

The Plan of
"The Urban Agriculture World Summit "
(Draft)

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Nerima city

1. Urban Agriculture World Summit, Why Now?

These days many cities in the world have recognized the roles and attractiveness of urban agriculture and farmland that attracts increased awareness and various measures have been carried out. In a world fashion capital, New York City, for example, especially young women prefer their lifestyle harvesting homegrown vegetables. London city, the venue of London Olympics and Paralympic games in 2012, has opened about 2500 community gardens over 2012, the targeted number of such gardens. Thus many cities in the world have been working out to develop urban agriculture.

In Japan, since the Basic Law on the Promotion of Urban Agriculture has been enacted in April 2015, urban farmland was characterized as something that should be preserved in urban area and not to be converted into house-land. It was a significant policy shift.

Nerima City has integrated agriculture with the life of citizens in Tokyo, one of the big cities around the world. It is a rare case that farmlands are to be found in the city and agriculture has been taking place as an industry. This is of great significance.

Urban agriculture provides not only farm products and various functions such as disaster prevention and/or environmental effect, but also has possibility to help life of citizens more prosperous.

We are going to hold Urban Agriculture World Summit to announce the attractiveness and possibility of urban life integrated with agriculture to the world.

At the summit we hope all the participating cities will share their thoughts and experiences about the significance and the attractiveness of urban agriculture, and will learn from each other, searching for new scheme which can lead to further development of urban agriculture.

“The Urban Agriculture World Summit” defines “Urban Agriculture” as “farming while interacting with life of citizens in urban areas”.

2. Aims of the Urban Agriculture World Summit

- (1) To share the realization of significance and attractiveness of urban agriculture in the world and lead to further development of urban agriculture.

People domestic and abroad involved in urban agriculture will make presentations about roles, attractiveness and measures they take in urban agriculture, and will share the opinions to learn from each other.

To search for better ways of urban agriculture and cities together and discuss new schemes which can lead to further development of urban agriculture.

- (2) To develop networking for urban agriculture and sharing information and idea, and to expand new schemes.

Urban Agriculture World Summit will be a good opportunity for cities and people involved in urban agriculture to be connected one another, so they can learn different agricultural schemes of the world and expand their own through information exchange.

- (3) To encourage people to take more proud and enthusiasm to be involved in urban agriculture

By sharing and expanding the idea of significance and attractiveness of urban agriculture, people will be more proud and enthusiastic about being involved in urban agriculture and/or live in cities with agriculture.

3. The Summary of the Summit

1) Urban Agriculture World Summit

Since there has been a growing trend toward the internationalization with the coming Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic games in 2020, we will have agriculture summit at this time of the year when there are abundant agricultural products and when it is suitable to hold many events related to agriculture.

(1) Date

Nov. 29th (Fri.) ~ Dec. 1st (Sun.), 2019

(2) Place

Main Venue: Nerima Culture Center

Event Sites: Coconeri, farmlands in Nerima city, etc.

(3) Content

In addition to symposiums and group discussions, Site tour and trial sessions of the agricultural acts will be held.

Nov. 29 th (Fri.)	Nov. 30 th (Sat.)	Dec. 1 st (Sun.)	Dec. 2 nd (Mon.)
PM: [Site Tour] - Visit farms in Nerima City.	AM: Experience-based activity for all the participants PM: [Sessions] - Discussions	[Symposium] -Presentation of study cases -Panel discussions -Summit Declaration etc.	[Optional programs] Optional programs to be provided upon requests.

(4) Cities to be invited (tentative)

The cities which make strenuous and labored efforts on the urban agriculture are to be invited.

The number of invited cities should be limited to five, so they are expected to make effective communications in the Urban Agriculture World Summit. From each city two or three representatives would be invited from among the fields such as administration, farmers, organizations related to agriculture, and scholars.

Cities to be invited at this time as follows;

Region	City	note
North America	New York (US)	Life style with farming on rooftop or underutilized land has become popular.
	Detroit(US)	Urban agriculture is highlighted as a way of activating unused land amid waning key industries.
	Vancouver(Canada)	Established “Green City Action Plan” in 2011 aiming to be the most sustainable city in the world by 2020.Urban agriculture is characterized as prioritized activity field.
Europe	London(UK)	Community gardens are popular. Urban farming has been developed as part of the urban policy triggered by the Olympics and Paralympic games held in 2012.

	Berlin(Germany)	One third of whole city is green land. Community gardens (Klein Galten) in urban area has been promoted and developed.
	Paris(France)	Other businesses including architects collaborate to design and manage farmland to develop limited space.
Asia	Jakarta(Indonesia)	Government policy targets include securing green land in urban areas. Urban agriculture is popular among private sectors and residents through grass-roots activities.
	Seoul(Korea)	Since 2015, Seoul city has developed urban agriculture under “Urban agriculture 2.0 vision.”
	Taipei(Taiwan)	Datong district, one of the administrative districts in Taipei city, has defined a part of the historical commercial area as the urban agriculture zone, expecting that it can provide fresh agricultural products to urban residents as well as effectively attract more visitors as a sightseeing spot.

2) Pre-event

We will hold a pre-event in 2018, a previous year of the Summit, to raise awareness of the Summit among Nerima residents and to promote the understanding of urban agriculture toward the representatives of each city.

(1) Date

Nov. 24th (Sat.) ~ Nov. 25th (Sun.), 2018

(2) Place

Main Hall: Nerima Culture Center, Coconeri

Event Sites: Farmlands, Farmer's market in Nerima city

(3) Content

Experts and people involved in urban agriculture in Japan will hold symposiums to show the current situations of urban agriculture and its attractive points. That will lead to deeper understanding about the urban agriculture.

Sessions of opinion exchange will also be held as a pre - discussion for the Summit. The participants are supposed to be experts, people engaged in domestic agriculture as well as overseas one and some of the representatives, who are to observe and experience farming in Nerima beforehand.

Nov. 24 th (Sat.), 2018	Nov. 25 th (Sun.), 2018
PM: Symposium on Urban Agriculture	AM: [Site Tour] Visit farms in Nerima City. PM: Exchange of ideas among participants.

3) Encouragement of citizens' participation

Urban Agriculture World Summit will be prepared and held by residents and groups from extensive fields.

(1) Cooperation with citizens

interpreter

We recruit interpreting staffs mainly from the Nerima foreign languages translation volunteers for the summit. We will offer the classes learning about urban agriculture to develop the skills necessary to translate in the agriculture-related field.

Teaming each invited city

We make teams by cities. Each team consists of an interpreter, farmers and people involved (e.g. Team London).

Each team will support the invited people before and after they come to Nerima, and move together during their stay in Nerima.

Supporter

Students and farming supporter will help the meeting during the summit.

(2) Cooperation between farmers and farming organization

We set the advisory committee, plan and carry out the events along with the summit and pre-summit events.

(3) Linking up with restaurants, shopping streets, universities and companies

We collaborate on the project with extensive field of associates to raise awareness of the Summit.

Restaurants

Increase the number of shops which use Nerima farm products.

Each shop promotes local farm products and Summit, welcome visitors during the summit period.

Shopping districts

There will be events during Summit at the shopping district. To promote Summit, they work in product planning and sales promotion with Nerima farm products.

Universities

Taking advantage of the technical knowledge and students' unique ideas, Universities would offer effective way of PR of the Summit and would hold events cooperating with farmers.

Private companies

In each company's public relations activities, they would take roles of PR of the Summit or would hold events during the Summit period.

Others

The participation of elementary schools, junior high schools and NPO etc. in Nerima City can be considered.

4. Executive Committee

To hold Urban Agriculture World Summit, Nerima City will organize the Urban Agriculture World Summit Committee for all the relevant organizations, groups and administrative institutions which Nerima City called to collaborate to facilitate the Summit meeting successfully.