Scope and Purpose
In the 20th century we thought that scale and efficiency were most important in developing built environment in the context of both building-wise and city planning-wise. At the turn of the century when we look around our environment, we have come to notice many deficiencies for example environmental degradation, traffic jams and so on.
In this context we are now recognizing that the most important element to make city planning viable is something which is more close to ourselves. We would like to call it as "Place".
In this meeting, we would like to discuss "Placemaking" in the context of better designing or managing our neighbourhood or communities equipped with suitable public services.
In every urban quarter, we need new good planning methods to rehabilitate and cultivate its environment or public services, within, for, and by the community itself.
"Placemaking" could be key concepts which lead to expected urban planning methods consisting of "smart growth", "new urbanism", "transit-oriented development", "sustainable communities", "neo-traditional town planning" and so on.
Under this theme we are expecting enthusiastic discussions to take place on following questions as,
1. Does the "new urbanism" in the US have comparable interests in other parts of the world and, if so, why or why not?
2. What new directions for urban spatial analysis may be needed for a focus on place-making and the smart growth of world cities?
3. What new and/or alternative directions for infrastructure planning and development can be suggested to advance place-making of urban environments throughout the world? etc.
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