

**Announcement of High-level Symposium on Sustainable Cities
by Mr. Shigeo Tsuzuki, Chairman of Toyota City Council**

**at the UNCRD/UNDESA Side Event
“Promoting Resource Efficiency for Sustainable Urban Development”
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1. Good day, everyone. My name is Shigeo Tsuzuki. I am the Chairman of Toyota City Council.
2. On behalf of the citizens of Toyota City and Toyota City Council, I would like to announce the High-level Symposium on Sustainable Cities, which Toyota City and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs are co-hosting between January, 15 – 16, 2015.
3. The theme for the Symposium is: “Connecting People, Environment and Technology.” Two years ago, Toyota City built an environmental facility named, Toyota Ecoful Town, which introduces cutting-edge environmental technology. A great number of officials including cabinet members, governors and mayors from around the world, have visited Ecoful Town in order to witness how a low-carbon society functions.
4. I would like you to pay us a visit to see Ecoful Town’s, Smart House, Next-Generation Vehicles, and to view, first hand, the infrastructure existing there. Of course, I would also like you to participate in the Symposium and have a fruitful discussion on sustainable cities.
5. I believe the discussions to be had in this Symposium will surely contribute to the creation of sustainable cities for both developing and developed countries alike. I would be delighted if you could join this Symposium.
6. I am looking forward to seeing you in Toyota in January. Thank you very much.