

**A panel entitled “The Genesis of Yokohama’s Strategic Planning Environment: Reflecting on
the Contribution of Akira Tamura and His Work”
at the IPHS Yokohama Conference**

We establish a panel at the Yokohama Congress regarding the work of Mr. Akira Tamura, a pre-eminent Japanese town planner. This panel focuses on his vision and work as a representation of Japan’s post-war town planning practice. It is considered that Tamura had a career comparable to that of Daniel Hudson Burnham, a renowned Chicago City planner, who dedicated his life to the town planning of Chicago. Under Tamura’s stewardship, Yokohama experienced a golden age in Japan’s town planning history. In 1977, the Planning and Coordination Bureau of Yokohama headed by Tamura was awarded an honorable prize from the Architectural Institute of Japan (“AIJ”) to commemorate the series of distinguished town planning projects in Yokohama as a model of integrated processes in the creation of city space. In 2000, Tamura received the highest accolade, being named as the planner of Japan by the AIJ. Besides physical planning, Tamura developed a philosophy and rationale towards city management and town planning. He was committed to making old administrative machinery evolve into an active and independent one. We are delighted that the IPHS has chosen to hold its conference here in Yokohama with which Tamura has deep and enduring ties.

This panel consists of four theses as follows;

1. **Profile of Professor Tamura - A Planner of Yokohama: A biography of Akira Tamura, pre-eminent town planner of Japan**
Chihiro Tamura
2. **The adoption and abolition of the local development land-use exaction system by the city of Yokohama: a story regarding formation of local initiative by independent local governments in highly constrained town planning environment**
Toshio Taguchi
3. **A study of unorthodox town making by Akira Tamura: the transmission of Tamura’s vision to younger generations**
Atsuhiko Aoki
4. **The status and use of soft law in municipalities’ management of urban development: restructuring the logical framework of administrative guidance on impact fees for housing development in 1970s Japan**
Kenji Asakawa