# The 2nd NEAR Conference

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| Periods | September 07, 1994 ~ September 08, 1994 |
| Venue (Place | Japan > Hyogo Prefecture, Grand Hotel, Izmosi-Jeong |
| Organized by | Japan > Hyogo Prefecture, Japan Coastal Area Promotion Association, Japanese Sea Exchange Western Japan Association |
| Participation | 10 regional authorities from 4 countries |
| China | Heilongjiang Province, Henan Province |
| Japan | Niigata Prefecture, Kyoto Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture, Shimane Prefecture |
| South Korea | Gyeongsangbuk-Do |
| Russia | Primorski Territory, Khabarovsk Territory |

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| ▷Each of the current local authority, future outlook, collaborative issues, and debate on exchange in the North East Asia Region ▷Activation on the exchange of youths, protection of marine resources, and mutual efforts on joint issues including environmental problems▷Opening of the 3rd conference in Khabarovsk, Russia, in October 1995▷Establishment of a standing organization for the activation of exchanges (hosted by Hyogo Prefecture)▷Ship operation for boys for the activation on exchanges of youths (hosted by Shimane Prefecture) |

* **Hyogo Declaration**

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| In Izushi Jeong, Hyogo, Japan from September 7 to 8, 1994, local government authorities from Japan, China, Korea and Russia were gathered for The Conference of the Local Governments in the North East Asia Region '94, which bequeathed the spirit of the Shimane Declaration, adopted for The Conference of the Local Governments in the North East Asia Region '93, held in Matseshi, Shimane 1993.  |
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| Currently, the world is becoming increasingly interdependent because of borderless environment and relaxed conflict among nations. Each country and region cannot exist without close association with other countries worldwide.  |
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| Under these circumstances, it is realized by the participating localities that it is necessary for all localities in the region to mutual respect and try to do for the coexistence during the 21st century in a mutually understood relationship.  |
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| We, through the discussions in two days about the culture, the person exchange, the economic trade, and the technology cooperation among others, have reached a mutually shared conclusion that the participating localities can contribute to peace and prosperity of our region by strengthening solidarity and promoting regional association by enhancing the exchanges and cooperation under mutual benefits and equality.  |
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| As the first step to realize this agenda, we decided to declare to exert efforts mutually to realize the following items:  |
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| 1. We would continue to hold conferences in the future in order to increase the association and solidarity of our region.  |
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| 2. We would also investigate the possibilities to specify cooperative programs through association and cooperation among localities with willingness and to continue permanent international conferences where heads of localities will participate.  |