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## I. ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT IN NORTHERN REGIONS

The Government of Hokkaido, desirous of playing a role as a center in Japan for the promotion of exchange with countries in the northern regions, has been taking various measures to expand communication with countries of these regions.

The government made a proposal for a northern region environment conference and sponsored it with the purpose of promoting an exchange of views and information on various problems of environment common to countries and areas in the northern regions and of contributing to a more pleasant life and improved living environment there.

Needless to say, the problem of environment is one of the most important in our society, and in this sense, the U. N. Conference on Human Environment held in Stockholm in June, 1972, was of epochal significance. However, at the same time, there is a growing recognition of the need for regional conferences by countries with similar climatic conditions, in addition to global conferences such as the one held in Stockholm.

Further, we are convinced that a number of regional conferences held in this way will contribute to the success of U. N. -organized conferences to be held in the future.

From this standpoint, we decided that a meeting of the heads of local governments in countries in the northern regions to discuss the problems of natural and living environment would be of great significance, and this is the reason why the Government of Hokkaido made a proposal for this conference to the provincial governments of Canada, the municipal governments of Helsinki (Finland), Oslo (the Kingdom of Norway) and Stockholm (the Kingdom of Sweden), various northern states of the United States, and various provincial governments of Siberia.

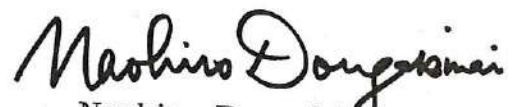
It is the great pleasure of the people of Hokkaido that

this proposal of ours was favorably received by the government authorities concerned and that arrangements were made to enable us to hold this conference with the participation of 20 delegations from six countries in September this year (1974). Further, we are convinced that this conference made a great contribution to an increased recognition and understanding of the problems of the northern regions among the general public. It is our strong wish that this conference will serve to further promote friendly relations among different areas in the northern regions.

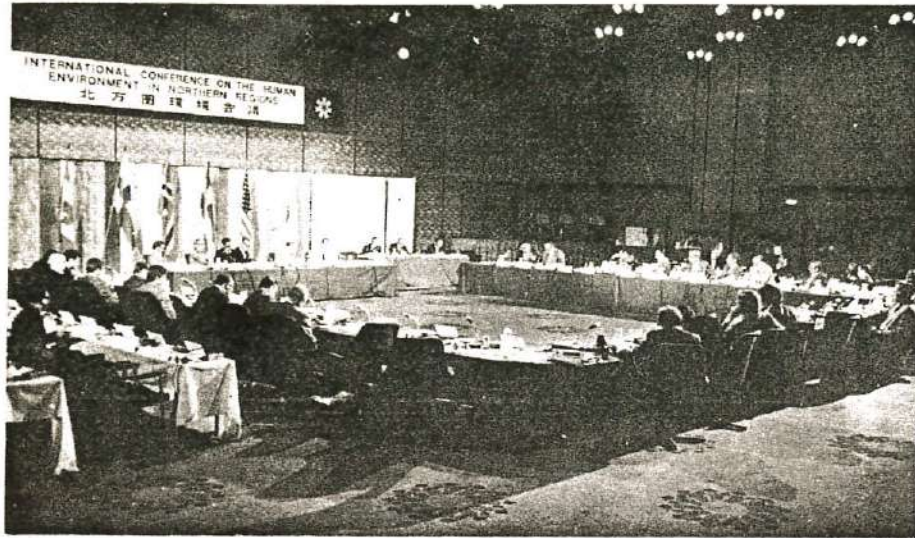
It is a great pleasure for me, who acted as chairman of the conference, that the conference was held successfully and that the most urgent questions and tasks of our time, beginning with the problems of living environment and harmony between development and environment, were presented and that precious experience and information were exchanged on concrete and general measures from various administrative standpoints. I express my gratitude to all the participants for their cooperation and assistance.

I also thank the embassies and consulates in Japan of the countries represented at the conference, the Economic Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Ministry of the Japanese Government and its diplomatic agencies abroad for their cooperation in holding this conference.

December 1974

  
Naohiro Dougakiri  
Governor of Hokkaido

## II SNAPSHOTS OF THE CONFERENCE



北方圏環境会議場  
(札幌パークホテル)

The assembly hall of the International Conference of the Human Environment in Northern Regions (Sapporo Park Hotel)

会議の議長を務める  
北海道知事堂内尚弘

The Chairman of the Conference, Naohiro Dougakinai, Governor of Hokkaido



会議の進行にあたる  
議長及び副議長

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman proceeding the Conference





会議に参加の各国代表

Delegates  
attending the  
Conference









北海道宣言案を報告  
する榎原起草委員長

Mr. Kashiwara,  
Chairman of  
the Drafting  
Committee,  
addressing the  
draft of the  
Hokkaido  
Declaration



感謝決議

Mr. K. Cannon  
(Delegate of  
Oregon), re-  
presenting the  
participating  
countries in  
proposing the  
resolution of  
thanks

III LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVINCES, STATES,  
AND CITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE

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Alberta

Hon. William J. Yurko  
Minister of the Environment

Dr. E. E. Ballantyne  
Vice Minister, Ministry of the Environment

Mr. Murray D. Rasmusson  
Assistant to Minister of the Environment

British Columbia

Hon. Alfred A. Nunweiler  
Minister Without Portfolio

Mr. Erik Karlsen  
Member, Coordination Committee for  
Environment and Land Use

Manitoba

Hon. Sidney Green, Q. C.  
Minister of Mines, Resources and  
Environmental Management

Hon. Ron McBryde  
Minister of Northern Affairs

New Brunswick

Hon. G. W. N. Cockburn  
Minister of Fisheries and the Environment

Nova Scotia

Hon. Glen M. Bagnell  
Minister of the Environment

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Hon. Allan Grossman  
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Vice Minister, Ministry of Resources  
Development

Saskatchewan

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Minister of the Environment

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Minister for the Northwest Territories

Mr. W. E. Armstrong  
Assistant to Vice Minister, Ministry of the  
Environment

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Assistant to Minister for the Northwest  
Territories

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Mayor

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Director, General Affairs Bureau

NORWAY

Oslo

Hon. Brynjulf Bull  
Mayor

SWEDEN

Stockholm

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Chairman of the Central Board of  
Administration

Mr. Curt Böre  
Member, Central Board of Administration

U. S. A.

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Mr. John R. Werner  
Chairman of the Alaska Pipeline Commission

Idaho

Mr. William J. Murphy  
Administrative Assistant to the Governor

Minnesota

Mr. Peter L. Gove  
Staff Assistant to the Governor

Mr. Robert L. Herbst  
Director, Natural Resources Bureau

Montana

Mr. James Hodge  
Special Assistant to the Governor

Mr. Dean Hart  
Chairman, Senate Inter-State Liaison  
Commission

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Hon. Arthur A. Link  
Governor

Mr. Murray G. Sagsveen  
Assistant to the Governor

Oregon

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Director, Department of Environmental  
Quality

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Director of Cabinet Affairs for the Governor

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Speaker of the State Assembly

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Assistant to the Director of General Affairs  
Bureau

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Hokkaido

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Governor

Mr. Yasuaki Kashihara  
Vice Governor