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The conference "Building Stock Activation 2007", co-hosted by the Department of Architecture and Building Engineering, Graduate School of Urban Environmental Sciences, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Meta-technology Center for Metropolitan Metamorphosis Methods (4-Met Center), and the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB), was held on November 5-8, 2007 in the famous Tokyo International Forum and was successfully concluded.

The conference received full backup from CIB Working Commission W104 on Open Building Implementation. It was held to cap the 21st Century COE Program of Tokyo Metropolitan University's "Development of Technologies for Activation and Renewal of Building Stocks in a Megalopolis", the project supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan. Four keynote lectures and 58 papers were presented. The papers were widely collected and accepted for presentation through a two-stage peer review process, i.e. abstract review and paper review by the international academic committee.



The first day of the conference opened with a message from Shintaro Ishihara, the Governor of Tokyo, and the opening speech by Junichi Nishizawa, the President of Tokyo Metropolitan University. Next came the keynote lectures by Professor Frits Scheublin from Eindhoven University of Technology, Holland and Professor Deo Prasad, University of New South Wales, Australia. After the presentation of the papers, a panel discussion was held to sum up the 21st Century COE Program of Tokyo Metropolitan University. A welcome party was held in a beautiful glass-walled hall.

On the second day, the keynote lectures were given by Mr. Shigeru Aoki, the architect who designed the renovation, called "Refined architecture", of many architectural sites in Japan and by Mr. Klaas Waarheid,

the architect who worked on many renovation projects of residential complexes in Holland. 32 papers were presented in parallel sessions. A banquet was held in the evening.



On the third day, the rest of the papers were presented and a panel discussion on the activation and renewal of buildings was held. In the closing session, the most distinguished papers were honored. At the farewell party, the participants talked and discussed and many promised to meet again in another meeting on this theme.

On the fourth day, the participants visited and looked over the facilities in Kawagoe City, a historic town to the west of Tokyo, and observed the example of the activation and renewal of the building stocks, enjoying the traditional Japanese architecture and lunch. The conference was held successfully with 152 participants, including 18 guests, from 14 countries and regions. It provided unique opportunities for the exchange of information on the building stock utilization and many participants said that they were satisfied with the conference.



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