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Towards Safe, Smart, Resilient and Sustainable Cities under the 2030 Agenda

– Integrated Pathways to Transformation through Local Actions, Partnerships, Technological Interventions, and Infrastructure Development

Agenda/Programme

Moderator: **Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty**, Environment Programme Coordinator, UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA

1. Opening Session

- Welcome remarks by **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (tbc)
- Opening remarks by **Mr. Koichiro Matsumoto**, Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Opening remarks by **H.E. Mr. Loke Siew Fook**, Minister, Ministry of Transport Government of Malaysia

2. Presentations

- Toyota City's Smart City Initiatives – by **Mr. Toshihiko Ota**, Mayor of Toyota City, Japan
- Quality transport infrastructure development towards smart and resilient cities – by the **Representative of World Bank** (tbc)
- Transforming Cities into Smart City – Accelerating integrated actions towards achieving the SDGs (tbc) – by **Prof. Norichika Kanie**, Graduate School of Media Governance, Keio University, Japan
- Role of SMEs in Leading the Future of Smart Cities – by **Dr. Arab Hoballah**, Executive Director SEED, Former Team Leader, EU SWITCH-Asia, Former Chief of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), UNEP
- Balancing Nature and Urban Development in a Smart City Ecosystem – by **Dr. André Dzikus**, Chief, Urban Basic Services Section, Global Solutions Division, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
- Local Actions and Partnerships for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water Management (tbc) – by **Mr. Takahiro Konami**, Director, International Affairs Office, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, MLIT, Japan
- Business Contribution to Sustainable City Development: Next-Generation Technologies to Build Smart Cities – by **Ms. Yumi Otsuka**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Toyota Motor Corporation

3. Discussions (including interventions by Member States and other stakeholders)

4. Summary and Closing Remarks

Kazushige Endo, Director, UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA

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