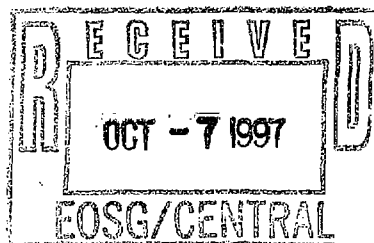




**MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION OF CITIES
AND CITIZENS FOR CULTIVATING ECO-SOCIETY**

The 21st century will see overwhelming numbers of the world's population fulfilling their hopes and dreams in urban environments. Just as cities will be put to the test in resolving modern dilemmas, they will also serve as a platform for fostering cooperation and solidarity through environmentally sensitive policies and actions.



I welcome Tokyo's initiative in providing an opportunity for cities of the world to explore partnerships for sustainable and harmonious development. Future generations will appreciate your efforts to work together toward this end.

Sustainable urban development is a prime concern of the

United Nations. The sharing of experiences is an invaluable process in finding solutions to common challenges. I look forward to hearing about your progress in working towards a better quality of life in cities throughout the world.

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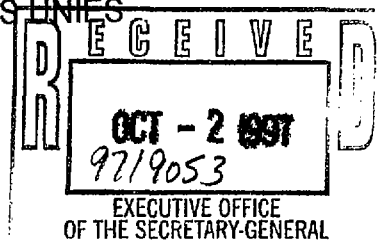
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Subject: Secretary-General's Message to the Brochure of the
World Conference on International Cooperation of
Cities and Citizens for Cultivating Eco-Society

The World Conference on International Cooperation of Cities and Citizens for Cultivating Eco-Society will be held under the auspices of the United Nations and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) in Tokyo from 26 to 29 May 1998.

During his visit to Tokyo on May 14, 1997, the Secretary-General was invited by the Governor of Tokyo to open the Conference. The Note of the SG's meeting with the Governor of Tokyo and the letter of the Governor are attached for your reference.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government is in the process of preparing a Conference Brochure. It is the strong wish of TMG to include a message from the Secretary-General in the brochure. A draft message is attached for your approval. TMG would appreciate if the approved message could be received before 8 October 1997.
Thank you.

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