

To the attention of:
The Mayor Matsudo City,
and the Future Center Start-up Team in Matsudo City

Dear Honorable Mayor, Dear Future Center Start-up Team Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Future Center Alliance, I would like to congratulate you on the opening of your Future Center in Matsudo.

It is very good to know that Japan has a new local government-operated Future Center, which can deal with issues important to the city of Matsudo and its residents.

I understand that the initial activities will focus on adult education and related themes. This is an important issue in Western Europe, and I believe that this is also true in Japan.

We live in an Information Era, where the Knowledge Society and the Smart City require new knowledge and skills to meet the needs of a constantly changing world.

Both in Europe and Japan, it is essential to continue learning throughout our lives. We must make innovative use of education to equip us with the tools we need to support the quality of life we want.

Future Centers are excellent instruments to help us develop innovative and effective solutions for the changes we can anticipate, and be ready for those that are unexpected.

Hopefully we will be able to exchange information and ideas about how to deal effectively with these issues through our Future Centers, and perhaps even work together on specific challenges in adult education in the future.

I hope that I will have a chance to visit your Future Center the next time I am in Japan. And if we at the Future Center Alliance can be of any assistance in the work of your Center, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

Best regards,

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On behalf of the Future Center Alliance