Sixth Conference, Anchorage

[Host city] Anchorage, U.S.A. (Mayor: Tom Fink)

[Site] Hotel Captain Cook

[Period] March 5 – 10, 1994

[Participants] 30 cities from 10 countries

Innsbruck (Austria)

Calgary, Edmonton, Hull, Montréal, Quebec, Winnipeg, Yellowknife (Canada)

Harbin, Jiamusi, Jilin, Qiqihar, Shenyang (China)

Nuuk (Greenland)

Helsinki (Finland)

Aomori, Chitose, Sapporo, Takikawa (Japan)

Tromsø (Norway)

Bratsk (Russia)

Kiruna, Luleå, Stockholm (Sweden)

Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Kenai, Peninsula, Marquette, Valdez (U.S.A.)

[Main theme]

North to the Future

[Themes and reporters]

1. Communications
   Keynote speech: “Developments in Communications Technology” ……E. R. Kerkeslager
   Vice-President for Technology, AT&T
   Case report …….. Anchorage

2. Transportation
   Keynote speech: “International Air Commerce” ……Jeffrey Shane, Attorney
   Law Offices of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
   Case report …….. Tromsø

3. Health
   Keynote speech: “Changes in the Global Climate”
   Sallie Baliunas, Hoover Institution
   Case report …….. Winnipeg
4. Business
   Keynote speech: “Marketing Winter Destinations and Winter Tourism”
   Dennis Brandon
   President, Alaska Visitors Association
   Case report …… Jilin

[Inauguration of the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities]
Due to the fact that the Charter of the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities became effective on January 1, 1994 and its selected officials, project plans, and budgets gained approval at the first general assembly on March 7, 1994, the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities began functioning officially.

Officials:

- President
  Mayor of Sapporo (Japan)

- Vice-Presidents
  Mayors of Shenyang (China)
  Edmonton (Canada)
  Tromsø (Norway)

- Standing Directors
  Mayors of Anchorage (U.S.A.)
  Winnipeg (Canada)

- Non-Standing Director
  Mayor of Innsbruck (Austria)

- Auditor
  Mayor of Luleå (Sweden)

- Secretariat
  International Relations Department
  City of Sapporo

[Subcommittee Activities]

1. WinterNet (International Winter Cities Information Network) Project …… Edmonton
   The city of Edmonton presented an overview plan of the WinterNet while demonstrating the system. Twenty-four cities signed the resolution to establish a subcommittee to promote the project, locate its secretariat in Edmonton, and join the WinterNet.

2. Report from the Winter Urban Environmental Research Subcommittee …… Sapporo
   The Technical Manual on Winter Road Management was presented at the Conference, which was the product of four years of research and study conducted by the Subcommittee. This final report concludes that there is as yet no practical substitute de-icer for salt in terms of cost and effectiveness. However, it urges the reduction of salt usage for environmental reasons. The manual contains case reports of various winter cities of the world.
3. Waste Recycling Subcommittee established

According to the results of the questionnaire sent to various winter cities, “controlling the source of urban waste and recycling technology” was chosen as the second–most important issue to deal with, after the issue of snow removal. Consequently, the association resolved to establish a Waste Recycling Subcommittee to conduct research and studies, while approving Luleå as the secretariat.

[Selection of the Host City of the 1998 Conference of Mayors and Showcase]

In the past, applications to host the Northern Intercity Conference and the Winter Cities Showcase were separately received and taken care of by the former Northern Intercity Conference Committee and the International Winter Cities Committee, respectively. However, the system was streamlined this time, and the host city selection criteria, common to the Northern Intercity Conference of Mayors and the Winter Cities Showcase, was established to define various conditions to host the events. According to this new system, applications to host the events are jointly received by both organizations, and candidate cities make presentations on their candidacy. Consequently, the selection of the host city is made at the Conference.

Of the three candidate cities, Harbin (China), Yellowknife (Canada), and Canada’s Capital Region (composed of eight municipalities, including Ottawa and Hull), Harbin was selected by a vote of the officials as the city to host the 1998 Conference of Mayors and Showcase.

[Resolutions]

1. A subcommittee on the WinterNet will be established and the city of Edmonton will serve as the Secretariat for the Subcommittee.

2. A subcommittee on urban waste recycling technology will be established and the city of Luleå will serve as the Secretariat for the Subcommittee.

3. The city of Montréal will conduct a study on the subject of urban winter cities infrastructure rehabilitation and will report on its outcome at the Conference of Mayors to be held in Winnipeg in 1996.

4. The secretariat will research the use of tax revenues to promote tourism and report on the results of this study at the Conference of Mayors to be held in Winnipeg in 1996.

5. Member cities of the association encourage governments to negotiate multilateral air agreements between circumpolar countries to support commerce between the winter cities.

6. The late Takeshi Itagaki, a former mayor of Sapporo, is honored for his contributions to the Winter Cities Movement and for his efforts which have led to the establishment of this association.

7. The late Wu Disheng, a former mayor of Shenyang, is honored for his contributions to the Winter Cities Movement and to this association.

8. The parties concerned are urged to seek a swift and peaceful resolution to the crisis in Sarajevo (which was a Non–Standing Member of the Northern Intercity Conference Committee) in the former nation of Yugoslavia.

9. The city of Harbin will host the 1998 Conference of Mayors.

10. The association honored Mayor Tom Fink and commended the citizens of the Municipality of Anchorage for hosting the Sixth Northern Intercity Conference of Mayors.
1. **Fifth Winter Cities Forum**  
   (Participants: 600)  
   Lectures were delivered by specialists and professionals of various fields on 36 different themes, at the plenary session and at four sub-session meetings for Business, Communications, Health and Life. The talks were followed by a very interactive exchange of ideas and opinions.

2. **Fourth International Winter Expo**  
   (135 exhibitors from various corporations and organizations from six countries / 11,000 visitors)  
   Twenty-four corporations and ten public organizations from Japan exhibited a Japanese booth entitled Top of Japan. Major items displayed were products related to snow melting, environmental protection and recycling. High-tech information was presented in accordance with the main theme of the Conference of Mayors. Many business agreements were made there.

### Events held in conjunction with the Conference

1. Fifth Annual International Ice Carving Competition  
2. Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Start  
3. Seventh Annual Tour of Anchorage Ski Race  
4. International Music Festival  
5. Musical Theatre  
6. Northern Lights Aurora Show  
7. Home Visit Program

### Other Events

At the Winter Cities Anchorage ’94 Opening Ceremony, a commemorative medal was awarded posthumously by Mayor Tom Fink of the Municipality of Anchorage to the late Takeshi Itagaki, former Chairman of the Northern Intercity Conference Committee (former mayor of Sapporo) in honor of his contributions.
Member Cities of the International Association of Mayors of Northern Cities

21 cities from eight countries

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