



CLAIR Sydney Local Government Seminar 2009

Metropolitan Governance – Ideas from Japan

Friday 6 March 2009, 9.30am to 2.30pm, Ballroom I, Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney

Program

9.30am – Opening Ceremony

- Introduction by Kenji Ikeda, Director, CLAIR Sydney
- Welcome by Councillor Robert Kok on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Sydney
- Remarks by Mr Nobuhito Hobo, Consul-General of Japan in Sydney
- Official Opening by the Hon Barbara Perry MP, NSW Minister for Local Government

10.00am – Keynote Address

Urban Planning and Uneven Growth: Problems of Japan's Metropolitan Development by Professor Akira Nakamura, Meiji University

11.00am - Morning Tea

11.30am – Panel Discussion

- Professor Bill Randolph, Director, UNSW City Futures Research Centre
- Chris Champion, CEO, Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA)
- Vanessa Chan, Director Corporate and Community Services, Ashfield Municipal Council
- Comments by Professor Akira Nakamura
- Concluding remarks by Ross Woodward, Acting Director General of NSW Department of Local Government
- Questions from the floor

1.10pm – Closing Remarks

- Kenji Ikeda, Director, CLAIR Sydney

1.20pm to 2.30pm – Lunch

The seminar will be chaired by Robert Mellor of the UTS Centre for Local Government.