruition and has made enormous contributions to strengthening the positive relationship between both countries. However, his activities are not limited to just the business world - he is also a trustee of the Hamoi University of Industrial Fine Arts and Hand Football Federation, and pours his efforts into international exchange through sports in his role as the director of the Vietnam Football Federation in Japan. He hopes to connect people and forge friendships which transcend ethnic borders through the shared language of soccer.
In 2022, he founded the NPO Nihon Vietnam Worldmate and actively provides educational support and hosts cultural and sports exchange events in his position as chairman of the board. He hopes that his future endeavors will increase the understanding between the peoples of Vietnam and Japan to their shared cultural elements and create a society of mutual respect.

Session 3

15:30~17:00

TOPIC

International Cooperation Amongst Intercultural Cities-
"The Potential of Cities"

Harnessing Diversity: ICC Policies for Urban Vitality and Development

SPEAKERS



Keizo YAMAWAKI

Professor at the Meiji University School of Global Japanese Studies (Migrant Immigration Policy and Interculturalism).
Keizo is the chair of the Tokyo Metropolitan Intercultural Cohesion Promotion Committee, and has served on various multicultural co-existence-related committees for the national government, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Justice, and local governments in Gunma and Aichi Prefecture. His major works include "Intercultural Cities: Practices in Europe, South Korea, and Australia" (Akashi Shoten, 2020), "Introduction to Intercultural Cities for Municipal Officials" (Council of Europe, 2021), and "New Intercultural School Building: The Challenge of Yokohama City" (Akashi Shoten, 2019). In his seminars at Meiji University, which focus on building intercultural communities, he collaborates with government agencies, businesses, and schools to engage students in community building projects.



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Jakob Mazur

Born 21.05.1977 in Wrocław. Graduate of the University of Economics (former the Academy of Economics) in Wrocław from 1995 to 2000 and University of Wrocław, Faculty of Law and Administration, from 1997 to 2002. Participant in numerous training courses.
Professional experience: 25 years of experience in business: companies from various economic sectors, corporate and strategic consulting, company creation, energy start-ups, entrepreneur and promoter. Successfully introduced business entities to the Stock Exchange. Areas of expertise: IT, spatial planning, urban planning, engineering, marketing strategy, construction industry, foreign investments, B2B relations. Co-creator of the success of the European Capital of Culture 2016 in Wrocław.
Deputy Mayor of Wrocław since 2016. He directly oversees the Department of Strategy and Sustainable Development. Representative of the city in national and international associations and institutions. Responsible for creating and implementing strategic documents for the city, agglomeration, and region with a perspective up to 2050. Member of international organizations, representing the city in international relations.
Operational scope: city development strategy, environmental protection and agriculture, adaptation of urban space to climate change, economic development, energy projects, sustainable development, digitalization, supervision of key municipal companies, cooperation with strategic investors, investment projects, sustainable food system, key projects related to Wrocław's development. President of METREX since 2021 - The Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas. Member of the European Regional Executive Committee (ExecCom) of CLEA and Co-Chair of the Committee on Local Government Structure, Urban and Metropolitan Areas at the Joint Commission of the Government and Local Government.

Lee Min-geun

Date of birth: Feb. 14, 1969 (Ansan, Gyeonggi-do)
▶Academic background: Master's degree in Administration and Autonomy from the Graduate School of HanYang University (Major in provincial and urban Administration)
▶Military Service: General Discharge from the Marines
■Work Experience
Incumbent 15th Ansan Mayor of the 8th Popular Election (July 2022), Incumbent Representative of Ansan's Proseok, a Civic Group, Incumbent Co-representative of Sharing and Joy, Ansan City Council, Incumbent Director of Ansan City Council, Incumbent Advisor to KSCAAG, Former Member of the 5th to 7th Ansan City Council, Former Chairman of the 7th Ansan Council, Former Chairman of the People's Livelihood Economy Research Institute, Former 15th President of the Kwangjuak Association in Ansan, Former Director of the Ansan Youth Training Center, Former Advisory to Gyeonggi Association of the Deaf, Former Advisory to Ansan Community Service Center, Former Head of Ansan's Election Campaign Headquarters of Presidential Candidate Yoon Seok-yeol
■Honors & Awards
Grand Prize for Innovation in the Activities of the Local Council for the Best People in Korea (2018), Grand Prize for Korea's Righteous Leader in Regional Sector (2017), Grand Prize in Provincial National Assembly Member's Manifesto Promise by Korea Manifesto Practice Headquarters in the field of pledge fulfillment (2017), Member Award for Ansan YWCA in Parliamentary Activities in the First Hall of the 7th Ansan City Council (2016), Award from the Chairman of the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council (2014).

Yusuke NAKANO

Mayor of Hamamatsu City
Born in 1932 in Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture. Mayor Nakano graduated from the University of Tokyo's Economics Department in 1954. He began his career at the former Ministry of Home Affairs, now known as the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.
He has accumulated extensive experience in local government, serving as the secretary to the Minister for Regional Revitalization, Director of the Regional Disaster Management Division at the Fire and Disaster Management Agency, and the Director of the Municipal and Prefectural Tax Policy Division. Additionally, he has served as the as the chief of the Kyoto General Affairs Department, and the Vice-Governor of Hokkaido. He assumed office as the Mayor of Hamamatsu City in May 2023, and currently serving his first term.

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