

Tokyo Declaration on a Partnership between Intercultural Cities
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We gathered here today at the International Symposium on Intercultural Cities in Asia and Europe to share our knowledge and experience, to discuss the issues of the present, and to imagine and prepare for major challenges of managing cities of the future. We have reviewed the strategies of European city(?) members of the Council of Europe/European Commission Intercultural Cities Programme as well as the achievements and challenges of intercultural cities in Japan and Korea.

Having acknowledged that in an age of globalization, which has been changing our economies and our societies, the understanding of the concept and practices of interculturalism can only grow in importance, for cities in Asia, Europe, and the wider world, we declare:

That we regard the cultural diversity of our cities as an asset, and that we will explore a new urban vision which can build upon diversity to foster dynamism, innovation, creativity and growth. To that end, we will seek to establish a partnership between intercultural cities to learn from each other's achievements and seek answers to our common challenges.

And that the ultimate goal of intercultural cities should be to bring individuals of different cultural backgrounds together for the purpose of building prosperous and harmonious cities of the future.