

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Welcome to the latest edition of e-news! This issue is a special one, as it features a very important event of CITYNET - the 25th Anniversary Celebration. In addition, an overview of all the events that followed the ceremony has been included here to give you a detailed update about the major celebration as well as the progress of CITYNET. What lies ahead is still a question, but looking at the growth of CITYNET, it sure seems to have become one of the major sources for city-to-city co-operation in Asia-Pacific region.

CITYNET also mourned the loss of Mr. Jesse Robredo, current Secretary of Interior and Local Governments, and former mayor of Naga, the Philippines. Mr. Robredo was an active supporter of and made Naga elected as the Auditor of CITYNET for the period of 2010-2013. May his soul rest in peace and strengths to his family during this difficult moment!

Best wishes,
CITYNET Secretariat

CITYNET News & Events

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CITYNET Celebrates its 25 Years in Surabaya



Photos shown the CITYNET Awards ceremony and the winners, Seoul, Yokohama, Surabaya and Makati

Born on 27 July 1987, CITYNET celebrated its 25 years this year in big way with more than 1000 attendances. Surabaya, the second largest city in Indonesia gathered more than a thousand members, partners and local people to jointly celebrate the Network's of its existence. The celebration was held in conjunction with the 29th Executive Committee Session, the International Seminar on "Paving the Way towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities", Mayors' Meeting on DRR and various other side events from 9-12

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Vacancy: CITYNET seeks "Communication and Information Officer"

The position is responsible for planning, developing and managing all systems of information flow and communications in the Secretariat as well as maintaining and improving services on communication products and effective information flow within Secretariat and or with members and partners.

Applications will be considered until 7 September 2012 or until a suitable candidate is identified and selected. CITYNET Secretariat requests its members to announce about this job vacancy on their website! For more details, please refer to:
<http://www.citynet-ap.org/media-room/news/s/job-vacancy-communications-and-information-officer/>

July 2012 (see the articles further below).

For the first time, CITYNET launched the City-to-City (C2C) awards to commemorate its achievement. City-to-City (C2C) Cooperation has been the core approach of CITYNET that resulted to more than 500 exchanges amongst local governments and organisations through innovative transfer methods. CITYNET presented the awards to four distinguished cities: Yokohama, Makati, Surabaya and Seoul, under the category of Best Partner, Cooperation, Participation and Tomorrow of C2C, respectively. Medals were also given to CITYNET's longstanding/founding members.

CITYNET took the occasion to review and redesign the body at a special session supported by the World Bank on 9 July 2012. The outcomes of evaluation were presented that praised the achievements, however, also looked at issues that were unwell carried out over the past 25 years. The vision, deliverable actions and strategies for 2012 to 2020 were discussed and presented. The Review and Redesign Committee will work further for the development of the new vision.

The 29th Session of the Executive Committee was held on 10 July 2012 and attended by Executive Committee members, namely; Yokohama, Mumbai, Makati, Bangkok, Colombo, Dhaka, Kathmandu, Seoul, Surabaya, AILSG, and SDS (Greater Lyon was absent). Key outputs included the finalization of the registration of CITYNET and progress on the relocation of the Secretariat in Seoul in 2013.

The celebrations will continue in our member cities until December 2012 and the celebratory video messages from members and partners are available via youtube blast (<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1EB27F4DEE4D074F>). Please inform the Secretariat of any events that your city/organisation plans to organise this year.

A Cycling Tour and Clean City Workshop to Celebrate CITYNET's 25th Anniversary - Phnom Penh



Features of the 25 year celebration of CITYNET in July in Phnom Penh led by the Governor Kep Chuktema

On the occasion of CITYNET's 25th anniversary, Phnom Penh, an active member of CITYNET, conducted a bicycling event under the topic "Gathering for Clean City", and a workshop on "Join Together for Clean City". The bicycling event saw as many as 300 officers and students and was presided by H.E Governor Kep Chuktema and his wife in the morning of 28 July 2012. The Governor had talks with all the participants before his departure. Today, bicycling has become an activity that helps cleaner the city through reducing environment pollution of vehicles. Bicycling can encourage all citizens to exercise, play sports for better health and non-polluted environment.

Furthermore, the workshop for a clean city took place under the presence of Mr. Koun Sreng, Deputy Governor of Phnom Penh on July 24th, 2012 to evaluate the management of solid waste, improve the waste separation management and reduce plastic usage publicly in the city. By this opportunity, Mr. Koun Sreng has identified some measures to the authority for keeping the city clean such as: 1) Provide clear calendar on waste collection in each region to Sangkat (district level) for disseminating to citizens, 2) Encourage campaign related to plastic usage reduction, 3) Enable the measure on wrong disposal fining and so on.

"The 25th anniversary celebration of CITYNET also marks 10 years of Phnom Penh as a member of CITYNET", added the Governor. CITYNET helps Phnom Penh in organising the city in terms of security, good image, and good environment. Phnom Penh practises such activities for the development and success of the city and also admires the other

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Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation

CITYNET encourages members to register and apply for this award. It is open to all city and regional governments around the world. Deadline is: **September 30, 2012**.

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Website: <http://www.guangzhouaward.org>

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Celebrating 25 Years of Partnerships



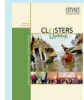
CITYNET's 25th Anniversary issue is a short compilation of the history, progress and achievements of the organisation. It also shares the goals of CITYNET and its future path.

Annual Report 2012 of CITYNET



The Annual Report covers a range of activities of the Network, National Chapters as well as its Clusters.

Volume 12 Cluster Update Summer 2012



The new Cluster Update which is a compilation of all the reports and activities of four clusters Climate Change, Infrastructure, Disaster and MDGs carried from March to August 2012 will soon be available in CITYNET's website (members page only).

CITYNET member cities all around the world.

As of August 2012, celebrations were made in Surabaya and Phnom Penh. The City of Yokohama is inviting members to join the celebration in October. Celebration will be held until December 2012. Members of CITYNET are requested to inform the Secretariat of any plan and actions.

As mentioned in:

<http://www.phnompenh.gov.kh/news-4-elements-for-clean-city-3209.html>

<http://www.phnompenh.gov.kh/news-a-cycling-tour-around-city-to-celebrate-citynet-s-25th-anniversary-3237.html>

Paving the Way towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities in Surabaya



Top-L: Musical performance by children using the recycled goods; Top-R: Tree plantation as part of the Seminar; Bottom-L: Secretary General of CITYNET presented a gift to Mayor of Surabaya; Bottom-R: Finger printed in the park - one way to bring memory back.

As part of the 25 year celebration of CITYNET in Surabaya, the International Seminar on Paving the Way Towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities was held. Surabaya has been the appropriate place for such theme recognising its success in changing Surabaya from a dirty to clean and green city. Led by a dynamic lady Mayor Tri Rismaharini, Surabaya was transformed into a liveable city with strong participation from community and many other stakeholders. This made Surabaya no doubt the winner of the C2C Award of CITYNET under "participation" category.

The seminar featured Ms. Erna Witoelar, former Minister of Human Settlements of Indonesia as a keynote speaker. She spoke the challenges in meeting the environmentally sustainable cities, including the reduction of consumption of resource input and the impact of waste output on nature, and the increase of livability of cities. A panel discussion of Mayor of Surabaya and Iloilo, President of KOTI, representative of UNESCAP with the facilitation of Mr. Vijay Jagannathan of the World Bank concluded that it was necessary to identify an appropriate level of intervention on the real problematic situation. Furthermore, it was crucial that cities have to develop their own ability to respond to unpredicted change by building a sustainable relationship with their internal and surrounding environment, as well as to formulate new concepts between conservative and progressive approach for sustainable urban development.

Best practices were also presented by caliber speakers representing Surabaya, Mumbai, Suva, Penang, INTA, KEMCO, IGES and many others. Key points highlighted were 'the green concept' for implementation of planning, design, open space, waste and water management, transportation, energy, building and soon. The importance of good spatial governance by setting up the priority agenda, and the integration between strategies and stakeholders, and green growth on transport model were also shared. Meanwhile the competency development for root problems needs to focus on social capital, technological option (appropriate technology research based on local resources), environmental leadership (capacity building of agent of change in multiplication and influencing policy), and partnership models (multistakeholder strategic planning and partnership strengthening).

CITYNET + Member & Partner Events

- SEPTEMBER -

2012 Yokohama Water Works/CITYNET's Training Course
Yokohama, Japan
27 August - 8 September 2012

World Urban Forum 6
Urban Future and the Prosperity of Cities
Naples, Italy
1-6 September 2012

KLRTC 25: Urban Infrastructure Financing Options in the Asia-Pacific Region:
Short-Course for City and Municipal Officers
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18-21 September 2012

- OCTOBER -

Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and the Pacific Region
Best Practices Sharing Workshop
Seoul, Korea
8-10 October 2012

CITYNET 25th Anniversary and the 17th CITYNET-Japan Forum on Disaster Management
Yokohama, Japan
30-31 October 2012

- NOVEMBER -

KLRTC 26: Integrated Urban Planning
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
November 2012

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WeGo

World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments (WeGO) is a membership-based network of cities and local governments with focus on e-governance. Inaugurated in Seoul in 2010, WeGO has 58 member cities around the world. It convenes meetings and workshops, provides e-government training sessions and consultation, conducts WeGO Awards, and cooperates with international organizations for joint projects. The 2nd General Assembly of WeGO will be held in Barcelona on 12-13 November 2012 in parallel with Smart City Expo and World Congress. For more information, please visit [WeGO Website](#).

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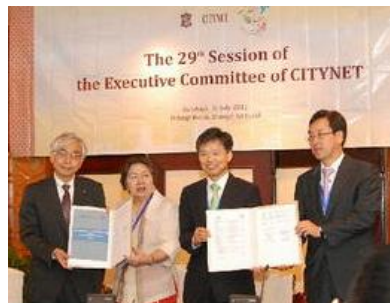
Climate Change Plans and Infrastructure in Asian Cities - "Asian cities are not planning for climate change challenge"

Only 3 percent of Asian cities have a plan to tackle the challenge of climate change, a regional study of nearly 900 cities found. Surprisingly, of the 29 cities with climate change plans, only five are capital cities: Bangkok, Delhi, Seoul, Singapore and Tokyo. Most plans were developed by cities in

The host city, Surabaya, invited all participants to have their fingers printed and tree plantations in one of the main parks. The activities provided the binding memory on the city that will motivate participants to return to Surabaya again in the future.

Other events held in conjunction with the 25 year anniversary in Surabaya were the Mayors' Meeting towards the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the international Seminar on Sharing Experience in Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and the CITYNET Disaster Cluster Meeting (see the report below).

Co-operation Between CITYNET and the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) for Sustainable Development



From left: Mr. Takashi Suzuki, Deputy Mayor, the City of Yokohama, the President City of CITYNET, Ms. Mary Jane C. Ortega, Secretary General, CITYNET, Dr. Gyeng-Chul Kim, President, KOTI, Mr. Chung Ha Suh, Ambassador for International Relations, Seoul Metropolitan Government (The Executive Committee Member of CITYNET).

CITYNET and the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalise a non-exclusive framework of cooperation on 10 July, 2012 in Surabaya, Indonesia, in conjunction with the 29th Executive Committee Session and the 25th Anniversary of CITYNET. The MOU aims to facilitate the collaboration between CITYNET and KOTI to contribute to the sustainable development especially but not limited to sustainable urban transport in Asia and the Pacific region. Areas of cooperation includes knowledge sharing programme, joint researches, projects and publications. The first joint activity will be on the Best Practices Sharing Workshop on Sustainable Transport to be held from October 8 to 10, 2012 in Seoul, Korea. Members of CITYNET are invited to attend. Please contact the Secretariat at info@citynet-ap.org for further details.

Jesse Rebredo, the Former Mayor of Naga Dies in a Plane Crash

CITYNET was mourning the loss of Jesse Robredo, the former Mayor of Naga, who died in a plane crash on August 18, 2012. The plane from Cebu to Naga, experienced an engine failure and had planned an emergency landing. But it crashed off the Masbate Island shore. However, the former mayor's body was found only on August 21 at 8:15 a.m. The divers found his body 180 feet under water.



Jesse was the current Secretary of Interior and Local Governments of the Philippines. During his term as mayor of Naga, Jesse was able to bring Naga into an international arena. His leadership has inspired people and become a role model for elected city leaders and officials, members of CITYNET. Jesse attended the 2009 CITYNET's Congress in Yokohama where Naga was elected as the Auditor of Network for the period of 2010-2013. It is a saddening news for CITYNET. All we can say is that may his soul rest in peace and may god give strength to his family during this difficult time!

Source : <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/270553/lifestyle/people/jesse-robredo-made-naga-city-a-happy-place>

Seoul reaffirms as an inclusive city through "People-driven, Co-operative and Community Building" approaches



A workshop on inclusive cities was held in Seoul on August 9-11. Nearly 100 participants took part to seek alternative development approaches for the urban poor in Seoul and Asian cities.

India, China and Vietnam. The report, published by the Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia) and the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) with support from GIZ, gives an insight into climate change priorities in urban policies, plans and investments of Asian cities to guide future decisions. <http://www.cdia.asia/knowledge-materials/cities-and-climate-change/?preview=true>

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Guide for Municipalities

The Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) has prepared a PPP Guide for Municipalities offering an innovative view to help local governments understand how to approach a potential PPP projects and to review some issues that may come up in the process. <http://www.cdia.asia/knowledge-materials/ppp/>

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Organised by CITYNET and its members, SMG, Asian Bridge and ACHR, the workshop was the follow-up on previous dialogues with SMG and local communities. Dated back to 2009 at the General Council, the members expressed their intention towards creating "Inclusive Cities" in line with the movement of the Secretariat to Seoul.

The workshop covered a wide range of areas, from the city's history in housing policies and its challenges, to case of community-based low-income housing in Asia. In Seoul, numerous cage-typed one-room houses (called *Jokbang*) and vinyl house communities have been formed for the last 20 years and are currently scattered, many of which are illegal. The residents live in a very insecure and inadequate environment with poor utility services. Seoul's government's policy was mainly focused on the provision of rental housing in the past but resulted in some negative effects, making those residents more marginal from the society. At present, however, the city's (re)development paradigm is shifting from governmental-driven to people-driven development after the current mayor's inauguration in October 2011, so this time learning from other cities' best practices is recommended to SMG for developing a practical policy model.

"We feel huge losses from the non-humanitarian redevelopment policies so far and currently regard the urban poor as one of the major issues that the city has to address." concluded the Mayor of Seoul, Mr. Won-soon Park. "The city is encouraging community planning/design based on the concept of 'settlement' and feels the necessity of amending the Law on Common Goods in order to accommodate the poor people" he added. He also noted that he is drafting the minimum standards for housing based on the housing rights, one of the rights to pursue one's happiness stated on the Korean Constitution. "The city will respect for the society with diversity and accordingly, promote a city with togetherness between the rich and the poor."

A number of findings were gained. In fact, it was the first time for local people to attend this kind of workshop which was previously open only to city officers and experts from outside. They said a channel for dialogue has only been opened to the insiders. Through the workshop, the city government has been encouraged to host this meaningful time and place again and to establish a standing committee for discussion and negotiation in the near future under the support of CITYNET and ACHR.

It is expected that within the next 2 years, a series of processes of investigation, concrete proposals to SMG and international solidarity will be formulated for implementation. A day ahead of the workshop, participants had an orientation on the local context and field trip to vinyl house settlements and *Jokbang* communities, including *Jaegeon* Village which had already been introduced in our 2012 May/June e-news (please click: http://www.citynet-ap.org/images/uploads/cityvoice/CITYNET_e-News_63.pdf).

Clusters Update



CLIMATE CHANGE

Iloilo Project on Climate Change Adaptation and Alternative Livelihood for Fisher Folks

The removal of illegal fish pen in Iloilo River was envisioned as a long term solution to restore the declining fish population and to mitigate sedimentation of the river bed. However, the removal of the fish pens has an adverse effect on the livelihood of more than 70 fisher folks who are dependent on fishing. In the past, the use of compliant fishing gears was encouraged, but to no avail. To avert frequent flooding of some villages and to control the proliferation of illegal structures in Iloilo River, the Iloilo River Development Council passed a resolution during the Iloilo River Summit of March 2011 to remove all illegal structures in the river, including fish pens. At the same time, alternative livelihood program for displaced fisher folks were sought. With the financial assistance from CITYNET, the Iloilo River Development Council, through the Office of City Agriculturist moved to mobilize the affected fisher folks.

Between the period March 4 and March 23, 2011 community meetings were held in three villages, namely Barangay South San Jose, Barangay Sooc and Barangay Navais. These are the villages where most of the affected fisher folks were residing. The removal of their fish pens along Iloilo River and the alternative livelihood were taken up during these meetings. There were resistance at first but eventually they agreed when the prospect of

getting better income from the different alternative livelihood proposals. Financial assistance from the Office of Senator Franklin was soon announced. These were intended as a grant to affected fisher folks, to augment the financial assistance that was earlier proposed to CITYNET.

By the end of the month of March, the guideline for availing the financial assistance was developed by the Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council. These are: 1) Priority shall be given to those who were affected by the removal of the fish pen; 2) The financial grant shall solely be used by the beneficiary in the development of an alternative livelihood; 3) The funds from all sources shall be recoverable to benefit other fisher folks; 4) Whenever possible, other assistance such as a skills trainings and marketing assistance shall be extended to the affected fisher folks

The 72 fisher folks are currently in need of more technical assistance to ensure the viability of their chosen alternative livelihood. Additional livelihood intervention schemes are being explored for them including their family members. Skill training is an option being looked into. Other fisher folks affected by declining fish population in the river are being considered as additional beneficiaries of this programme.

DISASTER

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and the Disaster Cluster Meeting



The Seminar on Sharing Experience in Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation together with three (3) other parallel sessions: the CITYNET Disaster Cluster Meeting, the UNISDR Local Government Self-Assessment Tool (LGSAT), Quick Guide and Climate Change

Adaptation (CCA) and Plan International's Child-

Centered Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) was concluded on 13 July 2012. The event was hosted by the Government Regency of Sidoarjo, Indonesia and conducted in partnership with the UN bodies – UNISDR, and ESCAP. The meeting was in conjunction with

CITYNET's 25th Anniversary and the International Seminar held in Surabaya (see the articles above). More than 110 participants attended and shared their sound initiatives on DRR and CCA with focus on: (1) local risk governance: developing policies and institutional framework at local level to reduce disaster and climate risks; (2) building public private partnership at the local level; (3) empowering local governments and communities; and (4) mainstreaming local DRR and CCA into national policies.

Representatives from the Government of Indonesia and the World Bank – Jakarta presented their initiatives on empowering local government through decentralisation of authorities, budget and building capacity as well as DRR at the local level.



The Disaster Cluster Meeting indeed had a productive discussion with several proposed projects, including having early

warning education at the community level, tools/guidelines on how to mainstream DRR and CCA in city land use and development plans, strengthening volunteerism towards collaborative coordination/response actions, strategies for Eco-Redevelopment of disaster-affected areas (case in point: Baguio City, Philippines' Trash Slide Incident).

Aside from these proposed projects, other activities were also discussed such as coming up with an Emergency Evacuation Plan, creation of and Skills Training for Community Emergency Response Teams, identifying strategies on managing economy in disaster-prone areas and policy development for upgrading mental/psychosocial condition of disaster victims. A follow-up Training cum Strategic Planning Workshop will be hosted by Makati (Cluster's Chair) in November 2012.

Prior to the closing of the event, mayors, vice mayors and other local government officials in attendance affirmed their commitment on "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 pledges to commit to the "Ten Point Checklist: Essential for Making Cities Resilient".

Following the Seminar, participants visited the Sidoarjo mud flow or Lapindo mud at the sub-district of Porong, Sidoarjo that affected significant number of victims. It has been in eruption since May 2006 and is the biggest mud volcano in the world. At its peak, it spews up to 180,000 m³ of mud per day. It is expected that the flow will continue for the next 25 to 30 years. Although the Sidoarjo mud flow has been contained by levees since November 2008, resultant flooding regularly disrupts local highways and villages, and further breakouts of mud are still possible. Sidoarjo welcomes any support from all over the world to help reduce its impacts.

Mayors Met towards the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Mayors met on 10 July 2012 in Surabaya to prepare for the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) to be held on 22-25 October 2012 in Yogyakarta. With the facilitation of Mayor Patrick Jed Mabilog of Iloilo City, Philippines, they were able to come up with the "Draft Statement of Mayors and Local Government Authorities" which will be further improved by soliciting inputs from various local government authorities to be presented in the 5th AMCDRR.

They also discussed several concerns that the local governments would like to be addressed by the said Ministerial Conference: (1) to ensure access to resources for DRR for funding and information on hazards, disaster risks and guidelines of necessary actions; (2) strengthen capacity of local governments through building partnerships with the local academia, NGOs, development partners as well as with national government agencies; (3) strong coordination among government agencies at all levels, as well as with CBOs/NGOs for more collaborative and harmonized actions especially in emergency response; (4) strengthen and develop legislation and policies; (5) enhance community level actions through CBDRM; and (6) promote multi-stakeholder approach including the private sector.



Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and Pacific Region: A Best Practices Sharing Workshop - Announcement

CITYNET will be conducting the "Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and Pacific Region: A Best Practices Sharing Workshop" on October 8-10, 2012 in partnership with the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) to be held at the Korea International Exhibition Center (KINTEX), Seoul. The best practices sharing workshop aims to share the lessons learned on meeting the transportation challenges focusing on the theme of urban transportation planning in Asia. It will also be a platform for local governments to network and develop city-to-city cooperation especially with the private sectors. For more information, see <http://english.koti.re.kr/>.



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National Chapters Update

Nepal

Gulariya Benefitted from the Biogas Project

An update from the Nepal Chapter of CITYNET that helped ensure the successful completion of the biogas project constructed at a slaughter house in Gulariya Municipality. The project has brought environment and economical benefits to the community. It generated energy, employment for the operation and maintenance of the

plant and improved sanitation. The internal revenue of the municipality is expected to increase in future. Other municipalities are eager to replicate such ventures.

School Sanitation Improvement in Ramgram

Nepal Chapter is the only Chapter applying so far for a CITYNET funded project for 2012 – the annual fund available since 2010. The 2012 project is a replication of the 2010 project completed in Tansen on school sanitation program. The success of Tansen's project has attracted interest from various municipalities in Nepal and Ramgram has been the first to replicate the project.

The prime objective of this project is to construct gender and user-friendly restrooms in a public school to improve the sanitation conditions of the students and to deliver a workshop on importance of sanitation and hygiene to the students, parents and the teachers as well. It is expected to benefit 350 students and staff members.



Indonesia

Update

CITYNET Indonesia National Chapter's members met on the occasion of the 25 year celebration in Surabaya. The gathering aimed to update its members of activities. Present at the meeting was Ms. Erna Witoelar, founder and adviser of CITYNET Indonesia and its President, Mr. Rizal Effendi, Mayor of Balikpapan. In total, CITYNET Indonesia now has 23 members comprising of 18 cities, 23 regent, and two NGOs (including the Association of Indonesian Municipalities). The Chapter has completed several activities including the Best Practices Sharing Workshop on Transportation in Bogor. As for the remaining months, the Chapter plans to hold a workshop on health issue in Kupang and a study visit on urban management in Netherland. In addition, the Chapter will also update the MDGs achievements of its members, finalisation of website and business plan. For more information, please send an email to:

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Sidoarjo Hosted its First CITYNET's Event

Sidoarjo Regent, a Chapter's member, hosted its first CITYNET event on Disaster Risk Reduction following the celebration of CITYNET's 25 anniversary in Surabaya in July. The theme was very much relevant to the people in Sidoarjo as they experienced a mudflow disaster - the biggest mud volcano in the world (see the article under Disaster Cluster above).

CITYNET Secretariat

Interns



Mamiko Kuwaki graduated from International Christian University with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and the University of Tokyo with a master's degree in Sustainability Science. She focused on social functions of green spaces. Her concern is the degradation of environment and the issues of urban poverty, exclusion and informality caused by the rapid urbanisation in Asia. As an intern at CITYNET, she is involved in the project formulation of empowering local communities for sustaining vegetable production in rural/peri-urban areas of Nepal. Shesays, "I appreciate the opportunity to work in CITYNET, which deepens my understanding of grass-root level international cooperation and enables me to improve my skills. I'd like to use my experience to promote cooperation among Asian cities." She will be in CITYNET until September 2012.



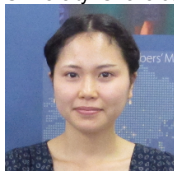
Sarra Shieh is an international student from China. Presently, she is studying in Graduate School of Urban Social and Cultural Studies, Yokohama City University. Her major is International Communication, particularly dedicating to create an efficient place/opportunity, which is able to make



cooperation between international students and local residents.

As an international student, she feels the need to learn everything through a variety of different experience no matter how it is far away from my major while studying abroad. After half a month working here, she realises that she should pay more attention to international affairs, such as Disaster Prevention and Climate Change problem which are extremely close to our daily life. She further adds, "I would like to share the know-how on Disaster Risk Reduction and Environmental Protection that I will learn from this internship with my friends in China. It is a great honor if I have an opportunity to promote cooperation between city in Japan and city in China through CITYNET."

Ikue Takeuchi is an undergraduate student majoring sociology at Wako University. She is concentrating on all kinds of issues that belong to sociology. But her focus is mainly on labour and poverty issues in Japan. As an intern at CITYNET, she wants to gain an experience of working in an international organisation. She feels that her English language skills will also improve at CITYNET. Her interest lies in knowing about different Asian countries, and CITYNET is a great source for her to make her aware of the Asia – Pacific region, its goals and challenges.



Kento Kawamura graduated from Keio University, with a bachelor's degree in engineering, particularly focused on architecture and urban design. His interests relate to redevelopment based on local community which plays an active role in the project. He is going to study urban design and how to conduct community through redesigning a city at New Castle University in UK from September 2012. Before this September, he has been internship in CITYNET for three months and been involved in the publication of the recovery projects in Sri Lanka and Indonesia after Tsunami disaster 2004 and the Cluster Update. "I am really pleased to obtain the opportunity to be involved in the projects in Asian countries, in which the local people have a stronger will to improve their living environment than in Japan. I would like to make use of our experience of the recovery in Sri Lanka and Galle to the recovery in Tohoku." He will be in CITYNET until August 2012.



CITYNET Youth Japan

YOKE Summer Special Global Seminar for Youth

YOKE (Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges), a CITYNET Associate member held a seminar in Yokohama on August 5-6, 2012. It aimed to promote cooperation activities of international organisations hosted by Yokohama, namely FAO, WFP, ITTO, UNU-IAS, and CITYNET.



The first and second day sessions focused on food issue and environment and global sustainability, respectively. A panel discussion facilitated by Dr. Mitsuo Yoshida, JICA Senior Advisor was joined by Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, Programme Director, CITYNET, who highlighted Asian urban alarming and climate change. Other panelists were from ITTO who shared its rainforests sustainable, and UNU-IAS who raised the issue of palm oil sustainability in Indonesia. After the panel discussion, participants, mostly undergraduate students in Yokohama, had opportunities to ask questions about career path of the panelists, which was full of energetic interaction.

Partner News & Events

SUTP Asia Project Update

The Sustainable Urban Transport Project in Asia is jointly implemented by the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), CITYNET, UNESCAP, and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA). CITYNET has agreed to provide updates.

GIZ supports The City of Windhoek, Namibia towards developing a Sustainable Urban Transport Plan

Windhoek the capital and largest city of the Republic of Namibia, in partnership with the Ministry of Works and Transport has begun to work on a Sustainable Urban Transport Plan. In this context, a public discussion will be held on how citizens can engage in the urban transport planning process. The aim of this initiative is to develop a plan that will guide future development of public transport, walking and cycling in the City of Windhoek. The plan is supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic

Cooperation and Development through its implementing agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. More Information:
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/news-archive-mainmenu-156/sutp-articles-mainmenu-236/3357-rethinking-mobility-in-windhoek>

GIZ SUTP conducts training workshop at "Cities for Mobility- The 6th World Congress, 2012"

The 6th World Congress of the global network Cities for Mobility took place from 1-4th July 2012 in Stuttgart, focusing on safe and secure social spaces. Experts from all around the world presented their work and shared their experiences in the field of traffic safety. GIZ SUTP presented its work on sustainable urban transport, and conducted a training workshop on implementing "Public Bike Schemes" with nearly 20 participants. More Information: <http://www.sutp.org/index.php/news-archive-mainmenu-156/sutp-articles-mainmenu-236/3325-cities-for-mobility-the-6th-world-congress-2012-july-14-2012-in-stuttgart>

Recent GIZ Publications

GIZ releases report on "Reducing Carbon Emissions through TDM Strategies - A Review of International Examples"
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/news-archive-mainmenu-156/sutp-articles-mainmenu-236/3378-reducing-carbon-emissions-through-tdm-strategies-a-review-of-international-examples>

GIZ-SUTP Module 5h "Urban Transport and Energy Efficiency" now available in Chinese language <http://www.sutp.org/index.php/news-archive-mainmenu-156/sutp-articles-mainmenu-236/3356-the-sutp-sourcebook-module-5h-urban-transport-and-energy-efficiency-is-now-available-in-chinese-language>

GIZ-SUTP Module 5g "Urban Transport and Health" now available in Chinese language <http://www.sutp.org/index.php/news-archive-mainmenu-156/sutp-articles-mainmenu-236/3331-gizs-module-on-urban-transport-and-health-sutp-module-5g-is-now-available-in-chinese-language>

GIZ releases report on "International Fuel Prices 2010/2011"
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/news-archive-mainmenu-156/sutp-articles-mainmenu-236/3292-released-international-fuel-prices-20102011>

Upcoming Events

First Air BRTS Conference
6-8 Sept, 2012, Ahmedabad, India
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/upcoming-events/details/54-first-asia-brts-conference>

TRANSED 2012
17-21 Sept, 2012, New Delhi, India
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/upcoming-events/details/22-transed-2012>

Urban Transport Conference
17 Sept, 2012, Brussels, Belgium
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/upcoming-events/details/92-urban-transport-conference>

European Transport Conference 2012

8-10 Oct, 2012, Venue: Glasgow, UK
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/upcoming-events/details/25-european-transport-conference-2012>

Workshop: Effective Solutions for Green Urban Transport

11 October, 2012, Utrecht, Netherland
<http://www.sutp.org/index.php/upcoming-events/details/70-workshop-effective-solutions-for-green-urban-transport>

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