

**We are pleased to invite you to join us to mark the link between two of
the world's most remarkable historic cities,
Norwich and Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan,
on Tuesday 31 May 2011**

**Virtual Cities:
computer modelling and simulating the urban environment in Kyoto and Norwich**

Organised by the Centre for Japanese Studies
and the School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich,
in conjunction with the Norwich Economic and Regeneration Trust (HEART)
and the Virtual Kyoto Project, Ritsumeikan University

THE FORUM
MILLENNIUM PLAIN, NORWICH, NR2 1TF

09:15 – 11:00

Following refreshments and presentations at the Forum, including a live-link to Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, there will be a specialist workshop at the School of Environmental Sciences, UEA. This workshop will bring together researchers on two projects that have developed in parallel to each other, Virtual Kyoto and Virtual Norwich. The workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for each project to be introduced, followed by discussion of potential cooperation and collaboration in the future. The workshop participants include computer scientists involved in modelling ancient and modern urban environments, cultural heritage specialists, urban historians, geographers, anthropologists, archaeologists and art historians. The workshop will also involve discussion of the Norwich bid to host the Congress of the League of Historic Cities in 2013. The workshop also represents the launch of the academic programme of the new Centre for Japanese Studies at the University of East Anglia.

- 09:15-10:00: Refreshments and viewing of Virtual Norwich and Virtual Kyoto on the Fusion Screen
10:00-11:00: Keynote presentations and live-link with Kyoto in the Curve
11:30-17:30: Specialist workshop at UEA

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