



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

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to endorse Professor Takayuki Higuchi for the Cumulus Executive Board. Our professional relationship spans many years, beginning when he was a visiting professor at Sapienza University of Rome, and has grown through numerous collaborative projects since then.

Through our work together, including the organization of a major international conference at Chiba University in Tokyo, I have witnessed firsthand his remarkable capacity to create meaningful connections between different design education approaches and his commitment to fostering innovative international collaborations.

Chiba University has consistently played a significant role in Cumulus, with Prof. Makoto Watanabe's valuable contribution to the current Executive Board being a testament to this engagement. Prof. Higuchi's own long-standing involvement with Cumulus, particularly his achievement in organizing the first Cumulus Regional Seminar in Japan, demonstrates his commitment to expanding our network's reach in Asia.

His candidacy represents an important continuation of Japanese representation on the Board, ensuring that the perspectives and innovations from this crucial region continue to inform our association's development. His extensive experience in international academic collaboration and his deep understanding of Cumulus's mission would contribute significantly to our Board's work and support the continuity of our ongoing initiatives.

I confidently endorse Prof. Takayuki Higuchi knowing that his presence on the Executive Board would maintain and strengthen our vital connections with the Asian design education community while contributing to the global vision of our association.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lorenzo Imbesi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorenzo Imbesi', written over the printed name.