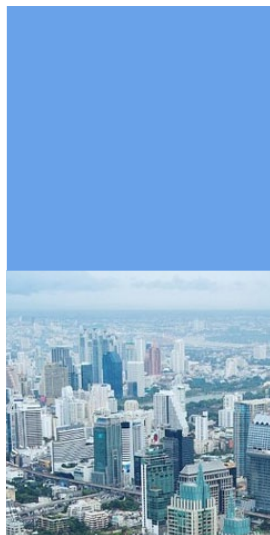


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THE REGIONAL NETWORK OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

2013 Annual Report



Message from the Secretary General

In 2013, the global development agenda shifted focus to cities, local governments, and mayoral level initiatives. From academia to business to multilateral institutions, there is a growing understanding that cities will shape the future on issues as diverse as climate change, urban resilience, migration and disaster prevention. As friend of CITYNET, esteemed Professor Benjamin Barber said, “We are entering a new period of history. After 400 years of nation states trying to govern the world unsuccessfully, our new century and our new millennium will be a century of cities.”

Professor Barber is just one of the voices joining the global consensus that urban centers are the most important actors in solving ground-level, practical problems. Foundations are also shifting focus to the local level, such as the Rockefeller Foundation which initiated the 100 Resilient Cities Challenge in 2013, recognizing three CITYNET member cities in the process, Bangkok (Thailand), Da Nang (Vietnam), and Semarang (Indonesia). CITYNET’s role as a connector and broker between various urban stakeholders assists in the flow of information to new urban areas that can put ideas into practice.

Throughout 2013, CITYNET faced change in all areas, with a new host city, new team, and a refocused agenda. The network honed its effectiveness, connecting with new members across the region, and initializing a new National Chapter in India. CITYNET also held 15 workshops and training programs, and reached over 200 city officials and urban stakeholders. All of these initiatives served to bring more knowledge, experience, and skills into the CITYNET network.

We look forward to 2014 with a solid foundation of experience, partnerships, and resources to draw from. As cities continue to grow in importance and relevance, the CITYNET Secretariat will work to form new connections between members and partners, and further hone the mission and agenda of the network. As always, the Secretariat welcomes your communication, support, and participation. Together we can do more.



Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Jagannathan' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Vijay Jagannathan
Secretary General
CITYNET



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Park' in a stylized, cursive script.

Won Soon Park
Mayor of Seoul

Welcome from the President City

Warm greetings from the Seoul Metropolitan Government. It is a great privilege for the Seoul Metropolitan Government to publish CITYNET's Annual Report as President City.

As you all know, CITYNET went through many changes last year, including the relocation of the Secretariat to Seoul in March, 2013. Thanks to the active support of the member cities, the Opening Ceremony and CITYNET Seoul Congress were completed successfully. I thank you all sincerely for your efforts.

As CITYNET opens up a new chapter in its history and looks towards the next 25 years, the Secretariat is working with the Seoul Metropolitan Government to pursue many meaningful projects. Together we will focus on projects that identify solutions to common challenges that member cities face in the process of urban development.

The Seoul Metropolitan Government is committed to CITYNET, and will actively share its best practices in transportation, urban railways, water supply, and e-government with CITYNET member cities, while also learning from the experiences of members across the network.

We commit to cooperating closely with the Secretariat to support member cities development. I ask for your continued participation and support. Thank you very much.

The image is a split-panel aerial photograph of a city. The left panel is dark and shows a dense urban area with a prominent tall, light-colored building. The right panel is bright and shows a similar view with a tall, red and white antenna tower in the center, surrounded by colorful buildings and greenery, with mountains in the distance.

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Introduction

The 2013 Annual Report gives an overview of key events, programs, and projects held by the CITYNET Secretariat during 2013. This year was an eventful one for the CITYNET network, with many member cities experiencing recognition for their efforts in sustainability, resilience, and green growth, while simultaneously facing the challenges of climate change in the form of floods, earthquakes, and other disasters. Through training programs, workshops, and networking events, CITYNET connected member cities and partners to increase the flow of information and resources across the region.

Read on for details of past projects and a glimpse of plans for the future.

Photo: Hue City, Vietnam, 2014 Executive Committee Host

A New Chapter for CITYNET

Secretariat Relocation and Opening Ceremony

After 20 years of growth and development in Yokohama, Japan, the CITYNET Secretariat relocated in early 2013 to Seoul, South Korea. This move was proposed and unanimously accepted at the 2009 CITYNET Congress, as a means of opening new doors and resources to the CITYNET network. Yokohama will always hold an honored position in CITYNET's history as a gracious host and early supporter, and the Secretariat looks forward to a strong, continuous relationship with Yokohama moving forward.

The Secretariat completed its relocation in March 2013, with a successful Opening Ceremony and Commemorative Forum on March 26th. Seoul Mayor Won Soon Park and Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega jointly unveiled the new CITYNET offices in front of a large crowd of honored guests and the media.

Secretary General Ortega thanked the Seoul Metropolitan Government and Mayor Park for their generous support in providing office space at the newly constructed Seoul Global Center. The Secretariat was also proud to have the Mayors of Sidoarjo and Balikpapan, the Vice Mayor of Incheon, and many other notable dignitaries present.



Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon with Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega

“I’m sure this will be a great moment to write a new page of history. Not only for CITYNET, but also for the Seoul Metropolitan Government.”

*Mayor Won Soon Park
CITYNET Opening Ceremony*

Professor Benjamin Barber, a world-renowned lecturer and author, delivered the keynote address, *Intercity Cooperation, Civil Society, and Global Governance*, to a packed audience. Professor Barber, author of *If Mayors Ruled the World: Dysfunctional Nations, Rising Cities*, has been a leader in the global movement to listen to and empower local officials in order to efficiently tackle global challenges such as climate change, sustainable development, and economic growth.

The keynote address was followed by a panel discussion, “CITYNET’s Way Forward as a Regional Network in Asia and the Pacific”, moderated by Professor Hyuk-sang Sohn of Kyunghee University. The discussants included Peter Beck, Korea Representative of the Asia Foundation, Chung-ha Suh, Ambassador of Seoul, Donovan Storey, Section Chief of UNESCAP, and Professor Stefan Niederhafner of Seoul National University. The panel held a lively debate on the importance of regional networks, and concluded that while CITYNET faces many practical challenges, it will continue to play an increasingly important role as cities grow.

The CITYNET Secretariat thanks all who supported this relocation effort and attended the Opening Ceremony and Commemorative Forum. The Secretariat will build on the strong foundation laid by many years in Yokohama and continue to deliver effective programs and projects in the future.



Clockwise from top left: Seoul Mayor Park delivering welcome remarks; Professor Benjamin Barber delivering his keynote address; Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega and Mayor Park cut a traditional Korean rice cake; Vice-Mayor of Incheon addressing the crowd; Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega seated next to Mayor Park during the keynote address; VIP participants after unveiling the CITYNET sign

Bringing the Network Together

The Historic 2013 CITYNET Seoul Congress

The 2013 CITYNET Seoul Congress focused on the theme *Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Cities*, highlighting low-cost and technology-driven solutions to urban challenges. The Congress was a prime example of the importance of CITYNET's role as a platform for the exchange of ideas. By bringing together over 300 expert practitioners, it provided an unparalleled opportunity to create new connections.

The Congress also brought together representatives from across the network to determine the future of CITYNET through discussion and elections. These decisions took place at a series of legislative meetings, where representatives from member cities and organizations fiercely debated the direction CITYNET should take and presented their challenges and successes over the past four years.

At the 30th Executive Committee meeting on November 3rd, much of the discussion centered around opportunities resulting from the relocation of the Secretariat to Seoul. Ambassador Gun Tae Lee emphasized Seoul's commitment to the network and provided examples of best practices that Seoul could share, among them transportation, open governance and water management. President Gyeong Chul Kim of the Korea Transport Institute, and Deputy Secretary General of CITYNET, also confirmed his organization's commitment to building sustainable transportation across the network.

Over the remaining three days, participants met and discussed urbanization concepts, forming plans for the future and exchanging practical information for the present. Participants met in small technical sessions focused around Disaster Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Development, Climate Change Resilience, and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). With broad participation from members and partners, these sessions revolved around the technical difficulties cities and organizations face in urban development.

The Urban Stakeholders' and Mayors' Forums were highlights of Tuesday, November 5th. CITYNET contains a range of non-governmental organizations, including associations, multi-lateral partners and research institutions. At the Urban Stakeholders' Forum, these diverse voices came together.



Clockwise from top left: Vijay Jagannathan speaking during the Welcome Reception; Members during the 30th Executive Committee; Mary Jane Ortega debating a point during the 30th Executive Committee; Mayor Park Won Soon presenting the Seoul Declaration; The 7th General Congress audience

Congress Breakdown

Sessions	17
Speakers	53
Total Attendees	283
Members Represented	62
Partner Organizations	17
Countries Represented	24
Continents Represented	6
MOUs Signed	2



Clockwise from top right: Member representatives during the 7th General Congress; Agenda Papers for participants; Mary Jane Ortega accepts an award from Mayor Park; Ambassador Lee of Seoul and Kirtee Shah; Yokohama representative Takashi Suzuki leads a toast

Select member presentations were followed by an expert panel of development professionals and innovators. Representatives from Microsoft, UNDP, UNESCAP, the Green Technology Center and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development all took part.

At the Mayors' Forum, mayors and deputy mayors presented a best practice, challenge or project in their city. The Mayor of Seberang Perai, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, presented solid waste management challenges and integrated solutions to foster cleaner, greener and healthier cities. The forum identified opportunities for future knowledge sharing, partnerships and cooperation at the top levels of government.

The 2013 CITYNET Seoul Congress successfully brought together a wide range of urban stakeholders to share knowledge and resources, and determine the future of the CITYNET network. This event proved the importance of face-to-face discussion, and the key role that CITYNET plays as a platform for knowledge exchange. CITYNET will continue these discussions and increase its role by holding programs, workshops, and an Executive Committee meeting in 2014.

2013 CITYNET Seoul Congress Election Results

Secretary General	Mr. Vijay Jagannathan
President	Seoul Metropolitan Government, South Korea
1st Vice President	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Thailand
2nd Vice President	Makati City Government, Philippines
Executive Committee	Asian Coalition of Housing Rights, Thailand
	Busan Metropolitan Government, South Korea
	Colombo Municipal Council, Sri Lanka
	Dhaka North City Corporation, Bangladesh
	Incheon Metropolitan Government, South Korea
	Urban Community of Greater Lyon, France
	Municipal Association of Nepal, Nepal
	Surabaya City Government, Indonesia
	City of Yokohama, Japan



A close-up photograph of a woman's face in profile, looking at a large world map. The map is covered with numerous colorful pushpins in red, blue, yellow, and green. The woman is wearing a white face mask and a yellow knitted sweater. Her hand, with pink nail polish, is holding a pair of pink-rimmed sunglasses. The background is a blurred city street with buildings and other people.

CITYNET 2013 Program Highlights

Photo: Friendship Festival May 2013

Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) was launched in 2003 as a joint initiative between Kuala Lumpur, CITYNET, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and Veolia Environment. For the past decade, KLRTC has held workshops on a range of sustainable urban development issues to strengthen government capacity in planning and implementation. KLRTC is a member of the CIFAL Global Network of UNITAR.

In 2013, CITYNET and KLRTC held three workshops:

- International Conference on Green Purchasing
- Integrated Urban Planning in the Asia Pacific Region
- Increasing Corporate Profitability and Sustainability Through Safety and the 3Rs Program

With 200 participants from across the region, KLRTC was a valuable tool of CITYNET's programming in 2013. Members and partners are invited to join KLRTC programs in 2014.



CITYNET Members at KLRTC 27: Integrated Urban Planning, September 2013



CITYNET members receiving recognition during the Sustainable Urban Transport workshop

Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and the Pacific

The Sustainable Urban Transport Workshop, organized with the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI), brought together 21 participants representing CITYNET members from 10 cities and 8 countries, and 14 participants from GIZ Indonesia. The workshop, held from September 2-5 in Seoul, used presentations, forums, and site visits to stimulate discussion on how to create more effective and efficient sustainable urban transportation networks.

During the workshop, the participants learned about South Korea's public transport challenges and achievements and shared their cities' transport issues. Participants identified what they can do in their own country to address pressing transport problems by reflecting on the good practices and lessons learned from other countries. Dr. Paul Barter from the National University of Singapore presented the latest global trends in urban transportation and introduced participants to best practices in public transport regulation and ownership. Held in conjunction with KOTI's 4th International Public Transportation Forum, this workshop strengthened the partnership between KOTI and CITYNET, and shared transport innovations across the network.

Making IT Infrastructure Available

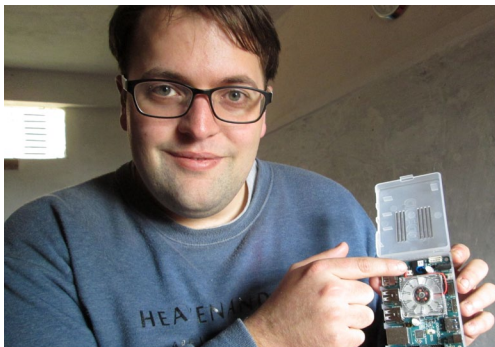
A Stand Alone E-learning Solution for Tansen Municipality

In September 2013, CITYNET initiated a project in Tansen, Nepal to provide students of two public schools with access to the internet and information technology. *Making IT Infrastructure Available: A Stand Alone, Low Cost and Low Power E-learning Solution for Tansen Municipality* provided Shree Saraswoti Secondary School and Shree Laxmi Higher Secondary School with access to a vast array of learning materials offline through innovative, low-cost computers.

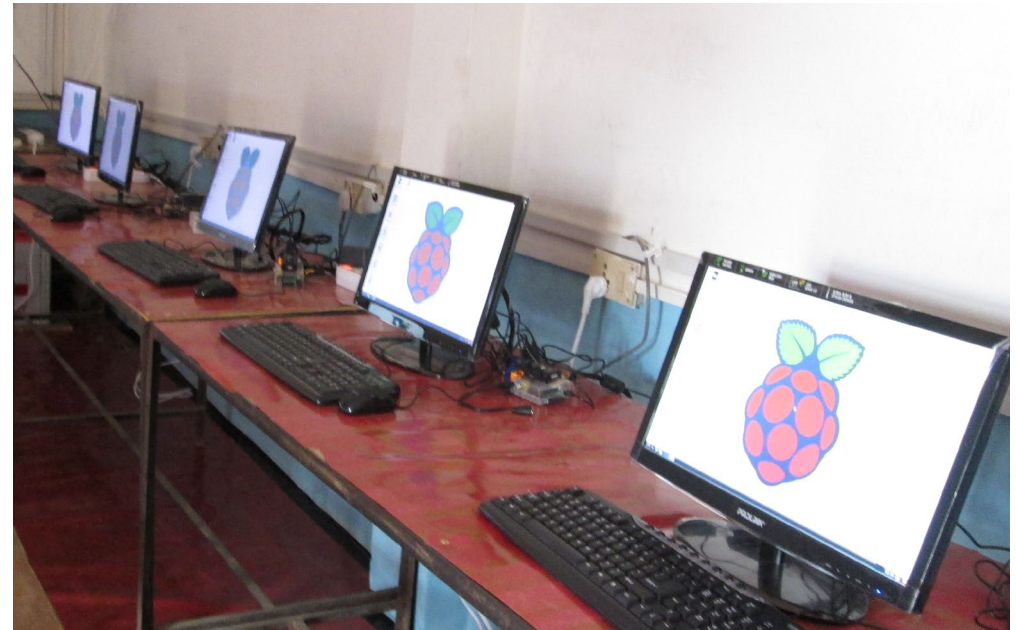
This project provided:

- Raspberry Pi Computers
- Linux Operating Systems
- Low-Cost Tablet Computers
- Low-Power LCD Monitors

The setup for a single school consists of one to two servers and a number of tablets. The project will use the e-learning content developed by OLE Nepal (Open Learning Exchange Nepal). OLE Nepal has developed E-Pustakalaya, an education-focused digital library containing full-text documents, books, images, videos, audio files, and interactive educational software. This content is available over the internet, but for schools without internet access, as is often the case in Tansen, the content can also be accessed from a local server.



Left: Klaus Marhold, Project Consultant; Right: Students at Shree Saraswoti Secondary School



Top: Students examine new tablet computers; Bottom: Raspberry Pi computers post-installation



“It is vital that my generation understands how to harness the world’s resources without negatively impacting the environment. The CYP program is a great way to raise awareness of the challenges young people will eventually face.”



“I am convinced that in a dynamic city such as Seoul, the unique insights and fresh ideas of young professionals would be very welcome. Seoul needs the creativity, dynamism and entrepreneurship of its young people to become a truly world-class city.

Daniel Delacy
CITYNET Young Professional

Top Left: CYP Members at Congress; Middle Left: CYP Members Molyna Noun and Alicia Jang; Bottom Right: CYP member Daniel Delacy delivering a presentation on his award-winning research

Sunyong Park
CITYNET Young Professional



Young Professionals Program

Young people are a key part of our urban communities, and it is critical that they develop a practical understanding of the complex problems they will inevitably inherit. Based on this belief, the CITYNET Young Professionals (CYP) program was established in July 2013. CYP had the unique mission of engaging youth in pressing urban development challenges through research.

This voluntary, youth-led association emerged as a powerful voice on contemporary urban issues. Decidedly international, the inaugural CYP cohort included 25 students and recent graduates from 14 different countries. These future city leaders formed research teams focused on Green Growth and Multiculturalism, and used the contacts and resources of CITYNET to conduct field work, interviews, and empirical research on the following topics:

- *Green Solid Waste Management in Seoul: An Analysis of the Shift from Historical Fast Disposability to Development and Sustainability*
- *Transport Oriented Development as an Urban Green Growth Strategy: The Human Perspective*
- *Multicultural Education in Seoul, South Korea: A Critical Review*
- *Young North Korean Defectors and their Adaptation Challenges in South Korea*

The results of their research were presented at the 2013 CITYNET Young Professionals Congress in September of 2013. Their projects were evaluated by a panel of experts, and the most developed and innovative project received an award at the 2013 CITYNET Seoul Congress in November. The full research papers are available at <http://citynet-ap.org/category/publications-all/resources/>



Creating New Connections

Publications and Outreach

In 2013, the Secretariat shifted focus to reach out to new members and partner organizations, broadening the knowledge base of the network. New partners include Microsoft, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. CITYNET also strengthened partnerships with a range of organizations. Many of these connections were built at the 2013 CITYNET Seoul Congress, however the Secretariat will continue to focus on building lasting and effective relationships with these and new partners moving forward.

The Secretariat produced a number of publications in 2013, re-built and re-designed the CITYNET website (www.citynet-ap.org) and launched a new social media presence.

2013 Publications

- *CityVoices* (2)
- *CityNet Newsletters* (6)
- *Press Releases* (6)
- *2012 Annual Report*
- *Korean Informational Brochure*
- *CITYNET Informational Brochure*
- *Cluster Update*
- *CITYNET Young Professionals Annual Report*



Top: Seoul Institute Representatives with CITYNET Director Chang at Congress; Bottom: Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega and Stefan Sjöström, Vice President of Asia Public Sector at Microsoft



Looking Forward

While 2013 was a year of great progress and change for CITYNET, the Secretariat looks forward to 2014 to complete more innovative projects, form connections with new partners, and improve communication with the member network. This year the Secretariat is launching CityApp, a bold initiative with Microsoft to increase communication and information sharing between citizens, governments, and public and private sectors through the use of web and mobile applications. The first pilot CityApp program was held in Kathmandu from March 13-15, and proved a huge success. The Secretariat and Microsoft are currently in discussions for the next CityApp location.

2014 will also see a number of KLRTC training programs, workshops with key CITYNET partners, and the 32nd Executive Committee meeting to be held in Hue, Vietnam in November. Through all of these events, the Secretariat will connect with new member representatives and strive to advance the CITYNET mission of increasing knowledge-sharing and communication across Asia and the Pacific.

Finally, this year will be the first complete year of the CITYNET Secretariat in Seoul. The CITYNET team will share Seoul's best practices and innovations across the network, and looks forward to working with the Seoul Metropolitan Government, Seoul Institute, Korea Transport Institute, the Seoul National University Information Technology Policy Program (SNU ITPP) among others. For more information on any of these programs or projects, please check the CITYNET website (www.citynet-ap.org) or contact the Secretariat at info@citynet-ap.org. The Secretariat team looks forward to hearing from you!



CITYNET Secretariat Opening Ceremony guests inaugurate the new office with a popular dance move, March 2013

FULL MEMBERS:

Barisal, Bangladesh
Dhaka North, Bangladesh
Dhaka South, Bangladesh
Khulna, Bangladesh
Rajshahi, Bangladesh
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Mumbai, India
Solapur, India
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Banda Aceh, Indonesia
Bandung, Indonesia
Banjar, Indonesia
Banjarbaru, Indonesia
Bekasi, Indonesia
Bogor, Indonesia
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Jakarta, Indonesia
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Sidoarjo Regency, Indonesia
Sukabumi, Indonesia
Sukabumi Regency, Indonesia
Surabaya, Indonesia
Tomohon, Indonesia
Esfahan, Iran
Yokohama, Japan
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Penang, Malaysia
Seberang Perai, Malaysia
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Yangon, Myanmar

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Biratnagar, Nepal
Birganj, Nepal
Butwal, Nepal
Hetauda, Nepal
Kathmandu, Nepal
Lalitpur, Nepal
Pokhara, Nepal
Siddharthanagar, Nepal
Tansen, Nepal
Nanchang, P.R. China
Nanjing, P.R. China
Shanghai, P.R. China
Wuhan, P.R. China
Islamabad (CDA), Pakistan
Baguio, Philippines
Calbayog, Philippines
Iloilo, Philippines
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Naga, Philippines
Quezon, Philippines
San Fernando, Philippines
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Yongin, R.O. Korea
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Kandy, Sri Lanka

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Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities, India
Housing and Urban Development Corporation, India
Mythri Sarva Seva Samithi, India
National Institute of Urban Affairs, India
Society For Development Studies, India
Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres, India

Youth For Unity And Voluntary Action, India
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