

Declaration of Enhancement of Disaster Prevention Capabilities in Communities with Volunteer Fire Service Playing a Central Role

1 In recent years, the issue of ensuring people's safety has become more and more important due to the occurrence of unprecedented large scale natural disasters and unforeseeable accidents in each country.

2 Crucially important to communities, the volunteer fire service has been working hard in close cooperation with the career fire service to enhance disaster prevention capabilities by bringing together all the local strengths. Such activities must be vigorously pushed forward to ensure the safety of our people.

3 In order to achieve this goal, the volunteer fire service shall continue to exchange information internationally and give their utmost best at work. Meanwhile, national and local public entities should take measures to promote participation of residents with favorable institution and other treatment. To improve response capabilities of the volunteer fire service, measures should be taken to promote the retention, working environment, equipment and training of volunteer firefighters.

4 In achieving higher levels of safety for people of each country, we make the above resolution in this international symposium of "Disaster Prevention and Volunteer Fire Service" in Tokyo.