

**Innovative City Forum 2022 to Celebrate ICF's Tenth Anniversary  
by Considering "Beyond Transition – The Emerging Future" on Nov. 7 & 24**

Tokyo, October 31, 2022 — Mori Art Museum and Academyhills operated by Mori Building Co., Ltd., and the Mori Memorial Foundation's Institute for Urban Strategies announced today the schedule for Innovative City Forum (ICF) 2022. This international forum held annually brings together leaders in various fields to consider possibilities for future urban designs and lifestyles based on the fundamental question "What will our lives be like 20 years from now?" The ICF 2022 pre- and main sessions both will take place at Roppongi Academyhills (49th floor, Roppongi Hills Mori Tower), with the pre-session on November 7 open to the public and the main session on November 24 by invitation only. Both sessions will be viewable online in Japanese and English at a later date.

Since 2013, ICF has brought together leading scientists, researchers, engineers, artists, designers, corporate managers and journalists from diverse fields, both from Japan and abroad, to discuss the transformation of people's lifestyle due to the advances in science and technology and changes in values as well as visions of the future of cities. To date, 411 speakers including 138 from 31 countries as well as nearly 19,000 people have attended the annual ICF.

In this 10th edition of ICF, the speakers will consider the theme "Beyond Transition – The Emerging Future." Major transitions, such as new values and new lifestyles due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rapid changes in world affairs due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the evolving role of virtual spaces due to Web3, the metaverse, etc. will be discussed along with the prospects for future cities and lifestyles to expand beyond these transitions.

The ICF 2022 pre-session on November 7 will welcome world-renowned historical demographer Emmanuel Todd, who will take an in-depth look at the factors behind the current global crisis and its impact on human life from an anthropological perspective as well as offer suggestions for the future.

The main session on November 24 will feature a discussion among the ICF 2022 program committee members Heizo Takenaka, Hiroo Ichikawa, Fumio Nanjo and Joi Ito, who will collectively review the culmination of ICF's first decade of exploration as well as discuss the future in light of current and future transitions.

Mori Building collaborates with leading research institutes, universities and enterprises to jointly study urban concepts, often by using Roppongi Hills and other Hills-brand urban complexes as test platforms. Mori Building is committed to exploring possibilities for ideal cities and lifestyles and pursuing urban development that leads to new innovation, ultimately to contribute to Tokyo's magnetic power as a major global city.

## **Innovative City Forum 2022 Event Outline**

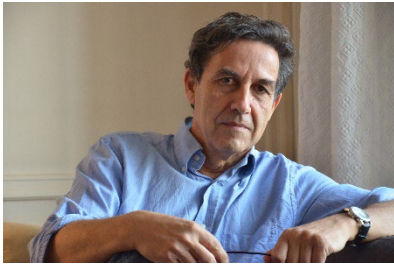
Dates: Monday, Nov. 7 and Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022

Venue: Roppongi Academyhills (49th floor, Roppongi Hills Mori Tower)

Organizers: [Institute of Urban Strategies](#), [The Mori Memorial Foundation](#), [Mori Art Museum](#) and [Academyhills](#)

### **Innovative City Forum 2022 Pre-session**

Emmanuel Todd, author of the international bestseller *After the Empire* and a historical demographer who has predicted numerous events in human history based on his analysis of population data, including the collapse of the Soviet Union, Britain's exit from the European Union and the emergence of Donald Trump as a political force, will join Fumio Nanjo, Senior Advisor, Mori Art Museum, in a conversation to explore the current global crisis and its impact on human life from an anthropological perspective.



Emanuel Todd



Fumio Nanjo

Date: 19:00–20:15 on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022

Format: In-person talk with Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation, open to the public accessible later online in Japanese and English

Participants: Emmanuel Todd and Fumio Nanjo

Venue: Roppongi Academyhills (49th floor, Roppongi Hills Mori Tower)

Fee: 3,500 yen, or 6,500 (excl. tax) including a Japanese copy of Mr. Todd's latest book, "Où en sommes-nous ? Une esquisse de l'histoire humaine" ("Where are we?: A sketch of human history" regularly priced at 4,840 yen for the two-volume book)

Application: To apply for pre-session: <https://icf.academyhills.com/en/>

### **Innovative City Forum 2022 Main Session**

Heizo Takenaka (Professor Emeritus, Keio University, and Chairman, Institute for Urban Strategies, The Mori Memorial Foundation), Hiroo Ichikawa (Professor Emeritus, Meiji University, Professor, Teikyo University, and Executive Director, The Mori Memorial Foundation), Fumio Nanjo (Senior Advisor, Mori Art Museum) and Joi Ito (Co-founder, board member, and chief architect of Digital Garage, and Director of Henkaku Center at Chiba Institute of Technology) will review the ICF's first decade as well as consider the future of cities and lifestyles in light of current and coming transitions. This invitation-only session will be accessible later via YouTube.



Heizo Takenaka



Hiroo Ichikawa



Fumio Nanjo



Joi Ito

Date: 14:00–18:00 on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022

Format: Invitation only (accessible later online via YouTube in Japanese and English)

Participants: Heizo Takenaka, Hiroo Ichikawa, Fumio Nanjo and Joi Ito

Venue: Roppongi Academyhills (49th floor, Roppongi Hills Mori Tower)

## **About Mori Building Co., Ltd.**

Mori Building is an innovative urban developer based in Tokyo. The company is committed to maximizing the magnetic power of cities by creating and nurturing safe, sustainable and cosmopolitan urban centers based on its unique Vertical Garden City concept of high-rise centers for business, education, leisure and residence. The concept is applied in the company's many leading-edge projects, including ARK Hills, Roppongi Hills and Toranomom Hills in Tokyo and the Shanghai World Financial Center. Mori Building is also engaged in real estate leasing, project management and consultation. Please visit [www.mori.co.jp/en](http://www.mori.co.jp/en)

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