



Tokyo 2010 North American Coordination

Making disciples of every people in our generation

Dear Mission Leader,

Greetings in Jesus' wonderful name!

On behalf of the planning committee of Tokyo 2010, I would like to extend to you this personal invitation to join us for the Global Mission Consultation to be held this next May 11-14 in Tokyo, Japan. The purpose of this gathering is fourfold:

1. To celebrate what God has done in the last one hundred years since Edinburgh 1910.
2. To examine what remains to be done in bringing the gospel to every "nation, tribe, people and language" (Rev. 7:9).
3. To consider and share what is presently being done to meet the challenge of the unfinished task.
4. To make plans together concerning what might be done over the next ten years to fully engage the least-reached peoples with church-planting and disciple-making teams.

Although Tokyo 2010 is a non-Western led event, it is also a *global* consultation, and our desire is to have proportionate representation from every major sending nation in the world. In this regard, we would highly value your presence at Tokyo so that the unique perspective you bring might be represented.

Attached you will find an executive summary of Tokyo 2010 and answers to some frequently asked questions. If you have any unanswered questions, or if you have any suggestions for the consultation, feel free to call our North American coordinating office at 626-398-2134 or email us at tokyo2010@uscwm.org. Registrations can be done online at www.tokyo2010.org/register.

Warmly in Christ,

Dr. Yong Cho,
Chairman,
Tokyo 2010 Planning Committee



Executive Overview

Theme: Making disciples of every people in our generation

Delegates: Evangelical mission leaders from every major mission sending nation in the world

Purpose: To celebrate what God has done over the last 100 years since Edinburgh 1910, to cast vision for the future (assessing what remains to be done), to introduce new models in frontier missions (for reaching the least reached peoples), and to facilitate coordination among mission organizations to fully engage and disciple every people with the gospel of the Kingdom.

Distinctives:

- Organized in the pattern of Edinburgh 1910 and 1980.
- Focus on the least-reached peoples, especially the “unengaged” (today’s term for the “unoccupied fields” of Edinburgh 1910, but with a people-group perspective).
- Exploring/evaluating new avenues of frontier mission sending and field strategy.
- Emphasis on majority world missions (strengthening the missions movement in the non-Western world). Two-thirds of all delegates will be from non-western mission agencies (in 1980 only one-third were non-Western, and in 1910, less than 1%).
- Special attention given to the “disciple-making” dimension of the Great Commission. Integration of this emphasis into every aspect of the consultation.
- Initiating a global research project, both before, during and following the consultation to assess the progress of discipleship in every people of the world.
- Organized with the intention of facilitating inter-mission coordination and follow-up to plans made to fully engage all the peoples of the world with disciple-making teams.

Background: Called for by missiologist Dr. Ralph Winter, organizer of Edinburgh 1980, as a follow up consultation that would assess the progress made over the last 100 years, examine what remains to be done, make joint plans towards finishing the task, and facilitate the structures needed to ensure the global implementation of these plans.

Selected Sponsors: CrossGlobal Link (formerly IFMA), Third World Missions Association, U.S. Center for World Mission, Global Network of Mission Structures, Asia Missions Association, India Missions Association, Korea World Mission Association, Philippine Mission Association, Nigerian Evangelical Missions Associations, Ghanaian Evangelical Missions Association, Latin American Center for World Mission, Global Network of Centers for World Mission, International Society of Frontier Missiology



Tokyo 2010 FAQ

What are the costs?

The overall cost for Western delegates is estimated to be around \$1,600. This estimate includes the \$300 registration fee (\$150 will be used to subsidize the travel of a non-Western mission leader), \$850 for airfare (book early), \$400 for hotel stay (covering four nights from May 11-15), and \$50 for miscellaneous expenses. Transportation from the airport will be covered if you register before the end of February. Otherwise, airport transportation will cost around \$60 (round trip). The registration fee covers 7 meals, four evening meals and three lunches. Breakfast will be provided by the hotel. Several options for hotel stay will be made available after arrival and registration in Tokyo. Major credit-cards will be accepted by each hotel. The overall cost for non-Westerners from developing nations, beyond airfare, is just the \$150 registration fee, which includes transportation to and from the airport, 7 meals, and room and board with a Japanese or missionary family.

When and where should I arrive and depart?

The best time to arrive is in the morning on the 11th at Narita airport, which is possible if you are traveling from the west coast of the United States. For those delegates traveling from the east coast of the United States or Europe it is probably best to arrive on the 10th. Registration will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on the 11th. The program will officially begin in the evening at 7pm. Plan to depart on the 15th, unless you intend to stay longer in Japan. Transportation to and from the airport will only be provided on these days (10th, 11th and 15th). The venue of the consultation is the Nakano Sun Plaza, www.sunplaza.jp.

What is the visa situation?

If you are a U.S. passport holder, or from another Western country, you do not need to apply for a visa in advance. For all others, please see further instructions on the consultation website, www.tokyo2010.org. Upon approval of your application, the Tokyo Host Committee will send you an invitation letter from Japan for visa purposes.

What will the weather be like?

Typically the weather in mid-May in Tokyo is mild, with temperatures averaging around 73 degrees Fahrenheit. It is considered the most ideal time to visit Japan. Of course there is always a chance of early showers this time of year (which is right on the edge before the rainy season), so bring an umbrella just in case.

Anything special I should bring?

If you have a laptop with wireless access please bring it. We will be demonstrating and using a special networking program to capture the thoughts and ideas generated by the consultation.

How will the consultation be organized?

Workshops at Tokyo 2010 will be organized into four major areas, or tracks: Celebration, Casting Vision, New Models, and Coordination. The first track, Celebration, will be a time of reflection on what has happened in the last one hundred years and what we can learn from this and rejoice in. It will be a time of thanksgiving and praise to God for the great work which he has done. This track will also look at what God is presently doing through mission movements around the world and what we can learn from one another in this regard.



The second track, Casting Vision, will look forward to what remains to be done to fully engage all the peoples of the world with the gospel. Special emphasis will be given to those 3,000 least-reached peoples currently with little or no missionary presence. During this time, mission agencies will be challenged to consider what their contribution will be in seeing the entire world fully engaged with disciple-making teams over the next ten years as part of the Finishing the Task movement.

The third track, New Models, will look at how disciple-making movements are impacting major spheres and religious blocs, such as Muslims and Hindus, the urbanized and the nomadic, restricted access contexts, the illiterate, etc. What is God using today to bring the gospel to some of the least-reached areas of the world—many of which are unreached due to the difficulty of deploying long-term missionary efforts? Are there new models for missionary sending which are bearing fruit? New models for training and equipping tomorrow's missionary force? These are just a few of the practical dimensions which will be addressed by the workshops in this track.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the fourth track of Coordination will look at how we can work together to finish the task. How do we keep the conversation going and develop cooperative plans to move forward? How can we make sure that every people is properly engaged by disciple-making teams over the next decade? How can we help strengthen missions movements around the world which are just developing?

Thus the idea behind these task-forces is to look in depth at four inter-related dimensions of the Great Commission: 1) Where have we come from? 2) What remains to be done? 3) What is presently working (and what is not)? and 4) How can we join together to take the gospel from where it is to where it needs to go?

Why was Tokyo chosen as a venue?

Hosting the consultation in Japan has the added benefit of being a mission-field context in which the indigenous church itself might be strengthened by the consultation in the area of mission and national discipleship. This will take place during the evenings in which plenary sessions will be open to pastors and church leaders. There will also be special workshops during the afternoon designed for Japanese delegates. Additionally, the church situation and context of Japan (which is now celebrating 150 years of Protestant Christianity, though evangelicals are less than 1% of the population) lends itself to the overarching theme of the consultation, which is "Making disciples of all peoples in our generation." Thus the context should help stimulate thought and discussion in the direction of taking Christian discipleship to a deeper level among all the peoples of the world in order to advance the gospel further and wider in our generation.