



Virtual Policy Dialogue on Rethinking the Role of Cities and Urban Function

Date and Time: 24 August 2021, 15:00 – 17:00 (JST)

Overview:

The aim is to explore the topic of resilience in cities after the COVID-19 pandemic and highlight the current work of experts in the field, while launch an upcoming Call for Policy Papers on Rethinking Cities as Resilient Engines of Growth After COVID-19 Pandemic. This session will focus on the urban development and function in the post-COVID-19 era, drawing from Dr Hashimoto's [editorial report](#) in the International Development Journal. As an experienced practitioner and expert on urban resilience and development planning, Dr Hashimoto will discuss the necessary paradigm shift for equitable, accommodating, and resilient post-COVID-19 development.

Keynote Speaker Biography:

Dr. Tsuyoshi Hashimoto, Chief Executive Director, RECS International, Japan
Ph.D. from Cornell University specialized in water resources, economics and operations research, and M.S. in environmental engineering from University of Southern California. Worked at International Institute for Applied System Analyses in Austria as a research scholar in Resources and Environment Area. After two and a half years at International Development Center of Japan and 12 years with Nippon Koei Co., Ltd., founded RECS International Inc. Stayed in more than 50 developing and developed countries, and provided consultancy services in various fields including urban and regional development, environment, water resources management and social development. One of the most experienced urban and regional planners who has been leading the consultancy society for decades. Executive board member of Engineering and Consulting Firms Association, Japan (ECFA). Published several books and numerous papers.

(Source: [RECS International website](#))

Language: English



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14:45 – 15:00 (JST)	Login opens and pre-event chat
15:00 – 15:05 (JST)	<p>Opening Remarks By Dr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist, ADBI, Tokyo, Japan</p>
15:05 – 15:45 (JST)	<p>Keynote Presentation: Paradigm Shift to Re-think the Role of Cities and Urban Function By Dr. Tsuyoshi Hashimoto, Chief Executive Director, RECS International</p>
15:45 – 16:30 (JST)	<p>Panel Discussion: An equitable, accommodating, and resilient development model in post-COVID era (40 min) Moderated by Professor Piyush Tiwari, Professor of Property, University of Melbourne Panellists: Ms. Sunghoon Kris Moon, Urban Development Specialist, Urban Sector Group, Asian Development Bank Mr. Antoine Saurat, RECS International Dr. Alyosha Ezra C. Mallari, Urban Planning Consultant Ms. Farhat Jahan Chowdhury, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh Resident Mission</p>
16:30 – 16:50 (JST)	Open Q&A (20 min)
16:50 – 17:00 (JST)	<p>Launch of Call for Policy Papers on Rethinking Cities as Resilient Engines of Growth After COVID-19 Pandemic By Kyoko Takahashi, Graduate Program in Sustainability Science, University of Tokyo</p>