

To Cumulus International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media

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To Whom it may concern

I am writing to offer my recommendation of Makoto Watanabe for a position on the CUMU-LUS Board. I have known and worked with Makoto Watanabe for more than 10 years under the collaboration within Chiba University and Sapienza University of Rome have continuously witnessed Makoto's excellent teamwork and project management skills. Makoto Watanabe was also very active in working with many universities.

Makoto Watanabe has a strong network of contacts not only Japanese universities but also many universities in Asia. He has established educational and research links with various universities. Makoto Watanabe has the ability to plan and promote new design educational and research collaborations.

As a friend of Makoto Watanabe, I can strengthen the collaboration with the members of Cumulus and build a future-oriented society. The design world continues to evolve. In this context, Makoto Watanabe can surely become a board that maximises the significance of CUMULUS and its value.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend Makoto Watanabe to become a CUMULUS board member.

Sincerely, Prof. Loredana Di Lucchio PhD, Full Professor in Design Vice Dean, Faculty of Architecture Sapienza University of Rome

