

Summary of the First Meeting of the Committee to Review Support for Ukraine Based on the Philosophy of Creative Reconstruction

1. Date and time: Friday, April 21, 2023 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
2. Venue: Hyogo House, Conference Room No. 1
3. Participants: Saito Motohiko (Governor of Hyogo Prefecture)
Chairperson: Okabe Yoshihiko (Professor, Kobe Gakuin Univ.)
Committee member:
Kawata Yasuhito (Specially Appointed Assistant Professor, Univ. of Hyogo)
Koshiyama Kenji (Professor, Kansai Univ.)
Suwa Seiji (Guest Professor, Univ. of Hyogo)
Hanamura Kateryna (Assistant Professor, Kansai Univ. of Nursing and Health Sciences)
Kimura Izuru (Director General, JICA Kansai)
Hayagane Takashi (Chairperson, Hyogo International Association)
Kawata Yoshiaki (Executive Director, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation
Institution)
Guest speaker: H.E. Mr. Sergiy Korsunsky, Ambassador of Ukraine to Japan
(with Mr. Andrey Stavnitser accompanying the Ambassador)
Prof. Iokibe Makoto, President of Hyogo Earthquake Memorial 21st Century Research
Institute
Observer: Nadiya Goral (Guest Professor, Kobe Gakuin Univ.)

4. Address by the Governor

- Sincerely and strongly wishing for peace to come to Ukraine as soon as possible
- Intending to launch a new support program in addition to the existing one for evacuees from Ukraine
- Intending to discuss specific support measures based on the philosophy of “Creative Reconstruction”
- Intending to discuss specific support measures in both tangible aspects (e.g., reconstruction of cities) and intangible aspects (e.g., mental health care)

5. Lecture 1: Situation in Ukraine

[Ambassador Korsunsky]

- Damage in Ukraine
- Creating an environment for cooperation, sharing of experiences, and collaboration in the development of recovery plans
- Example of support: Cooperation for a rehabilitation center
- Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast and Mykolaiv Oblast as candidate counterpart states

[Mr. Stavnitser]

- Expecting cooperation in education and training for Ukrainian doctors who perform reconstructive surgery



6. Lecture 2: Creative Reconstruction and Cooperation for Ukraine

[President Iokibe]

- “Creative Reconstruction”

 - The importance of having a vision and plan before a disaster
 - Build Back Better (reconstruction for the better, not just a recovery)

- Support for Ukraine by Japan

 - Support for civilian reconstruction rather than support for the conduct of war

- Anticipated support

 - Leave large-scale support to the national government, and let Hyogo provide small but needs-based support that people can identify with



7. Proceedings

- (1) Appointment of the chairperson

 - Secretariat recommended Okabe Yoshihiko as the chairperson, and all members agreed

- (2) Outline and schedule of the Committee Meeting

 - Secretariat explained based on Material 1

- (3) Outline of the proposal draft and consideration for the candidate counterpart state

 - Secretariat explained based on Material 1

- (4) Exchange of opinions, Q&A session

 - As shown on the next page



Governor, committee members, guest speakers, observer, and Ukrainian students

[Opinions from committee members and guest speakers]

Item	Opinions, etc.
Perspectives for the proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It is important that the support be tailored to local needs, sustainable and feasible, and carried out together with the local community. ◆ Reconstruction of social infrastructure alone is not enough; it is important to restore the livelihoods of disaster victims and help them be part of society again. ◆ Focus should not be scattered but on what only Hyogo can offer. ◆ It would be good to work with other local governments to support Ukraine. ◆ Utilize the resources of the private sector for support. ◆ How about incorporating a time frame in the proposal, such as short, medium, or long term?
Mental health care, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To assist traumatized children in recovering from trauma, it is important for them to discover new value, express their creativity through symbolic cultural projects and other activities, and feel a sense of community support from the around the world. ◆ Mental health care and DRR education need to be carried out as the two wheels of a cart in disaster-affected areas. ◆ It is also possible to convey Hyogo's expertise in prosthetic limbs for children, etc.
School education / DRR education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How about teaching the situation in Ukraine at schools and promoting DRR education while staying considerate of Ukrainian people? ◆ It is also a good idea to share the experts' findings with local school teachers and ask them to share the findings with children. ◆ We should convey our experiences, including our failures, and support local efforts to create education materials.
Information on Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of evacuees to the western part of the country, including Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, is increasing rapidly, and support is needed. On the other hand, most of the evacuees will probably return to their original residential areas once the fighting is over and infrastructure is re-established. ◆ Mykolaiv Oblast is heavily damaged and in need of support.
Information sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How about publishing the summary of the proceedings in English and Ukrainian in addition to Japanese?