



Global Power City Index 2010 - Power of the Inner-Cities -

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Abstract:

A strategic tool for assessment of urban competitiveness, the Global Power City Index (GPCI), produced by the Institute for Urban Strategies at the Mori Memorial Foundation, is the first city ranking in Japan to use a new type of methodology. It is now recognized as one of the major city indexes in the world. Findings on GPCI 2010 will be discussed in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of cities researched. Leading cities in the world such as New York, London, Tokyo, and Hong Kong will be focused to reveal their hidden power in the inner areas of the cities.

About the Speaker:

Hiroo Ichikawa, PhD is currently Dean at the Professional Graduate School and Dean at the Graduate School of Governance Studies, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan. He is also a member of the board of directors at Mori Memorial Foundation. Ichikawa majors urban policy, urban planning and policy for foreign aids. Ichikawa graduated from Waseda University with a Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture and later earned a Master of Engineering in Urban Planning degree at Waseda University. He continued his study at University of Waterloo in Canada where he was granted a Ph.D. from this institution in Urban and Regional Planning. He is an author of *Global Front Tokyo: Achieving its world leading status* (2007); *Urban Space as Culture* (2007); *Encyclopedia of Metropolitan Tokyo* (2002); *The Conflicting Futures of the Tokyo Metropolitan Region* (2001); *Future of Tokyo as Matured Society* (1998); *Objecting the Relocation of Capital Function* (1999); *Tokyo's Future reformed by Relocation of Capital and Decentralization* (1995); *A City of Attractive Diversity and Flexible Form* (1994); and *Future of World Cities and their Development of Infrastructure – New York, London and Paris* (1992).

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