

The SB05Tokyo Declaration: “Action for Sustainability”

The 2005 World Sustainable Building Conference in Tokyo (SB05Tokyo: 27-29 September, 2005) brought together more than 1,700 participants from over 80 countries and regions to discuss global cooperation, mutual understanding, innovation of technology and social systems, and other important topics. To promote the timely adoption of these ideas, we hereby issue the SB05Tokyo Declaration.

In recognition of:

1. The significant impacts current building practices and human settlement patterns have on resource use, global environmental degradation and climate change, and,
2. The urgent need to take immediate and permanent actions toward sustainability:

We commit ourselves, as building-related professionals from around the world, to operationalize the notions of “harmony, symbiosis and collaboration” represented with the conference’s concept of “*wa* (和)” by:

1. Making strenuous efforts in our home countries to influence colleagues and institutions to:
 - a. *Promote* the spirit of the Kyoto Protocol and
 - b. *Implement* sustainable building principles.
2. Offering leadership in bridging the gaps between:
 - a. *Regions* through closer domestic and international cooperation,
 - b. *Generations* through mutual and continuous education and training, and
 - c. *Stakeholders* through participation and collaboration.

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Participants of SB05Tokyo