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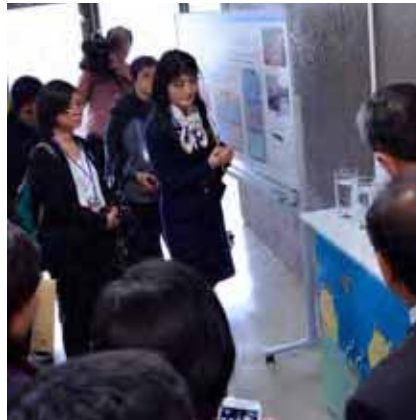
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Foreword



Children in Surabaya, Indonesia, July 2012



Technical Visit Participants, October 2012



Brainstorming Session in Yokohama, November 2012

Welcome to the CITYNET 2012 Annual Report. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of CITYNET's founding and a quarter century of connecting cities across the Asia Pacific.

In 25 years, CITYNET has grown exponentially, expanded its programmes across the Asia Pacific, and touched the lives of individuals around the world. By providing a centralised network for knowledge exchange and capacity building, CITYNET has helped to advance development for thousands.

In 2012, CITYNET focused its activities on disaster risk reduction, climate change, environmental education, capacity building, infrastructure financing, and training programmes. CITYNET focuses its activities around the needs and goals of members as annually stated in the Executive Committee meeting.

CITYNET faces many challenges and opportunities in the next year. Starting in early 2013, the Secretariat will relocate to Seoul, South Korea. While looking forward to our new headquarters in Seoul, CITYNET also wishes to thank the government of Yokohama for its long-standing and ongoing commitment and dedication.

The following pages outline our activities, programmes, and finances for the year 2012. Please read on for more details including how you can be involved!

Message From Our President

Dear friends,

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and engagement with CITYNET over the past year. I am pleased to share our achievements and progress in this publication.

This year has been a milestone for CITYNET which celebrated its 25-year history as well as for Yokohama, as it marked the city's 20th year of hosting the Secretariat. Member cities across the network celebrated CITYNET's 25th Anniversary, while Yokohama hosted the 25th Anniversary Ceremony and Commemorative Seminar with over 300 attendees. Over the past years, the city of Yokohama has continued to expand and deepen its connections with cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The city of Yokohama has long recognised the need for increased international exchange, and is proud to have been a part of the CITYNET network for 25 years.

The challenges we face in creating true urban sustainability will be enormous, however I believe the solution lies in sharing our knowledge and experience with other cities across the globe. CITYNET plays a valuable role as an active platform for cities and urban players to find smart solutions for creating liveable and sustainable cities for our citizens.

Yokohama will dedicate its efforts to supporting disaster risk reduction throughout the Asia Pacific. With this and other efforts, Yokohama offers CITYNET continued support and engagement in the years to come to aim at the further development of CITYNET for the next 25 years.

Sincerely,

Hayashi Fumiko

Mayor of Yokohama

President of CITYNET



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Message From The Secretary General

Dear Friends, Members, and Partners,

After 25 years of operations, CITYNET has experienced one of its most exciting years yet. Member cities around the network held 25th Anniversary celebrations that involved over 1000 individuals, while CITYNET initiated several new programmes and expanded old ones to reach out to local actors across the Asia-Pacific region.

This report presents our year of activities, from programmes and projects, to finances and publications, provides an overview of our growth and a brief look at our plan for 2013. In August of this year, CITYNET launched the Community-Based Adaptation and Resilience against Disasters Programme (CBARAD) that brings together local city officials with experts in disaster risk reduction. We also began our joint training programmes on infrastructure financing options and sustainable transport following our signing with CDIA and KOTI, respectively.

My term as Secretary General will end in November of this year, 2013, and I want to emphasise how proud I am to have represented this organisation since 2009. In 2012 alone, on behalf of CITYNET, I spoke at the Roundtable Discussion of Mayors at the World Urban Forum in Naples, chaired the Clear Air Asia Partnership Council Meeting in Hong Kong, was elected Vice President of the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), spoke at several parallel sessions of Rio+20 in Brazil, and more. I have observed that the growing threat of climate change and disasters, both man-made and natural, have increased the need for organisations like CITYNET now more than ever. Through City-to-City Cooperation, we have proved that “Together we can do more.”

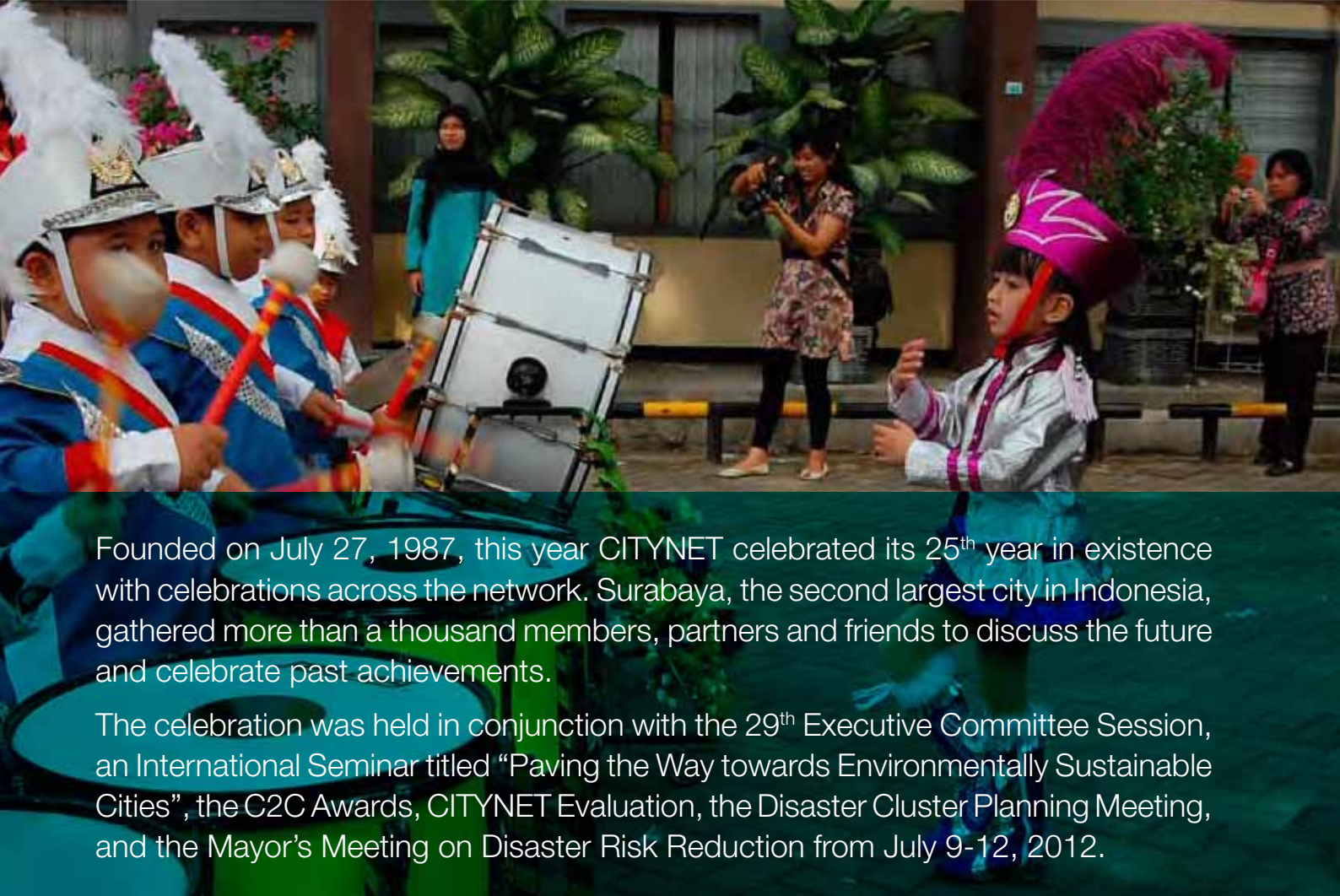
Best,

Mary Jane C. Ortega

Secretary General, CITYNET



“The growing threat of climate change and disasters, both man-made and natural, have increased the need for organisations like CITYNET”



Founded on July 27, 1987, this year CITYNET celebrated its 25th year in existence with celebrations across the network. Surabaya, the second largest city in Indonesia, gathered more than a thousand members, partners and friends to discuss the future and celebrate past achievements.

The celebration was held in conjunction with the 29th Executive Committee Session, an International Seminar titled “Paving the Way towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities”, the C2C Awards, CITYNET Evaluation, the Disaster Cluster Planning Meeting, and the Mayor’s Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction from July 9-12, 2012.

Children joined in the 25th Anniversary Celebration in Surabaya, Indonesia, July 2012

CITYNET 25th Anniversary Surabaya, Indonesia

C2C Awards

In Surabaya, CITYNET launched the inaugural C2C awards to recognise cities who have taken exceptional measures to promote City-to-City Cooperation (C2C).

C2C Cooperation has been the cornerstone of CITYNET’s mission, and has resulted in more than 500 projects between local governments and organisations promoting knowledge exchange, joint projects, and more.

CITYNET recognised four cities, Yokohama, Japan, Makati, the Philippines, Surabaya, Indonesia, and Seoul, South Korea for their exceptional work in C2C cooperation. They were awarded C2C Awards for Best Partner, Cooperation, Participation, and The Future of C2C, respectively. Medals were also given to CITYNET’s founding member cities to recognise their longstanding commitment and engagement with the mission of connecting local governments across the Asia Pacific.



CITYNET Member Cities receiving C2C Awards in Surabaya, Indonesia, July 2012

Evaluating 25 Years of CITYNET

CITYNET also took the opportunity to examine and reassess the organisational structure of the Network at a special session on July 9th, 2012. Members and key partners examined the achievements, structure and mission of CITYNET, discussed strategies and offered insight on areas that could be improved.

Their recommendations for the future were presented and discussed with the Review and Redesign Committee, which is currently shaping the vision, deliverables, and strategies for 2013 to 2020.

The assessment began in the summer of 2012 with the support of the World Bank. The evaluation praised the achievements of CITYNET over the past 25 years, and pointed out some areas where the Network needs to improve. The overall vision, strategy, and missions of the organisation were discussed. The Review and Redesign Committee is currently working on updating the mission and strategic vision of CITYNET, and will adopt the new strategies at the Seventh General Council in Seoul in November 2013.

Paving the Way towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities

A highlight of this year's 25th Anniversary Celebration in Surabaya was the keynote seminar, *Paving the Way towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities*. Surabaya, which has been a hotbed of sustainable innovation in recent years, was the perfect backdrop for this discussion. Mayor Tri Rismaharini has led the charge to transform Surabaya into a green, liveable city through increasing stakeholder participation and innovative policy solutions.

Ms. Erna Witoelar, the former Minister of Human Settlements of Indonesia delivered the keynote address. She discussed the challenges of developing environmentally sustainable cities, from reducing carbon consumption to promoting infrastructure development.

Several CITYNET member city representatives also presented their approaches towards sustainability, highlighting common practices and sharing new ideas. Cities emphasised the importance of multi-stakeholder strategic planning, infrastructure development, transportation projects, and partnership strengthening.

Member cities had a chance to discuss the practical and financial challenges of sustainable growth, and to exchange possible solutions for the future. With Surabaya as an excellent example, the benefits of green urbanisation were clear, giving participants a better idea of what all our cities could look like in the future.



Traditional Indonesian Dancers



Tree planting ceremony in Surabaya, July 2012.



Surabaya Mayor Tri Rismaharini with CITYNET Secretary General Mary Jane C. Ortega



Hamagin Hall, Yokohama, in preparation for the Commemorative Seminar on Oct. 31st, 2012.

CITYNET 25th Anniversary Yokohama, Japan

On October 30-31st, 2012, the City of Yokohama hosted the CITYNET 25th Anniversary Ceremony and Commemorative Seminar on Disaster Prevention and Relief. This two day event was designed to help spread awareness and information about disaster risk reduction, and to celebrate CITYNET's quarter century of efforts and achievements in the Asia-Pacific.

Disaster risk reduction has become a high priority for CITYNET, as many of the Network's member cities are disproportionately affected by natural disasters. UNESCAP reports that in the last decade the Asian-Pacific region alone represented 65 percent of people killed by natural disasters and 90 percent of people affected.

According to CITYNET Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega, it is imperative "to improve our response to natural disasters while also dealing with urban issues, and it has become absolutely necessary for us to collect

knowledge and wisdom from far beyond our national borders." By hosting this seminar, the City of Yokohama affirmed the importance of raising awareness of disaster risk reduction programmes.

The 25th Anniversary Ceremony was held on the Marine Rouge on October 30th, 2012, and featured remarks from the Mayor of Yokohama, Fumiko Hayashi.

On the following day, October 31st, the *Commemorative Seminar Mega Disaster in Cities: What Communities and Networks Can Do* was held at Hamagin Hall and included a networking session for local community and government leaders.

Moderated by Dr. Rajib Shaw of Kyoto University, this Seminar discussed community level disaster-risk reduction, the importance of networking among cities, and lessons learned from past disasters. Speakers included the Mayors of Sendai, Yokohama,

Colombo, a representative from a local NPO in Japan, and the City Councilor of Makati, the Lead City of the Disaster Cluster of CITYNET.

"After the 2011 Tohoku tsunami and earthquake, one-to-one, city-to-city efforts proved to be very effective in our disaster recovery efforts."

*Okuyama Emiko
Mayor of Sendai*

Yokohama Resolution for Action on Disaster Prevention

Signed on October 31st, 2012, this declaration emphasises the need for cities and organisations to:

- Foster capacity building programmes to support disaster resilient communities
- Share relevant information and knowledge among Asia Pacific cities, NGOs, and organisations
- Launch an active platform for disaster prevention and risk reduction, the “Asia Pacific Cities Disaster Alliance”



In total, this event celebrated the long history of CITYNET and served as a forum for discussion of disaster risk reduction. Through looking back on the lessons learned from recent natural and man-made disasters, members were able to gather lessons for the future and connect with others who had shared experiences.

CITYNET President and Members launched the Declaration on Disaster Management at the 25 Years at Hamagin Hall, Yokohama October 2012

CITYNET 25th Anniversary Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Phnom Penh, an active member of CITYNET, held a unique and sustainable 25th anniversary celebration. In July 2012, the Phnom Penh government held a bicycle rally around the theme “Gathering for A Clean City” and sponsored a workshop called “Join Together for a Clean City.”

The bicycle rally was attended by over 300 officers and students, and started off with a short speech by H.E. Governor Kep Chuktema on July 28th, 2012. Biking is one of the most efficient sustainable transportation methods

“The 25th anniversary of CITYNET also marks 10 years of Phnom Penh’s membership.”

available, and improves any urban area by both cutting back on carbon fuel consumption and encouraging exercise and healthy lifestyles.

The workshop, which took place on July 25th, 2012, was moderated by Mr. Koun Sreng, Deputy Governor of Phnom Penh. Focusing on evaluation, the event looked at the municipal management of solid waste and plastic bag pollution.

Mr. Koun Sreng identified some measures the city could take to improve cleanliness, including providing clear and consistent information on waste collection times in each region, campaigns to reduce plastic usage, and enforcing fines against abusers of the waste removal system.

The governor noted that “the 25th anniversary of CITYNET also marks 10 years of Phnom Penh’s membership,” making this a celebration of a decade of engagement and activity with CITYNET.

Phnom Penh has gained much from CITYNET, including the environmental education project, solid waste reduction and various other capacity building programmes.



Bikers race through the streets of Phnom Penh



The Yokohama Smart Cities Project (YSCP) Participants in Yokohama, Nov. 2012

Climate Change Cluster

Yokohama Smart Cities Project

The Yokohama Smart Cities Project (YSCP) is an initiative launched in 2010 to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, maximise energy sources and increase efficiency by exploring various forms of energy management systems.

As part of the YSCP, CITYNET organised a three-day technical visit for its members in Yokohama, with the support of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) in late October, 2012.

Representatives from five CITYNET member cities joined the study visit to learn about Yokohama's approaches to

combating climate change. The participating cities were Bangkok, Colombo, Danang, Dhaka South, and Jakarta.

Members reported that the session was very useful in helping them to gain perspective on their own climate change problems, and learn how cities around the Network have addressed similar challenges.

The most common climate-related issues among participating cities were flooding, rising temperatures, the unpredictability of seasonal storms, and emissions. While most cities already have plans to reduce emissions, challenges such as energy shortages, solid waste management, and disaster resilience need to be addressed.

“Cities have come to a common understanding of the importance of building smart cities to realise economically developed, liveable and sustainable societies by utilising renewable energy and introducing smart technologies disaster prevention, waste water treatment, solid waste disposal, and urban transport.”

Dr. M. Rudy Siaahan, Jakarta

Many participants expressed their satisfaction at the practical nature of the programme, and the large number of resource people involved.

The technical visit included site visits to an environmental model house, coal fired power plant (J-Power), exhibitions of various businesses dealing with the Smart Cities Project, a river basin management center, and interactions with

companies participating in the Smart Cities conference. The representatives also participated in the seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction organised as a part of the CITYNET 25th Anniversary celebrations in Yokohama.



Features of the Iloilo River Climate Change Adaptation and Alternative Livelihood Project activities.

Iloilo River Climate Change Adaptation and Alternative Livelihood Project

The Iloilo River runs through the center of Iloilo City in the Philippines. It has long been a source of income for local fishermen who have built illegal fish farms along the riverbed, with the unintended consequence of encouraging sediment buildup on the riverbed. Added to the effects of climate change, it is clear that the Iloilo River has become more prone to frequent and unpredictable floods, threatening the populations who live along or near the river.

In an attempt to mitigate these floods, the Iloilo River Development Council passed a resolution in March, 2011 to remove all illegal fishing structures on the Iloilo River. It was estimated that the eradication of these structures would adversely affect around 70 individuals who depend on fishing to support themselves and their families.

With financial assistance from CITYNET under the ISWA Fund from Yokohama, the Iloilo River Development Council, coordinated by the Office of City Agriculturists, sought to create an alternative livelihood program for fishermen displaced by these flood mitigation measures.

From March 4th, 2011, community meetings were held in three affected villages to discuss the possibility of alternative livelihoods for those affected. Initially there was great

resistance, however villagers eventually realised that there could be the potential for a more sustainable income from other sources.

By the end of March, the guidelines for financial assistance were developed by the Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council. By May 28, 2011 seventy-two fish pens in Iloilo River were removed by the Office of the City Agriculturist, City Environment and Natural Resources Office, and volunteers from the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary and National Police.

Financial assistance was provided to 72 affected individuals in June, 2012 by CITYNET and the office of Senator Franklin Drilon. Follow-up quarterly meetings with beneficiaries were conducted to provide technical assistance and support.



Iloilo workers removing illegal fishing nets, 2012



CBARAD Participants Examine Biodiversity Preservation Along the Tsurumi River, November 2012

Disaster Cluster

Community Based Adaptation and Resilience Against Disasters Project (CBARAD)

One of our newest projects, the Community Based Adaptation and Resilience Against Disasters, or CBARAD, was launched in August 2012. This project is focused on creating five disaster resilient and self-sustaining communities in the city of Iloilo, Philippines.

Because of its location and geography, Iloilo is uniquely vulnerable to storm surges, earthquakes, tsunamis, liquefaction, and rising sea levels. The most densely populated barangays are along the city's coastlines, making them even more vulnerable to disasters. CBARAD focuses on five pilot barangays, Balabago, Buntalala, Calubihan, Dungon A, and San Isidro, which are all located in the Jaro District of Iloilo.

After a preliminary assessment to identify the needs and vulnerabilities of the barangays was completed during August and September of 2012, representatives from each barangay came together for an intensive training programme in November, 2012, in Yokohama, Japan.

Iloilo trainees visited disaster prevention facilities, interacted with Japanese communities and took part in disaster drills activities. They also drafted Community Based Disaster Resilience plans based on the unique needs and vulnerabilities of their own communities. This three-year project is a collaborative effort between CITYNET, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the City of Yokohama.



A CBARAD Participant takes part in Volunteer work near Yokohama, November 2012

Climate and Disaster Resilience Initiative

The first Climate and Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) was launched in 2009 to raise local government awareness and capacity on climate change risks in cities across Asia.

Eight cities participated in the first programme of CDRI; Colombo, Sri Lanka, Chennai, India, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Hue, Vietnam, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Makati, Philippines, Sukabumi, Indonesia, and Suwon, South Korea.

Using internet-based learning methods, cities were able to efficiently participate in training programmes and workshops over three stages. At the third Stage of the programme, participant cities created CDRI Action Plans addressing the short, medium and long term goals for their cities.

In late 2012, participants joined a Video Conference to report on their progress, identify problem areas, and discuss challenges. While most cities were able to report on their progress successfully, some were hindered by budgetary constraints or administrative staff changes. However, overall the first CDRI programme was a success.

In order to understand current and potential risks, and reduce them, organisers agreed to launch a second round of CDRI beginning in 2013. CDRI was organised and supported by CITYNET, Kyoto University (GCOE), the Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC), SEEDS, UNISDR, and the Regional Task Force on Urban Risk Reduction (RTF-URR).

Seminar on Sharing Experiences in Local DRR and CCA

The Seminar on Sharing Experiences in Local Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) was hosted by Sidoarjo, Indonesia in collaboration with UNISDR and ESCAP on July 13-14, 2012. More than 110 participants shared their projects and initiatives on DRR and CCA with a special focus on local risk governance, building public-private partnerships, empowering local authorities, and mainstreaming local DRR and CCA into national policy measures.

All local officials in attendance affirmed their commitment to the "My City is Getting Ready" campaign initiated by UNISDR. The Vice Regent of Sidoarjo Regency, Mr. Hadi Sutjipto and Mayor of Kotte, Sri Lanka, signed their commitment to the 2010-2015 World Disaster Reduction Campaign and further pledged to commit to the Ten Point Checklist for increasing urban resiliency.

Participants also visited the Sidoarjo mud flow, the largest mud volcano in the world. It began erupting in May 2006 and hasn't stopped since, displacing numerous communities. Sidoarjo has been working with international aid organisations since 2006 to rehabilitate these individuals.



CDRI Video Organizers at TLDC in Tokyo, October 2012



A welcoming dancer from the Sidoarjo Disaster Seminar, July 2012



A disaster training programme in Makati, Philippines

Best Practices Sharing Workshop –

Sustainable Urban Transport Training in Asia and the Pacific Region

KINTEX, Seoul, Korea Oct. 8-10, 2012



Dr. Gyeng Chul Kim, President of the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) / Deputy Secretary General of CITYNET speaks at the Sustainable Urban Transport Workshop, October 2012

Infrastructure Cluster

CITYNET in Partnership with the Korea Transport Institute

In July 2012, CITYNET and the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate collaboration on sustainable transportation development.

KOTI has a long history of innovative transportation programmes, which combined with CITYNET's extensive network, will work to spread sustainable urban transport practices to new areas across the Asian Pacific.

On October 8-10, 2012, CITYNET in partnership with KOTI, the World Bank, and GIZ, held the Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and the Pacific Region: Best Practices Sharing Workshop in Goyang and Seoul, South Korea.

The workshop provided an opportunity for local government



Participants in action at KOTI and CITYNET Workshop, 2012

officials to share their cities' experiences and knowledge of sustainable development of urban public transportation practices.

The workshop was attended by 31 traffic and transportation experts from 6 countries. The participants were enthusiastic and energetic, and the knowledge they gained during the three day workshop inspired them to further improve their own public transportation systems.

On the last day, KOTI participants worked together to draft plans to increase transportation coverage for their home countries using knowledge gained during the public workshop.

KOTI and CITYNET will repeat this project in 2013.

“This kind of workshop is very successful as we can learn about possible solutions for our city’s transport problems and existing best practices.”

Mr. Md Rahman, Traffic Engineer, DTCA and Project Director, CASE Project, Dhaka City North Corporation, Bangladesh



Participants in the YWWB August 2012 training programme work on their individual action plans and taste the purified water



Partnership with Yokohama Waterworks Bureau

The Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWWB), in coordination with CITYNET, held the Water Treatment Technology and the Practical Side of Management and Maintenance training course from August 27th through September 8th, 2012. Participants included professionals from Medan, Indonesia, Shanghai, China, Incheon, Korea, and Hue, Vietnam.

Since its establishment in 1999, YWWB has annually accepted participants from across the CITYNET network for its water training programmes. To date there have been nearly

380 CITYNET participants from 31 countries. The course consists of lectures, discussions, problem-solving exercises, video presentations and field trips.

Participating representatives presented their ongoing action plans including improvements to water treatment plants, water quality monitoring, and the reduction of production costs through solar power technology.

YWWB also offers training courses on customer service, water service maintenance and operations, and water quality, distribution and purification management.

For details, please contact YWWB at su-jigyokaiatsu@city.yokohama.jp

Millennium Development Goals Cluster

San Fernando: Lead City of the MDGs Cluster

San Fernando, La Union of the Philippines, is the lead city of the MDGs Cluster. The city spreads information on MDGs projects and best practices to other CITYNET members.

San Fernando is a vibrant city with a diverse and thriving population. It has worked steadily towards achieving the MDGs and has had many successes. The city has set up a minimum basic needs database, promoted a comprehensive poverty alleviation strategy, and ensured universal access to primary education. Infant mortality rates have also decreased due to hygiene-awareness campaigns, food access, and a

rehabilitation centre for disabled youth.

Despite this progress, ensuring environment sustainability and solid waste management has been a challenge. CITYNET, with the support of the Prince Monaco Foundation and UNITAR, has worked to improve sanitation through an Eco-Tank project.

Nevertheless, San Fernando citizens have raised concerns about the lack of reliable and credible baseline data, particularly poverty statistics, as well as the cultural and behavioral challenges of constituents' dependence on governments. San Fernando has proposed a measure to create the MDGs Cluster Directory, and to define the MDGs Indicator System to enhance unity in diversity and the commonality of targets and goals.

Seoul: A People-Driven, Community-Centered City

In July, 2012 nearly 100 people took part in a workshop in Seoul on finding alternative development strategies for the urban poor. Organised by CITYNET, the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG), Asian Bridge, and ACHR, the workshop was a follow-up to previous conversations between SMG and local community members.

“We feel huge losses from past non-humanitarian redevelopment policies and currently regard the development of the urban poor as a major challenge.”

*Mr. Won-soon Park
Mayor of Seoul*

For 20 years in Seoul there have been a rising number of informal settlements, cage-like one-room houses (Jokbang) and vinyl housing communities. Residents of these developments face daily insecurity in their utilities and environment. Previous government policies tried to solve the problem by expanding available low-cost rental housing, but actually excluded the urban poor from the legal housing

system. However, as of 2009, SMG's redevelopment policy has been focused on people-driven development, as SMG has looked to other cities for successful urban poverty practices.

“We feel huge losses from past non-humanitarian redevelopment policies and currently regard the development of the urban poor as a major challenge,” stated Mr. Won-soon Park, the Mayor of Seoul. Mr. Park also noted that he is drafting a minimum standards for housing policy on housing rights as stated in the Korean Constitution.

The July 2012 workshop was the first time local stakeholders were asked to participate in the dialogue on urban poverty, addressing concerns that previous talks had only included government officials and foreign experts. After the success of this workshop, SMG plans to establish a workshop series and standing committee for discussion and negotiation. Within 2 years, Seoul expects to have concrete proposals for reducing urban poverty by addressing informal housing.



Informal Housing in Seoul, Korea, July, 2012

CITYNET Japan Forums

15th Japan Forum: New Paths after Disasters

The 15th Japan Forum was held in conjunction with the Yokohama International Forum on February 11-12th, 2012, which focused on disaster recovery and lessons learned from disasters across Asia.

The first session, lead by Dr. Bambang Rudyanto of Wako University and Ms. Suvendrini Kakuchi, presented an assessment of CITYNET's Post-Tsunami Community Centre Projects in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Dr. Bambang explained that among five parameters of disaster management, prediction, prevention, reduction, response and recovery, the last two steps are of the utmost importance for developing countries. While CITYNET has long supported disaster

prevention, he suggested that the organisation could also focus on the aftermath of disasters.

Next, Ms. Suvendrini Kakuchi discussed her evaluation of the project in Galle, Sri Lanka. Her findings showed that strong communities can recover from disasters quickly. In Galle, there was a unique and effective project, in which a women's group converted half of the disaster recovery donations into an informal bank for microcredit activities.

In their presentations, both evaluators had suggestions for the Tohoku region based on their assessment of the Post-Tsunami Community Centre Project. These included allocating more space for women and children, and expanding community-based activities, counselling services, and livelihood training programmes. Other evidence suggested the importance of building trust between communities and municipalities.



Participants at the 16th Japan Forum in Yokohama, Japan



As a side meeting, Dr. Kim, President of KOTI discusses the sustainable transport with the local community members in Yokohama, Japan

16th Japan Forum: Towards Sustainable Urban Transport

On April 23rd, 2012, experts in urban transportation gathered at the 16th CITYNET Japan Forum on the topic of Towards Sustainable Urban Transport. The keynote speaker, Dr. Gyeng Chul Kim, President of the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) and the Deputy Secretary-General of CITYNET, led the discussion.

By focusing on four different public leaders who created innovative and sustainable urban transportation systems in their own communities, Dr. Kim gave concrete and illustrative examples of how urban transportation methods can improve the lives of communities and individuals globally. Dr. Kim

examined the methods and strategies of former mayors of Curitiba, Jaime Lerner, Bogota, Enrique Peñalosa, London, Ken Livingstone, and Myung-Bak Lee of Seoul, South Korea.

Dr. Kim discussed Curitiba, Brazil's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System, which more than 2 million passengers use daily, as well as the bike lanes of Bogota, Columbia. He also discussed how philosophy can affect transport by discussing Mayor Livingstone of London's "Non-conformist Leadership" strategy of congestion charging for London commuters. Next, Dr. Kim explained the "Push and Pull" strategy that allowed Seoul to redevelop its urban waterways, urban green spaces, and bus transportation system.

The audience was left with excellent examples of how leadership can transform the role of urban transportation in communities, ease pollution, and raise economic benefits for all.



KLRTC 25 Participants in December, 2012

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre

The Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) was established in Malaysia in 2003 to strengthen the capacity of local governments to work towards sustainable development. KLRTC is a joint initiative between UNITAR, CITYNET, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Veolia Environnement, and the UNDP.

Urban sustainable development faces many challenges in Asia, from lack of political will to lack of funding. KLRTC was established as a place where representatives from urban centres around the region could come together to discuss

these unique challenges, and share practices to overcome them.

KLRTC programmes allow participants to work in small groups to address the issues they face in their communities. Experts and resource people assist the trainees in various aspects, including planning, financing, working with the private sector, making policy changes, and addressing environmental issues.

“One essential thing I have learned is that government plays a vital role in urban transportation. Current policies, like the introduction of traffic-free roads, can motivate people to change their travelling behavior. These can enable people to choose more sustainable transportation methods.”

Tshering Namgyal Engineer, Thimphu, Bhutan

KLRTC 24: Sustainable Urban Transport in the Asia Pacific

This three-day training course was held in Kuala Lumpur from May 22-24, 2012, and was attended by 36 people both from within Malaysia and the broader region.

The training covered topics ranging from policy planning, public private partnerships, and environmental transportation. Experts in transportation from GIZ-SUTP, Hokkaido University, the Korean Transport Institute (KOTI), and the City of Yokohama shared their experiences and assisted participating cities with formulating realistic action plans for local sustainable transportation.

The city of Kuala Lumpur also organised a study visit to its new integrated transport terminal for buses and trains.



KLRTC 25: External Urban Infrastructure Financing Options in the Asia Pacific Region

From December 4-7, 2012, CITYNET member city officials took part in a special course on External Urban Infrastructure Financing Options in the Asia Pacific Region at the KLRTC in cooperation with CDIA.

This course aimed to offer an introductory orientation to help prepare cities in their efforts to identify alternative external financing sources for infrastructure projects. Twenty-eight international and five domestic members participated in the four-day course.

Participants presented profiles and projects from their own cities, analysed case studies and worked together to find solutions to infrastructure challenges. By comparing roadblocks and exchanging ideas, they were able to create action plans for advancing currently stalled infrastructure projects within their own cities.



Participants and organisers at KLRTC 24 and 25, 2012

CITYNET National Chapters

Nepal

CITYNET Nepal 5th General Congress

The 5th General Assembly of CITYNET National Chapter Nepal was led by the Chapter Vice President, Mr. Tilak Poudel, Executive Officer of Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City on 30-31 March, 2012 in Siddharthanagar. The Assembly was attended by the 18 Executive Officers of CITYNET National Chapter Nepal. The General Assembly crafted constitutional amendments, proposed pilot projects for 2012, and established a working committee for Chapter operations.

“CITYNET has long supported Nepal with projects and ventures related to disaster mitigation and improved sanitation.”

*Sara Neupane, Focal Person
National Chapter Nepal*

Biratnagar, Nepal: Technical Cooperation for Developing Countries Programme

Biratnagar, Nepal took part in a training programme on Information and Communications Technology-Based Accounting and Revenue systems in New Delhi, India on September 26-28th, 2012. This training was part of the TCDC initiative.

The training in New Delhi was provided through the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), the Human Settlement and Management Institute (HSMI), the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), and the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The study visit was supported by SDS (Society for Development Studies), an Executive Committee member of CITYNET.

School Sanitation Improvement

CITYNET Nepal National Chapter completed the first school sanitation project in 2010 in Tansen Municipality. This project consisted of building a clean and accessible school restroom, increasing sanitation and comfort for the students and teachers. Many nearby municipalities and members of the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) expressed interest in replicating this project.



Students in Ramgram Municipality, 2012



New Sanitation Facilities at the Secondary School in Ramgram Municipality, 2012

In 2012, Ramgram Municipality submitted a school sanitation project proposal to CITYNET. Ramgram Municipality has a significant lack of physical infrastructure, from roads to sanitation and sewage facilities. To help develop the area, Ramgram proposed a project to construct a gender-friendly toilet in a government school to both improve sanitation conditions and raise awareness of the importance of hygiene and cleanliness.

The project began in July and was successfully completed at Saraswati Lower Secondary School located in Shantichour Ward No. 12 in December, 2012. By focusing on a gender-friendly facility, Ramgram Municipality hopes to make school more accessible and comfortable for female students, increasing retention and graduation rates.

Indonesia

Tirtanadi Water Authority visits Yokohama

Mr. Azzam Rizal, President Director of the Tirtanadi Water Authority of North Sumatra, Indonesia visited Yokohama in April, 2012 to renew cooperation with the Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWWB). Mr. Rizal had previously visited Yokohama more than two decades ago as a trainee of the YWWB training programme.

His recent visit was aimed at renewing Tirtanadi's relationship with YWWB in order to gain assistance with waterworks development. He believes that through technical and managerial exchange, Tirtanadi will be able to reduce its non-revenue water significantly and improve water accessibility to meet MDGs by 2015.

National Chapter Planning Meeting

CITYNET Indonesia conducted a Special Meeting on September 19-20th, 2012 in Jakarta. The goal of the meeting was to evaluate programmes and activities conducted in

2012, examine challenges faced with past activities, and to plan the future of the National Chapter for 2013.

They also visited the Netherlands to learn more about urban management and development. As a follow-up project, member cities will continue working with Erasmus University based on local needs.

CITYNET Indonesia has planned a strong agenda for 2013, including several seminars on governance and infrastructure, an International Study Visit, and a newsletter to keep CITYNET Indonesia members informed of updates and events.



Indonesia National Chapter Members visiting the Netherlands, 2012

Bangladesh

The New Structure of Dhaka City

Until 2011, Dhaka City was governed by the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), which has played an important role in revitalising the CITYNET Bangladesh National Chapter in recent years. At the end of 2011, the DCC was divided into two governing bodies, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC). These two new governing bodies were created for the more efficient and effective management of Dhaka city.

The abolition of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) was carried out in November 2011 during the 28th Executive Committee meeting and the International Seminar on Climate Change hosted by DCC.

in Colombo, the Urban Street Lighting Conference organised by the Ministry of Power and Energy, and the Special Consultation on the Code of Conduct for Local Authorities, which was attended by Thamara Mallawaarachchi, Secretary General of the Sri Lanka National Chapter.

The Sri Lanka Mayors Forum is developing a close partnership with CITYNET, particularly with donors and communication. They also hope to train more personnel and municipal councilors in the near future.

Below: Facilitated by the Indonesian National Chapter, Mr. Azzam Rizal visited YWWB, April, 2012

Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka National Chapter, locally known as the Sri Lanka Mayors Forum, works to improve coordination and communication between local and national government agencies. In 2012 they took part in many activities, including the January 2012 meeting of the Executive Committee





Local governments are making commitment in the Making Cities Disaster Resilient Campaign, Sidoarjo, July 2012

Regional and Global Advocacy

Mayor's Declaration on DRR Adopted at AMCDRR 2012

Part of CITYNET's mission is to advocate for its members at the regional and international level. In 2012, CITYNET succeeded in bringing together local government officials from across the Asia Pacific to draft and sign the Mayor's Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction. This declaration was formally adopted at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held on 22-25 October, 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

AMCDRR is a biennial conference that has been held in different Asian countries since 2005. The event offers a unique opportunity for disaster management officials from across the region to reaffirm their commitment to the implementation of

the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA).

The conference also allows officials to exchange knowledge on successful practices and innovative approaches in implementing HFA's five priorities for action at the national and local levels. CITYNET thanks UNISDR for their support and cooperation with this initiative.

Four previous AMCDRR have been organised in Beijing, China (2005), New Delhi, India (2007), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2008), and Incheon, South Korea (2010).

For the full report of the 5th AMCDRR, please visit www.5thamcdrr-indonesia.net.

Key Points of the Mayor's Declaration

- 1) Ensure access to funding and information on DRR
- 2) Strengthen the capacity of local governments through outside partnerships
- 3) Coordinate government agency responses to natural disasters
- 4) Strengthen existing legislation and policies and draft new motions
- 5) Grow results with Community Based Disaster Risk Management
- 6) Promote a multi-stakeholder approach



Executive Committee Members and the Participants at the 25th Anniversary in Surabaya, Indonesia, July 2012.

CITYNET Institution

Executive Committee Meeting

The 29th Session of the Executive Committee was held on July 10th, 2012, where representatives discussed the registration of CITYNET in South Korea, planned for the activities of 2013, and made progress on the relocation of the Secretariat to Seoul, South Korea in 2013.

The Executive Committee also approved the 2013 plans, budget, and new members of CITYNET. CITYNET and KOTI signed an MOU on pursuing sustainable transport across Asia-Pacific region with the focus on training and capacity building programmes.



CITYNET and KOTI Officials at MOU Signing, 2012

Financial Report and Audit

In 2012, CITYNET had a budget of \$710,000 allocated towards both administrative and programme activities. Administrative costs include personnel, meetings, travel, equipment, and communications activities. These are largely subsidised by Yokohama City, the Secretariat's host and President City. Programme costs include all programme projects and expenses, which are covered by membership fees and subsidies from international development agencies. This financial summary excludes all in-kind contributions from CITYNET members, which exceeded \$3 million for 2012.

CITYNET's Auditor, Naga, the Philippines represented by Ms. P.S. J. Tabinas, conducted the Audit and praised the good financial management of the Network. She especially commended the Secretariat for its excellent recording system for transactions.

New Members in 2012

Banjar City,
Indonesia

Banjbaru City,
Indonesia

Bekasi Municipality,
Indonesia

Sukabumi Regency,
Indonesia

Quezon City,
Philippines

Hetauda City,
Nepal

Publications 2012

- CityVoices (2 issues)
- E-Newsletter (6 issues)
- Yokohama Water Works Bureau
- 25th Anniversary Brochure
- Annual Report 2011
- Summer 2012 Clusters Update





Participants at the Third Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities, Siem Riep, Cambodia, in March 2012

Partner News and Events

Third Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), a new member of CITYNET, played a key role in developing the ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) Model Cities programme, which began in 2011 to help East Asian Cities work towards environmental sustainability in key areas across their communities. The Third Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities was organised in Siem Riep, Cambodia, from March 6-8, 2012 for participating cities to report their progress with the programme after one year.

The Forum was hosted by the Government of Cambodia and co-organised by the Government of Australia, Government of Japan, Government of Thailand and the ASEAN Working Group on ESC. More than 230 people attended the seminar.

The seminar focused on challenges cities face and available solutions to achieve ESC in the fields of solid waste management, urban water and sanitation, and sustainable, low-carbon cities. New topics were added, including Public-Private Partnerships, Adaptation for Cities and Sustainable Low-Carbon Development.

Delegates discussed opportunities for collaboration, including continuing the seminar series and expanding the Model Cities Programme. CITYNET, represented by Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, Programme Director, participated in the Forum and co-organised the Network Meeting for Local Governments. She also presented CITYNET's experiences with water and sanitation at the Breakout Session, along with specific ideas on how CITYNET can contribute to ESC at the Plenary Session.

Ninth International Symposium on Water Supply Technology

The Ninth International Symposium on Water Supply Technology was held in Yokohama City for three days from November 20-22, 2012. For over 20 years the International Symposium on Water Supply Technology has been held on a triennial basis as an opportunity to discuss the world's current water supply problems and most recent water supply technology trends.

Under the theme of Resilient Water Supply Systems: Pursuing Safety, Sustainability, and Environmental Friendliness, the Ninth Symposium was held with the support of the International Water Association (IWA) and the participation of countries from around the world.

The Symposium consisted of a keynote speech, special lecture, and presentations on cutting-edge water supply technology. A special session on the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011 named Toward Water Supply Systems Resistant to Earthquakes and Tsunamis was also held to address lessons learned from the Tohoku, Japan region.

Participants discussed the different ways that water supply technology can either be a help or hindrance in the aftermath of an earthquake, and ways to improve disaster risk reduction measures in their own communities.

The Sixth World Urban Forum

On September 1-7, 2012, UNHABITAT held its Sixth World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy. The theme of this year's WUF was The Urban Future.

CITYNET Secretary General Mary Jane C. Ortega spoke at the Mayors Roundtable Discussion on September 3rd, 2012. She emphasised the importance of C2C cooperation, good governance, and equal gender representation. The Secretary General also spoke as a panelist at the Water and Sanitation session, where she promoted water conservation awareness.

Program Director Bernadia Irawati Tj. facilitated a session focused on effective urban planning for city leaders. Participants were exposed to the potential of urban planning to address the most critical challenges that city leaders face.

Using the UN-Habitat guide, Urban Planning for City Leaders, mayors and city officials were able to explore the tools available for holistic urban planning. Ms. Tjandradewi also took part in several panel discussions.



CYJ Participants Youth Workshop, Yokohama, Japan, May 2012

CITYNET Youth Japan

CITYNET Youth Japan was formed in 2009 as a student organisation in Japan. CYJ's mission is to connect youth from across the Asian Pacific to work together on urban challenges. In 2012 CYJ initiated and took part in many exciting projects.

In May 2012, Students of the National University of Singapore (NUS) visited Yokohama to learn about public transportation systems at a workshop held by CYJ. Each side gave presentations and discussed different topics in public transportation.

CYJ also took part in a seminar organised by the Yokohama Association for International Communication and Exchange (YOKE), a member of CITYNET, on food issues and environmental sustainability in August, 2012.

Further, CYJ took part in the Yokohama International Festival and Car Free Day in October 2012, where they sold

handmade Bangladeshi crafts to raise funds for the You and Me International School in Gazipur, Bangladesh.

Throughout 2012, CYJ advanced its mission to grow and connect with youth globally through training programmes, educational exchange and more.



CYJ Members and Students from NUS work together, Yokohama, Japan, May 2012.

Looking Forward: The Next 25 Years

At the close of CITYNET's first quarter century, we look ahead to an era of new growth and development over the next 25 years.

In 2013, the Secretariat will relocate to Seoul and embark on a new phase of growth and development. CITYNET will work towards expanding and strengthening its Network, restructuring the administration, and ensuring programmes are delivering effective and impactful outcomes.

As of today, CITYNET consists of more than 130 members including 80 cities and municipalities, and yet represents less than 5 percent of governments in the Asia Pacific region. It is estimated that in order to maintain the status quo, Asian cities

will need \$100 billion annually in infrastructure investment over the next two decades (ref. ADB). Simultaneously, these urban areas are facing growing threats due to climate change, resource limitations, natural disasters, and economic crises. By growing and strengthening local networks throughout the region, CITYNET can help find innovative solutions to these challenges.

The Network has many questions to ask and answers to seek. Is the current vision of CITYNET still relevant? Should CITYNET continue to work as a connector and broker in the vast network of actors in the Asia Pacific region? What is the most effective way to balance people-driven vs. systems-driven development? Which projects need to be expanded and which need to be retired?

All of these questions will have to be decided by CITYNET members themselves, as the Network will be driven by members' needs and engagement.

With that said, every member is invited to attend the 7th General Council of CITYNET in November 2013 in Seoul, Korea. It is time to create a new path for sustainable urban development in the Asia Pacific region.

We look forward to seeing you all in November 2013.



The Secretariat Team, April 2012

A Message from the Secretariat

The Secretariat has been grateful to members and partners for support in 2012, especially Surabaya, Sidoarjo, Yokohama, Seoul, Phnom Penh, Kuala Lumpur, KOTI, UNISDR, CDIA, JICA, CLAIR, UNITAR, and the World Bank.

Our appreciation also goes to 2012 volunteers/interns: Jae Hyeon Jay Park, Jean Ren, Kento Kawamura, Mamiko Kuwaki, Toshiki Nakamura, and Sarra Shieh

CITYNET bids farewell to its dedicated staff, Ms. Minako Inoue, the Administrative Officer who has been with CITYNET for six years.

What is CITYNET?

For over 20 years, CITYNET has committed itself to helping local governments improve urban sustainability and quality of life. Starting with 26 members in 1987, CITYNET has grown to become an international organisation of more than 100 members in more than 20 countries, most of which are cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region.

Our Clusters



Climate Change

Climate change adaption, mitigation and awareness

Disaster

Disaster risk reduction, urban safety, disaster mitigation



Infrastructure

Sustainable transportation, water and waste management, urban infrastructure development

Millennium Development Goals

Gender equality, poverty reduction and disease prevention



Our Approaches



City-to-City Cooperation

Promoting the exchange of expertise and best practices among cities

Capacity Building

Building stronger local governments and organisations through training, policy seminars, technical advisory services and concrete projects/programmes



Joining CITYNET

CITYNET is a unique member-driven organisation that is growing year by year.

Today, the CITYNET network includes city governments, national level organisations, development authorities, non-governmental organisations, private companies and community-based organisations. The network is funded by annual membership fees, contributions from the secretariat host city, and donor agencies.

CITYNET strives to meet the changing needs of its members and most importantly, to listen to its members in order to successfully and continually implement relevant programmes and activities to create better lives for urban residents.



Our Mission

CITYNET works to strengthen the capabilities of local governments to effectively manage the urban development process through the promotion of exchange of expertise and experience and to build partnerships among all urban stakeholders, particularly between local authorities and civil society groups.

MEMBERS:

Barisal, Bangladesh
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Khulna, Bangladesh
Rajshahi, Bangladesh
Sylhet, Bangladesh
Thimphu, Bhutan
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Suva, Fiji
Guntur, India
Mumbai, India
Solapur, India
Visakhapatnam, India
Balikpapan, Indonesia
Banda Aceh, Indonesia
Bandung, Indonesia
Banjar, Indonesia
Banjarbaru, Indonesia
Bekasi, Indonesia
Bogor, Indonesia
Gorontalo, Indonesia
Jakarta, Indonesia
Palembang, Indonesia
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Ligao, Philippines
Makati, Philippines
Marikina, Philippines
Muntinlupa, Philippines
Naga, Philippines
Quezon, Philippines
San Fernando, Philippines
San Jose, Philippines
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Dehiwala, Sri Lanka
Galle, Sri Lanka
Kandy, Sri Lanka
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Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities, New Delhi, India
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