

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Urban safety is squarely on the agenda for CITYNET and its partners and together we are working towards providing the resources to also place it on more local and national agendas. We sincerely hope that the first CITYNET workshop on urban safety will provide the impetus for more action in this area.

Over the past few months CITYNET has also been working to follow up on the CDRI (Climate Disaster Resilience Initiative) programme and to revitalise the National Chapters. On the Institutions side CITYNET has successfully completed the audit for 2009 thanks to Naga City.

As always we thank you for your support and active participation

Sincerely,
CITYNET Secretariat



Children are among the most vulnerable to urban violence. (Phnom Penh, 2010)

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Features

Mainstreaming Urban Safety in Asia and the Pacific



Participants in the regional workshop "Putting Safety First for the Urban Poor on the Local Agenda" hosted by Marikina City (Metro Manila, 15-17 June 2010)

The relationship between poverty and violent crime is complex⁽¹⁾ and understanding the parameters of this relationship is becoming more pressing throughout the Asia Pacific region. Trends indicate that crime, specifically social and institutional crime⁽²⁾ is growing and elements such as disaster preparedness, urban planning and access to basic services are intertwined within this very large issue. As the realities of unprecedented mass urbanization surmount along with socio-economic ramifications such as uneven distribution of wealth and significant inequality as well as environmental concerns, it is clear that urban safety needs to be placed firmly at the top of local and national agendas.

CITYNET at the World Cities Summit in Singapore

CITYNET President/Mayor of Yokohama, Ms. Fumiko Hayashi will speak at the World Cities Summit (June 29 - July 10). Other members, Secretary General, Ms. Mary Jane C. Ortega and Programme Director, Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi will participate as well. They will also attend other parallel events, including the ADB-CDIA (Cities Development Initiative for Asia). CITYNET is one of the main supporting organisations of the World Cities Summit. For more information, please see: www.worldcities.com.sg

Localise e-News & CityVoice

The CITYNET Secretariat encourages every member to locally distribute CityVoice and e-News in their respective cities. Our objective is to increase awareness about news, activities, expertise, and best practices in urban development and management with local governments, partners, and citizens.

The regional workshop "Putting Safety First for the Urban Poor on the Local Agenda" hosted by Marikina, the Philippines from June 15-17, 2010 explored urban safety in depth through various lenses and perspectives. The joint event from CITYNET, SPARC, ACHR, UN-HABITAT and UNESCAP facilitated discussions centring on challenges in the region with a focus on governance and policing. Innovations and tools were used to inform the way towards more meaningful and practical actions. Representatives from 15 municipalities from over 10 countries within the region included those from LGs, community groups, international organisations, academia and the police department. Perspectives from outside the region such as from Bogota, Colombia were also shared. The three days of lively discussion also featured outcomes from the joint study and project of UN-HABITAT as part of its Safer Cities Programme (SCP) along with country presentations, interesting practices in governance and open forums. Highlights of the workshop were site visits which offered a high amount of accessibility to many different venues such as the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), the Public Safety Centre, the Marikina Public Schools, the Marikina River Park, the Central Command System of Rescue 161 and the Public Services Center and Engineering and the Central Warehouse. Furthermore, a visit to the Makati police station and its Command Control and Communication System illuminated participants to the challenges of its daily operations.

The workshop concluded with the establishment of concrete regional action plans to improve urban safety in participant cities. A key finding was the recognition of urban safety as a demand-driven, highly localised concept, therefore it is difficult to provide a collective summary of each city's plans. However, the common thread is a necessary partnership between all urban stakeholders, including local governments, police, and the communities themselves to tackle the many parameters of safety. City governments are suited to particular approaches, such as building safe physical environments, public transportation and pedestrian routes. NGOs, meanwhile, can work with specific populations on issues like gender roles, community policing and opportunities for a better livelihood. When police and communities work together, as shown in slum communities of Mumbai, neighbourhood safety issues can be addressed quickly.

In addition to coalition-building, participants recognised that to effect change the general attitude towards urban safety needs to be adjusted. City governments must learn to think of urban safety as a service they provide to citizens and residents. This in turn requires each city to mainstream urban safety and clearly define which populations should enjoy access to public services. While difficult to initiate, this fundamental change in attitude will lead to safer cities and happier citizens. Realising both the importance and difficulty of this issue, CITYNET will provide an online platform for further networking between cities as they complete their urban safety agendas. Additionally, CITYNET plans to incorporate urban safety as an issue in more training and capacity building programmes, particularly in future KLRTC trainings, as well as further exchanges of knowledge through CITYNET's flagship City-to-City cooperation programme.

1. and 2. Key findings from the study on urban safety and poverty in Asia and the Pacific (UN-HABITAT; UNESCAP) by Donovan Storey, The University of Queensland

Sharing Solid Waste Management Practices at KLRTC XIX

Publications



Post-AWAREE - Major Outcomes Leaflet

A one-page leaflet providing a summary of the major outcomes from the 3-year project is available for download from our website. It covers the outcomes for the four beneficiary cities Colombo, Danang, Dhaka and Makati. The full report will be available next month.



CITYNET at the Shanghai Expo

CITYNET informational brochures in both English and Chinese will be available outside the UN Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo. CITYNET president Yokohama City will also join the Shanghai Expo. Yokohama's office in Shanghai will support CITYNET Secretariat through distribution of materials. CITYNET materials will be available at the UNISDR booth.

CITYNET Events

Yokohama Waterworks Bureau/CITYNET Training Programme
Yokohama, Japan
July 4 - 17, 2010

KLRTC XX on Integrated Urban Planning
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
July 26 - 29, 2010

Pre-APEC International Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change for Resilient Asia-Pacific Cities
CITYNET / CLAIR

August 17 - 18, 2010

Yokohama, Japan

CITYNET in partnership with CLAIR and the city of Yokohama will host this workshop which aims to ensure local actions are in place for adaptation to climate change and transfer of Japanese initiatives to other cities in Asia and the Pacific. Invitation letters have been sent to CITYNET members and partners.



(Top left - right) Participants join in discussions at Shah Alam's Community Recycling Centre. Dr Nadzri of Malaysia presents his country's policy on SWM. (Bottom left - right) Participants at a site visit to Kuala Lumpur's waste transfer station. The CITYSHARE Process in action.

Promising new C2C partnerships, particularly with Taipei, were a significant outcome of the 19th KLRTC/CIFAL training on 'Solid Waste Management in the Asia Pacific Region'. Many of the 35 participants formulated plans to exchange experience with Taipei in city-wide integrated solid waste management and environmental education. Other cities laid foundation for partnerships as well. Dhaka plans to partner with Kuching and Kuala Lumpur to exchange best practices in Public-Private Partnership.

Participants from city governments in 18 countries were joined by those of UNITAR, private companies, NGOs, and educational institutions. These representatives eagerly sought opportunities for cooperation as well. Hidayah Ariffin of University Putra Malaysia reports that to follow up on the training, "I will proceed with my research on the utilization of wastes for producing value-added products. I welcome any parties to collaborate with my university". Dr Ariffin was not alone in expressing the desire for continued communication and cooperation. We are sure to see the fruits of these connections in variety of projects in the coming months.

In addition, participants enjoyed lectures by high-calibre speakers including Datuk Dr. Nadzri Yahaya, head of Malaysia's National Solid Waste Management Department, and Mr. Augustine Koh, the Secretary General of the International Green Purchasing Network. UNITAR's Philippe Athanassiou and CITYNET Secretariat's Dr. Arshad Baharudin facilitated the sessions regarding the CITYSHARE methodology, city action plans and evaluation. They were further briefed on best practises and master plans from representatives of Jakarta, Dhaka, Taipei, Phnom Penh as well as the practicalities of Public Private Partnership from Ms. Sarifah Yaacob of Alam Flora, Malaysia's largest solid waste management contractor. KLRTC was also honoured to welcome the first ever participation from Bandar Seri Begawan. Site visits included a technical tour of a waste transfer station, a community centre and the state of the art facilities of Putra jaya. The participants were also graciously hosted by Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Ahmad Ismail Fuad at a welcome dinner in the city.

CITYNET looks forward to building upon the action plans and furthering the commitments to C2C cooperation made at this session. The Secretariat thanks all participants and all KLRTC partners (Veolia Environnement, UNITAR, the City Hall of Kuala Lumpur) for their hard work that made this training a success.

Urban Planning in Cao Lanh

General Assembly of the World E-Governments Organization

Seoul, South Korea

September 6 - 8, 2010

Registration begins on May 1

Following the initiative by Seoul, 57 cities worldwide have discussed the launch of an international cooperative body to strengthen city-to-city cooperation and exchanges on e-governments. The fruit of this vision is the World e-Governments Organization of cities and local governments (WeGO). The Assembly is expected to create a significant momentum for international exchanges and cooperation for e-governments as it is scheduled to take place before the G20 summit talk to be held in Seoul in November. For more information see www.we-gov.org.

KLRTC XXI on Sustainable Urban Transport (Tentative)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

November, 2010 (TBC)

Global Mayor's Forum

Hong Kong and Shenzhen

November 5 - 8, 2010

The objectives include the enhancement of economic, cultural and cooperation of international cities and finding solutions to urban sustainability. CITYNET is a [strategic partner](#) of this forum. For more information please see the Global Mayor's Forum [website](#).

8th EverythingAboutWater Expo

Mumbai, India

January 6 - 8, 2011

International Exhibition and Conference on Water and Wastewater Management

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Selected International Events

Conference on Sustainable
Transportation & Traffic

July 1, 2010

Karachi, Pakistan



Jury members at the International Workshop on Sustainable Design: Supporting Sustainable Urban Development in Cao Lanh, Vietnam (Programme Director, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, centre)

CITYNET Programme Director Bernadia I. Tjandradewi recently participated as an international jury member in the International Workshop on Sustainable Design: Supporting Sustainable Urban Development in Cao Lanh, Vietnam, run by Les Ateliers, a French NGO working in planning, development and urban design. The workshop brought together primarily Vietnamese and French architects and urban planners of all ages and levels of experience to draft sample proposals for the redevelopment of Cao Lanh.

The project objectives are to research viable and sustainable urban planning solutions which has seen a significant rise in population as well as economic growth especially in the urban centres. More specifically they are looking at how to deal with the demographic growth in relation to climate change risks in the area (for example flooding is very common) and how to create dynamism between cities in the Delta.

After having two weeks to observe and research in the city, participants presented their proposals to the jury, local leaders and governments and the public of Cao Lanh. In addition to Ms. Tjandradewi, the jury included local and national government officials, as well as international development experts. Plans presented to the jury focused especially on environmentally-aware infrastructural development and resilience to natural disasters, especially regarding floods, to which Cao Lanh is particularly vulnerable as it is located in Mekong Delta. Additional information regarding this workshop can be found at www.ateliers.org.

Keeping Results in Perspective: CITYNET Audit for 2009 from Naga City



"There is one result that we are all working for - changing people's lives for the better; how we do that, is totally up to us."

This comment made by Mr. Francisco M. Mendoza, appointed auditor for CITYNET by member Naga City, The Philippines provides the framework and spirit in which the CITYNET audit was performed. This administrative activity is crucial to maintaining the transparency of CITYNET

programmes and activities which ultimately serves the goal of creating people-friendly cities. Mr. Mendoza who is the City Budget Officer and Acting City Administrator of Naga City successfully fulfilled their commitment to complete the audit for 2009 over the period of June 21 - 25, 2010.

5th i-Rec Conference and Workshop

July 15-20, 2010

Ahmedabad, India

An international conference for academics and practitioners on "Participatory Design and Appropriate Technology for Post-Disaster Reconstruction".

International Conference on Urban Public Transport: A Platform for Change

August 4-6, 2010

Kuching, Malaysia

5th Regional EST (Environmentally Sustainable Transport) Forum

August 23-25, 2010

Bangkok, Thailand

4th International Solar Cities Initiative World Congress

September 16-19, 2010

Dezhou, China

Under the theme "Solar Energy Changes Life", this congress will bring together scientists and practitioners from around the world to discuss alternative energy and sustainability.

IAEM Asia-Oceania Resilience Conference

October 5-6, 2010

Singapore

Emergency managers can learn about the latest technology to improve resilience and recovery from natural disasters.

E-learning Course on Innovations on Financing Cities

October 11 - December 17, 2010

IHS Application Deadline:

August 1, 2010

Provides participants with the latest innovations in financing large urban public projects. A 3-month instructor-led e-learning course that can be completed online. It includes modules on land value capture, public-private partnerships, accessing capital markets, remittances etc. Designed for advisors to mayors, staff members from finance, economic development, or infrastructure departments, urban consultants and academics.

Apply online: www.ihs.nl/login

Contact: Anirban Pal; Course Coordinator (a.pal@ihs.nl);

His extensive experience both in terms of administration and project monitoring - having worked for Naga City in numerous roles as diverse as media, project monitoring, implementation, and infrastructure as well as budgetary and financial roles - provided Mr. Mendoza with a broad perspective on the issues facing CITYNET. This in turn helped him to appreciate the mission of CITYNET members as well as the Secretariat with a focus on fairness and transparency. In terms of findings for CITYNET he said he felt that withstanding the small size, the Secretariat is doing a good job in terms of managing the internal requirements and duties. His findings include a revision of how membership dues are recorded.

Mr. Mendoza would like to see the Secretariat move towards implementing his recommendations as soon as possible however he is aware that some may not be practical at this time. Other suggestions for CITYNET include doing more pilot programmes and stronger focus on implementation of said programmes. He hopes members will continue to "be conscious of the results and how they are impacting people on the ground." The Secretariat has already undertaken measures to improve the accounting system and a full list of findings will be made available to Executive Committee members prior to the 27th Executive Committee Meeting.

The Secretariat would like to sincerely thank Mr. Mendoza for his extensive and thorough efforts.

Clusters Update



CLIMATE CHANGE

Eco-Tanks Project - Site Visit in San Fernando

A survey of the future sites for the installation of Eco-tanks was undertaken by CITYNET staff in San Fernando, La Union from June 18 - 20. During the visit CITYNET officials met with the Vice-Mayor of San Fernando, officials of the Environmental Department and Treasury Department as well as representatives from DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) of the Philippines.

San Fernando suggested two possible sites for the Eco-tanks, one located in San Francisco Beach and the other in the Fishermen's Village. The proposal included connecting the dirty water flows from three canals and treatment of the water which would flow into the larger capacity of an Eco-Tank. Both sites have strong arguments for the benefits that the Eco-tanks would provide especially considering aspects of economic development, improvement of the environment and quality of life for the marginalised people. Protection of the cleanliness of San Francisco beach is in line with the city's plan for upgrading the facilities located there as well as the wastewater from 35 - 50 cubos (beach huts). The Eco-tanks would provide benefits to both the 5000+ visitors a year as well as those utilising the cubos. The site near the Fishermen's Village would give benefits directly to the marginalised people from four barangays (communities). Ideally four Eco-tanks would be installed starting with one from CITYNET and others manufactured locally.

CITYNET wishes to commend the commitment from city officials and the local barangays as well as USAID and looks forward to the successful implementation of the tanks which is due to start installation at the end of summer/early fall. CITYNET's plan to fund the two Eco-tanks includes an allowance for community awareness and a capacity building programme while the city of San Fernando will cover other costs. The Eco-tank project is funded by Prince Albert Foundation and jointly implemented by CITYNET and UNITAR.

New Biogas Project will Begin in Negombo

CITYNET and UNITAR have agreed to cooperate on the implementation of the C2C cooperation project entitled "Promoting Sustainable Sanitation through Enhanced Partnership: City to City Cooperation on Waste Reduction Focusing on Biogas." Negombo

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[United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific Regional Section Congress](#)

October 19-22, 2010

Hamamatsu, Japan

Congress on the theme "Responding to Globalization"

[4th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities](#)

October 26-29, 2010

Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Theme: Ubiquitous Healthy City: the Application of Information Technology to Healthy Cities Initiatives

[International Conference on Climate Change and Global Warming](#)

October 27-29, 2010

Kyoto, Japan

Primarily for scientists and engineers, this conference is an opportunity to present the latest research in the field.

[3rd International Conference on Women's Safety:](#)

Building Inclusive Cities

November 22-24, 2010

New Dehli, India

Bringing together international actors in the field of women's safety for exchange and debate on key topics in current practice.

CITYNET

Events Calendar

Resources

[MDG Report for 2010](#)

Detailed information on achieving the MDGs.

[Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Council](#)

Resources are available on building stronger PPPs, urban infrastructure, water, and sanitation.

[IISD Research Library](#)

Databases and up-to-date research on the practice of sustainable development.

and CITYNET National Chapter in Sri Lanka have been designated as the project beneficiaries. Expected outcomes of this project include improved sanitation in Negombo, the development of multi-stakeholder partnerships, improved public health, increased savings for the citizenry through green technology, and a lower urban carbon footprint. The project will take place from June 2010 to March 2011 and will be integrated into the Climate Change Cluster activities of CITYNET.

DISASTER

CDRI Team Visits Makati for Follow-up



Ms. Yuki Matsuoka of UNISDR interviews personnel from Makati Rescue regarding their operations regarding their operations on disaster preparedness and emergency response.

As a follow-up to the CDRI Capacity Building Programme, Ms. Yuki Matsuoka from UNISDR Hyogo Office conducted face-to-face interviews with the departments and offices that compose the CDRI Makati Team for a microanalysis study on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action by local governments during the period of May 26-28, 2010. Ms. Matsuoka was able to meet with the heads and personnel from the 13 departments and offices of the City Government that handle budget/financial management, engineering, environment, human resource, health, hospital, public employment, rescue, social welfare, and urban planning. She also visited some of the City projects and programmes related to climate change mitigation/adaptation and disaster risk reduction such as the e-Jeepney, rainwater harvesting facility, and safe school. Additionally, she visited Manila Water, a private sector member of the CDRI Makati Team, which presented its water supply contingency plan for Makati.



Ms. Yuki Matsuoka (UNISDR) and Dr. Rajib Shaw (center) together with the CDRI Makati Team

In addition to the interview and study visit Ms. Matsuoka, together with Dr. Rajib Shaw from Kyoto University, met with all the team members to discuss the next steps for the CDRI in Makati. Together with Kyoto University and UNISDR, Makati shall implement the

The Ecologically Sustainable Water Management Framework

Produced by the US-based Nature Conservancy, this website outlines a programme in which human needs for water are met by storing and diverting water in a manner that can sustain or restore the ecological integrity of affected river ecosystems.

Partner News & Events

SUTP Asia Project Update

The Sustainable Urban Transport Project in Asia is jointly implemented by the Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), CITYNET, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA). CITYNET has agreed to provide updates about the project.

Rea Vaya and the Soccer World Cup

GTZ is currently working with the City of Johannesburg on the planning and construction of its Bust Rapid Transit System (BRTS) called the Rea Vaya, just in time for the World Cup!

ADB Transport Forum, Manila, 25-27 May 2010

Representative of over 30 countries came together at the 2010 ADB Transport Forum in Manila, Philippines, from 25-27th May, themed "Changing Course for the Transport Sector." Mr. Manfred Breithaupt, GTZ Senior Transport Advisor and Project Director of GTZ's Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP), participated in the Forum and co-organised a session on 'Capacity Building for Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia.'

Transport Demand Management (TDM) module now translated to Bahasa Indonesia

Authored by Todd Litman, Andrea Broaddus and Gopinath Menon, this document focuses on strategies for implementing TDM measures and on formulating related policies. Cities contemplating solutions to their urban transport problems will find this training document useful while making policy and other decisions. This document has been translated into

CDRI profiling in all the 33 barangays of the City sometime this year. Makati is the Lead City of CITYNET's Disaster Cluster.

INFRA

AIILSG Plans Short-term Cluster Goals and Activities

As a follow-up to a meeting in [Seoul](#) with INFRA Cluster lead, the Seoul Metropolitan Government, Cluster co-lead ([AIILSG](#)) [All India Institute of Local Self Government](#) met with the CITYNET Secretariat in June to map out short term goals and concrete activities for the coming months. AIILSG will begin drafting a survey of INFRA Cluster members in



order to better determine their needs and thus design more effective programming for the future. Cluster members will also be encouraged to communicate with each other through CITYNET's website, which will be used as a platform for international dialogue as more features are added.

Finally, AIILSG, MCGM and CITYNET plan to co-host a seminar in Mumbai in mid-September. This seminar will serve the dual purposes of providing cluster members with an opportunity to present their best practices and case studies, as well as providing a chance for the INFRA Cluster to showcase its activities to potential new Indian member cities. INFRA Cluster members are highly encouraged to participate in these exciting upcoming events.

Picture: AIILSG Executive Directors, Mr. Ajay Agrawal and Mr Nachiket Dhruva, with CITYNET Dep. Sec. General, Dr. Kim Gyeng Chul and SMG Director of Transportation Policy, Mr. Shin Yong Mok together in Seoul, in a meeting of the INFRA Cluster lead and co-leads.

MDGs

Moving Towards Achieving the MDGs

CITYNET is planning to follow up on the recommendations stemming from the urban safety workshop in Marikina this month. This includes incorporation of urban safety into the agenda of the upcoming KLTRC XX on urban planning as well as a possible study visit to Mumbai in late summer/early fall.

Satellite Office

The Satellite Office is planning to host a number of workshops for members and is also encouraging members to participate in future CITYNET activities.

National Chapter Update

National Chapter and Satellite Office Web Conference with Secretary General

Mary Jane Ortega, Secretary General of CITYNET chaired the most recent CITYNET National Chapters and Satellite Office skype conference on June 7. The session provided the opportunity for the NCs and SO to speak directly about their concerns, upcoming activities and how to maximise the effectiveness of events and increase membership in their respective regions. The Secretary General plans to maintain regular communication with the NCs and SOs to discuss challenges and monitor progress.



Bangladesh

The NC in Bangladesh has had an active and productive two months, despite a devastating fire that affected many members. Besides hosting a general planning meeting to discuss administrative issues such as registering for official NGO status, the NC also held 3 seminars on climate change. The NC is moving forward with a rooftop gardening project in Dhaka to promote composting and rainwater harvesting, implemented in partnership with Nogar Krishok ("Urban Farmer").

Bahasa Indonesia and is available for download.

Reading List on Public Transport Integration Updated

Issues covered range from organisational and institutional aspects to more technical aspects, such as the development of integrated ticketing systems. The reading list includes best practises and projects on public transport integration from countries around the world.

Side Event of the German Government on May 12th, 2010

At a CSD18 Side Event titled "Getting Transport on Track - Global Challenges and Initiatives on Technology Innovation Solutions and Capacity Development," Mr. Daniel Bongardt of GTZ made a presentation on 'Sustainable Urban Transport in Developing Countries - Examples from Indonesia and South Africa'.

For a full list of upcoming SUTP events please see www.sutp.org

Archive

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Glossary of Acronyms

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Indonesia

Keeping with their strong history of commitment to MDG achievement, the NC hosted a seminar on best practices in vocational education management in Pangkal Pinang (June 21-23, 2010) which was one of the outcomes determined from the NC annual meeting held in Tomohon City in November 2009. The objective of the seminar was to share experiences on management practices so that local governments could re-affirm their commitments to the progression of educational programmes towards MDG achievement. Main recommendations included more focus on the implementation of the vocational education system which correlates to the quality of infrastructure, better access for the poor, quality of teachers and adjustment to business and industry demands.



During the seminar, NC Indonesia also held a meeting among its members. Discussions included 1) the ratification of Sukabumi Regency as a new member of the Chapter; 2) determining the agenda for a seminar on managing local hospitals / village public health centers scheduled for October/November 2010 in Tarakan City; 3)

Determining the agenda for a seminar on e-governance scheduled for November 2010 in Surabaya City and 4) to make recommendations of new members for NC Indonesia to be tabled at the CITYNET 27th Executive Committee Meeting. The NC has also begun its pilot project on waste management at the local hospital in Sukabumi and is funded by CITYNET.



Nepal

NC Nepal recently began a joint project with Tansen Municipality on school sanitation. Toilet construction has already begun, and school officials will soon begin sanitation training for students. Despite personnel transfers, the NC looks forward to holding a General Council meeting in the near future. For the latest news, please see [the joint newsletter](#) of NC Nepal and MuAN.



Sri Lanka

A stronger sense of political stability has descended on Sri Lanka, allowing the NC to become more active and complete more projects. Their current signature project remains the biogas tank installation, which they hope to spread from Colombo to cities across Sri Lanka.

CITYNET Secretariat

New Secondment Staff Afsana Akther



The CITYNET Secretariat welcomes Afsana Akther as our newly-appointed Secondment Staff. She is an Anthropologist and did her MPH degree in Reproductive Health. She has been working as Assistant Chief Waste Management Officer in the Planning and Community Solid Waste Management Section of the Waste Management Department under Dhaka City Corporation. She says that this is a great opportunity for her to join CITYNET as the

Secondment Staff for the year 2010. During her tenure in the CITYNET Yokohama Office she looks forward to improving her communication skills with the international community. She also believes that this working opportunity will help her to improve her ability and technical knowledge from the experienced and technically-sound staff of CITYNET and these programmes will increase her knowledge in various fields such as urban planning, development, programme management etc.

She is also expecting that following completion of this programme she will be able to make and maintain strong relationships with DCC and other city corporations in the

developed and developing world; strengthening the urban cities network with the goal of sharing and improving good urbanisation practises among all cities in Bangladesh. She also looks forward to contributing her skills for capacity building of DCC through sharing, networking and participation.

New Intern Mickaël Delcroix



I am currently a student focusing on international relations in Lille, France. I wanted to intern at CITYNET because it offers me a chance to put into practice my international skills and experience life in Asia. I look forward to participating in the daily activities of an international organisation and be involved in managing and observing how programmes and the connections within the network are maintained. My main tasks will be to assist with communication activities and helping to connect with members as much as possible. I will also be involved in CITYNET Youth Japan and sharing my knowledge with people from different parts of Asia. It is an honour to be part of the CITYNET team for the next three months!

CITYNET Youth Japan



International Organisations Football World Cup!

July 10th

July 10th

International Organisations Football World Cup!

CYJ Hosts 1st International Organisations World Cup

On July 10, 2010, CYJ will host a futsal tournament open to anyone in the Yokohama area with an interest in international cooperation and the World Cup! The tournament will be held at St. Maur International School from 12:30-5:00 pm. Players of all experience and skill levels are welcome to register as 5-8 person teams, or as individuals.

Please contact youth_japan@citynet-ap.org to register. We hope to see you out on the field soon! For more information, [click here](#).

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