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Presentation of accessibility map application in UN Habitat iii conference

**Signing of a Memorandum of Understandings Between Quito**

**Municipality and The Nippon Foundation**

**And**

**Presentation at the UN Habitat III side event**

**Date, Time (Agreement) : Oct 17<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 18:00~19:00**

**Location:** The Eugenio Espejo Convention Center

**Date, Time (Side Event) : Oct 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 12:00~12:45**

**Location :** One UN Pavilion, Urban Future

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In April 2016, The Nippon Foundation developed an accessibility map application called Bmaps (which is available on iOS, Android and the Website), Bmaps' aim is to promote accessibility and for people to live in a fully inclusive barrier free world. Bmaps data entry already exceeds 30,500 data and it has become one of the richest accessibility map applications in the world.

On 15 October, our Chairman, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, delivered a speech during the opening of the UN DESA High Level Forum on Disability Inclusion and Accessible Urban Development, about the importance of inclusion and the need to ensure vulnerable people were involved in all discussions about planning the New Urban Agenda and disaster risk reduction. Later in the same forum, John Honney, (Special Advisor of The Nippon Foundation), made two presentations about Bmaps and a concept the Nippon Foundation is working on regarding the training of architects in universal design and accessibility.

On 19 October, The Nippon Foundation will make further presentations about Bmaps at one of the official Habitat III side events (Urban Future at the UN Pavilion). Mr. Yasunobu Ishii, (Senior Program Director of The Nippon Foundation), Mr. Toshiya

Kakiuchi (CEO - Mirairo Inc.) and Mr. Jonathan Viera (Ministry of Urban Development and Housing) will discuss Bmaps and how it can work to benefit the city of Quito by sharing accessibility data. Later on the same day, Mr. Kakiuchi will be a panel member on the Persons with Disability Roundtable discussion taking place at the National library, Casa de la Cultura.

The Nippon Foundation is also delighted to announce that they will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Quito Municipality, to help create a more inclusive urban development through the use of Bmaps, with the combined aim to make Quito a barrier free and accessible city.

#### **<Habitat III Side Event Urban Future>**

- (1) Date : Oct 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 12:00~12:45
- (2) Location : One UN Pavilion, Urban Future (Quito, Ecuador)
- (3) Participants : Ministry of Urban Development and Housing Mr. Jonathan Viera  
Mirairo Inc. CEO Mr. Toshiya Kakiuchi  
The Nippon Foundation, Senior Program Director Yasunobu Ishii
- (4) Program : Opening  
Functions of Bmaps  
Bmaps in Quito  
Comments from the developer  
Closing

#### **<Habitat III Persons with Disabilities Roundtable Discussion>**

- (1) Date : Oct 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 4:30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
- (2) Location : National Library, Casa de la Cultura (Quito, Ecuador)
- (3) Participants : Mirairo Inc. CEO Mr. Toshiya Kakiuchi

#### **<Signing Ceremony with Quito Municipality>**

- (1) Date : Oct 17<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 18:00~19:00
- (2) Location : The Eugenio Espejo Convention Center (Quito, Ecuador)
- (3) Participants : Mayor of Quito Dr. Mauricio Rodas Espinel

The Nippon Foundation Chairman Mr. Yohei Sasakawa

- (4) Program :
- Opening
  - Signing
  - Brief Comments from the signers
  - Closing

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### Habitat III official side event (Urban Future)

**Bmaps, An Innovative Accessibility Guide provided by A Smartphone  
Application and A Website Using an Internet Browser**

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