

City-to-City Cooperation

Key Points for Success in C2C Cooperation

- Strong political commitment
- Community participation
- Good understanding of benefits and barriers
- Recognition of the need for reciprocity
- Concrete results at community level
- Continuous flow of information
- Support from all levels of government
- Sharing of costs

"CITYNET is a precious venue for cities to collaborate for co-prosperity. Seoul consistently strives to share our experience and knowledge throughout Asia and globally."

Sangbum Kim
Assistant Mayor for City Transportation
Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea

"CITYNET's C2C Cooperation programme has shown us that solutions to urban challenges need not be expensive, there is much to learn from other developing cities in Asia. Phnom Penh has already benefited from C2C exchanges in many areas such as solid waste reduction."

Chiek Ang
Director of Environment
Phnom Penh Municipality, Cambodia

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Cover photo: C2C Cooperation between
Yokohama and Hanoi on water supply.



Experts from Seoul sharing sustainable transportation systems with transport task force delegates from Palembang, July 2009.

A Tested Vehicle for Urban Development

CITYNET's C2C programme has proved to be an effective modality for urban development assistance. CITYNET believes that by bringing C2C either as a project in itself or as a component of larger urban projects, continuous learning among peers can be sustained with minimal costs even after the projects are completed.

Benefits of C2C Cooperation

- Find solutions through the exchange of technical and managerial know-how
- Share and learn from other cities' initiatives and practices
- Gain access to information and available resources
- Create exposure opportunities for cities/organisations across the region and beyond
- Go global by forming multilateral contacts with cities/organisations from different countries



Linking Cities for Urban Sustainability



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What is C2C Cooperation?



City-to-City Cooperation (C2C) is a form of decentralised cooperation between two or more cities from different countries. It is meant to complement traditional channels of international development assistance, which is normally coursed through national governments.

To date, it is estimated that 70% of cities worldwide are engaged in various forms of C2C linking. However, C2C as a strategy to address common urban challenges has yet to reach its full potential in Asia.

Uniqueness of CITYNET's Approach

C2C cooperation has been one of CITYNET's flagship programmes since the Network was established in 1987. Over the years, CITYNET has facilitated more than 500 city exchanges within the Asia-Pacific region through innovative transfer methods.

The uniqueness of CITYNET's approach lies in its reliance not only on assistance and solutions from developed cities, but also on tested sound practices from those in developing countries.

Concrete Results from selected case studies

Infrastructure



Area of cooperation: Sustainable transportation system
Members involved: Jakarta, Mumbai, Palembang and Seoul

Outputs:

- Development of sustainable transportation planning in Mumbai
- Improvement of public transport system in Palembang
- Development of a sustainable transportation system including ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) in Jakarta



Climate Change



Area of cooperation: Solid waste management, environmental education
Members involved: Colombo, Danang, Dhaka, Makati, Phnom Penh, San Fernando, Yokohama and HELP-O

Outputs:

- Implementation of solid waste reduction, such as Phnom Penh's Biogas Initiative
- Environmental education and climate change programme initiated by Yokohama implemented in Colombo, Danang, Dhaka and Makati



Millenium Development Goals



Area of cooperation: Local mainstreaming of MDGs
Members involved: Bharatpur, Lalitpur, Kandy, MaRGG and MUAN

Outputs:

- Preparation of profiles and action plans on MDGs for Lalitpur and Bharatpur
- Better coordination with other local governments in Nepal in localising MDGs



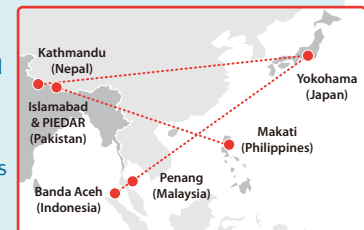
Disaster



Area of cooperation: Disaster risk reduction
Members involved: Banda Aceh, Islamabad, Penang, Yokohama, PIEDAR, Makati and Kathmandu

Outputs:

- Traffic and water supply management in Banda Aceh and reconstruction in their local market
- Construction of a public school, emergency preparedness and disaster management in Pakistan
- Land-use planning and disaster risk reduction in Kathmandu



Specialised Workshops, Conferences and Training

To prepare cities for cooperation, CITYNET organises specialised workshops, conferences and training programmes. These activities give CITYNET members the opportunity to network, explore issues together, share best practices, and identify potential areas for cooperation.

Study Visits and Technical Advisory Services

Upon request, CITYNET then facilitates the conduct of study visits and Technical Advisory Services (TAS) between two or more cities, oftentimes with support from associate members (e.g. NGOs, academe, etc.). These exchanges are intended to allow for deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the "Beneficiary City" and of the solutions offered by the "Resource City."

Pilot Projects and Policy Changes

Guided by the lessons learned from the study visits and TAS, C2C partners may decide to undertake a pilot project or programme, or introduce a new policy in the "Beneficiary City."

Long-term Partnerships

Longterm partnerships may be established later on to cover other areas that are relevant to the partner cities.