

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

The 27th Executive Committee Meeting held in Yokohama this month showed the spirit of the network and gave opportunities for discussion on improvements and activities/plans for the coming year. CITYNET is proud to welcome five new members namely Barisal (Bangladesh), Ligao City (Philippines) and Solapur (India) as full members and Philippine League of Cities and Office Tape, an NGO from Tokyo, as associate members.

The eradication of hunger and some of the other Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) seem to have become unrealistic targets. Nevertheless, the desire to move forward has led CITYNET along with the UN and other international organisations to consider strategies to achieve a better quality of life. In this regard CITYNET took part in the "Linking Asian Cities to the UN" meeting in Shanghai and is working on creating city-to-city cooperation in the area.

Also this month was the launching of the State of the Asian Cities Report 2010/11 by UN-HABITAT and features economic, social, environmental and governance issues. CITYNET contributed to the publication and encourages members to read the [report](#).

Next month CITYNET will hold a seminar on sanitation in Palembang along with a meeting of the National Chapters to round out the year. As always we look forward to your feedback and support on upcoming activities.

Sincerely,
CITYNET Secretariat



Taking time to think about a vision for her city - from the Chile Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo "Better Life - Better Cities"

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CITYNET Request: Assist Those in Need - Disasters in Indonesia

A reminder to CITYNET members to extend their assistance to the people of Indonesia who recently faced numerous disasters, especially in the areas of Yogyakarta and Sumatra, if possible.

CITYNET would like to express our concern and sympathy for the people of Indonesia in particular. We hope help will be extended and reaches those who need it most. Yogyakarta, is a member of the CITYNET Indonesia Chapter and an APEKSI (Association of Indonesian Municipalities) member. Please contact them for further information at +6221 83704703.

CITYNET 27th Executive Committee Meeting Highlights:

New Members:

(Full): Barisal, Bangladesh; Ligao City, Philippines; Solapur, India

CITYNET News & Events

Features

27th CITYNET Executive Committee Meeting & Eco2 Cities



CITYNET Executive Committee Members met in Yokohama on October 22, 2010 to discuss the future strengthening of CITYNET amongst a number of other issues including the welcoming of new members. Front: (From left) Ambassador Il-soo Kim (Seoul), Mayor Shraddha Jadhav

of Mumbai (First President of CITYNET), Mayor Fumiko Hayashi of Yokohama (President of CITYNET), Mary Jane Ortega (CITYNET Secretary General), Dato' Lakhbir Singh Chahl (Special Adviser) and Omar Kamil (Special Commissioner to Colombo Municipal Council)

CITYNET Executive Committee members, advisers and observers gathered to discuss key issues for the future of CITYNET at the 27th Executive Committee Meeting on 22 October, 2010 in Yokohama, Japan. Participating Executive Committee members included Bangkok, Colombo, Dhaka, Mumbai, Kathmandu, Seoul, Surabaya, Yokohama, AILSG, and SDS. The Executive Committee meeting was also an opportune moment for Cluster leaders and National Chapters to give an update on their ongoing projects and membership. Members from the Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka National Chapters made presentations on their activities for the year, and reported on the implementation of the first pilot projects funded by CITYNET. Projects include holistic rooftop gardening (Bangladesh), a biogas project (Sri Lanka), a school sanitation project (Nepal) and disposal of medical waste (Indonesia). Lead cities from the Climate Change, Disaster and INFRA clusters presented reports on active projects from 2010. Bangkok was been proposed to become co-lead for the MDGs cluster. CITYNET would like to extend its best wishes to San Fernando City, MDGs Cluster lead, which was unable to attend due to the damage caused by a recent super typhoon. Furthermore, San Fernando has been working on a new Information Management System for the CITYNET Secretariat.

Members discussed issues concerning the future of CITYNET, and the organisation's role in CITYNET Foundation throughout the Executive Committee meeting. Kirtee Shah of ASAG/ACHR gave a presentation noting some strengths and weaknesses he saw within CITYNET and offered his ideas on strengthening CITYNET and ties between members.

The Secretary General and committee members made several suggestions in regards to CITYNET's relationship with the CITYNET Foundation. Members were in agreement that CITYNET should assert more responsibility within the Foundation and the Board of Trustees, as well as clarify the linking mechanism between both groups. The committee considered the exclusion of several articles of incorporation to minimise repetition, including revisions of CITYNET Foundation by-laws to increase the board size from seven to fifteen members.

During the meeting, an update on the status of the relocation of the CITYNET Secretariat to Seoul in 2013 was discussed. The transfer will remain in effect, and the representative from Seoul expressed his gratitude to Yokohama for their continued cooperation in promoting a smooth transition between the cities.

With the conclusion of the Executive Committee Meeting, CITYNET welcomed three new full members and two associate members. Also, the Committee ratified four appointments made this year by Secretary General Mary Jane C. Ortega to the Secretariat, including the new Deputy Secretary General Ms. Aisa Tobing from Jakarta. It was agreed that Dhaka would be the site for the 28th Executive Committee meeting. Although more time was needed to further discuss the issues presented during the Executive Committee Meeting, follow-up from the meeting has begun and CITYNET members will continue their efforts to resolve all matters discussed at the meeting. The Secretariat would like to thank all Executive Committee members as well as ASAG/ACHR, ADB, UNESCAP, and UNITAR for their valuable participation.

Eco2 Conference

CITYNET Secretary General made a presentation entitled "Network of Cities for Sustainable Urban Development," at the International Conference on Eco2 Cities (Ecological Cities as Economic Cities) organised by the World Bank, JICA and hosted by the City of Yokohama and supported by the Japanese Government, CITYNET, and various other partners. The conference provided a platform for mayors and government policy makers, planners, researchers and corporate representatives to learn about and discuss the Eco2 Cities initiative and innovative sustainable urban practices from

(Associate) League of Cities of the Philippines; Office Tape (Japan)

- > [Revision of the CITYNET Foundation Articles of Incorporation and By-laws](#)
- > [Bangkok proposed as co-lead of MDGs Cluster](#)
- > [Dhaka approved as next venue for the 28th Executive Committee meeting](#)
- > [Aisa Tobing from Jakarta appointed Deputy Secretary General](#)
- > [Extension of Dato' Lakhbir Chahl's term as Special Advisor until the next General Council in 2013](#)

CityVoices: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!



Members and partners are encouraged to share stories, innovative and practical policies, activities and suggestions for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The Asia-Pacific region can take the lead in sharing experiences and knowledge which can help each other better deal with the challenges ahead. CityVoices is your venue to weigh in on the MDGs.

CityVoices - Submission Sections:

Best Practices

Does your city or organisation have best practices in relation to the MDGs that you would like to highlight or share? Why have these practices worked?

Lessons Learned

Are there lessons or examples of activities or policies that were not as successful that you know of? What recommendations would you make?

Articles on MDGs

Articles highlighting practical examples of innovative ways of moving towards the MDGs. Personal

Curitiba, Stockholm, Ahmedabad, Yokohama and many other cities in Japan.

A full report on the minutes of the 27th Executive Committee Meeting will be made available to all members shortly. See sidebar for major highlights of the meeting.

Linking Asian Cities to the UN / Challenges of MDGs



(Top left - right) "Better Cities, Better Life," was the theme of the Shanghai Expo. Mr. Salam from Rajshahi, Bangladesh presents challenges in his city. (Bottom left - right) CITYNET members discuss city-to-city cooperation and Programme Director Bernadia I. Tjandradewi presents CITYNET at the SUD-Net meeting.

Active discussion on the practicalities of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), cooperation with UN Cities, strengthening networks and city-to-city cooperation within CITYNET were all among the major outcomes of a key meeting entitled "Linking Asian Cities to the UN."

Over 70 participants from across Asia-Pacific convened in Shanghai on October 8-9 during the World Habitat Week to share and discuss ideas on the MDGs and strategically working with the UN. This meeting included active participation from CITYNET members and is part of an initiative by the UN Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA) of UN-HABITAT, in cooperation with UCLG-ASPAC, CITYNET and the China Association of Mayors. The meeting closely followed the MDGs summit in New York which looked at practices, challenges and opportunities, leading to concrete strategies for action. Aply held in the UN Pavillion at the Shanghai Expo, the meeting was visible to onlookers and showed a spirit of openness which followed the theme of the Shanghai World Expo, "Better City, Better Life."

CITYNET's active participants included those from ACHR, AILSG, Bharatpur, Haiphong, Lalitpur, MuAN, Phnom Penh, Rajshahi, San Jose, Sukabumi, Surabaya and Sylhet. Also in attendance was Ligao City, one of CITYNET's newest members as well as representatives from Thane, India invited by the CITYNET Satellite Office.

Despite notable progress on the MDGs (the reduction of child mortality rate in Bangladesh, poverty reduction in Philippines, combating HIV/AIDS in Cambodia, for example) members expressed frustration at the lack of resources, bureaucracy, loss of cultivation areas for agriculture, lack of information and the need for better coordination and support from national governments and UN agencies. Representatives from various UN agencies such as UN-HABITAT, UNCRD, UNDP, UNESCO and other international organisations such as CDIA presented initiatives from the UN perspective

stories or experiences are also welcomed.

Your Voice

Take the opportunity to share your comments, feedback or questions about MDGs.

Resources/Events:

Links to important resources or events regarding urban issues, specifically those in some way related to the Asia-Pacific and the CITYNET CLusters: Climate Change, Disaster, Infrastructure and MDGs.

For more details on submission guidelines please contact CityVoices at [communication\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:communication(at)citynet-ap.org)

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.

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www.smart-cities.net

Publications

and highlighted issues of corruption, a need to better identify issues, transfer of technical services, identification of viable projects and good governance. Furthermore, there is a need for local governments to consolidate common interests along with more conclusive data and training.

“What is your dream for the next 30 years? How can cities be empowered or empower themselves? How are you using your own resources?” on issues for local authorities to consider, Choudhury Mohanty, UNCRD

UNACLA intends to produce a report containing recommendations from the meeting on how local authorities can more effectively cooperate with the UN system in delivering on the MDGs. Further progress will also be discussed at the UNESCAP Asia-Pacific Urban Forum - Mayor's Roundtable on MDGs (with UNACLA of UN-HABITAT and UCLG ASPAC) to take place in mid 2011 in Bangkok.

Supporting Cities with Knowledge through Networks

Members also gathered for a meeting on knowledge-sharing in the urban sector. The UN-HABITAT Sustainable Urban Development Network (SUD-Net) was launched in 2008 as an innovative network of global partners which will work with actors and networks on promoting inter-disciplinary approaches to sustainable urban developments. It aims to provide a common platform that links existing urban knowledge networks with a range of urban players and practitioners. Representatives from ACHR, University of Auckland, CAI Asia, Urban Futures Centres presented ways to strengthen networks particularly in the Asian context. CITYNET Programme Director Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi presented CITYNET during the meeting and specifically on tools and practices for improving urban networks.

“Asia needs to be participatory, we need to change relationships, take concrete action on the ground and let people be the actors. Let's create space for people to see real change.” Somsook Boonyabanha, ACHR

City-to-City Cooperation: Forming Partnerships on MDGs

The meeting offered an opportunity for CITYNET members to discuss concrete partnerships specifically on the MDGs. The main outcomes were:

MDG 3 (promote gender equality and empower women):

Beneficiary (Bharatpur, Phnom Penh); Resource (Ligao)

MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases:

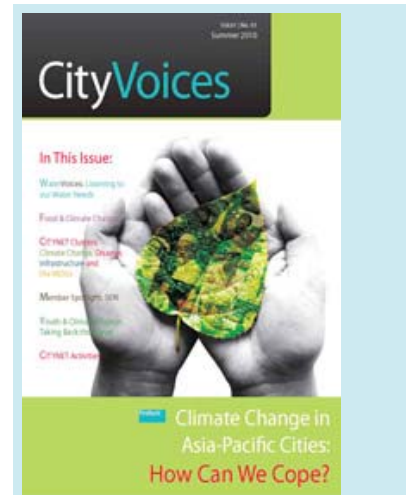
Beneficiary (Sukabumi, Haiphong); Resource (Phnom Penh)

MDG 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Beneficiary (Bharatpur, Lalitpur); Resource (Rajshahi, Sylhet)

CITYNET will follow-up on these C2C projects in the coming year.

CIFAL Networks Need Strengthening



CityVoices Magazine - NEW!!

The new 16-page magazine looks at the issue of climate change in Asia-Pacific cities and how some cities are adapting to the impacts of climate change especially within the CITYNET Clusters. The magazine features an interviews on rainwater harvesting, food security and what youth are doing to take back the planet. We spotlight new CITYNET member SERI in Penang and give an update on CITYNET programmes and activities. The next issue will focus on the Millennium Development Goals in winter 2011. We welcome your feedback and your submissions: [communication\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:communication(at)citynet-ap.org). Print copies have been sent to all members and can also be accessed online [here](#).



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CITYNET Events

- NOVEMBER -

Global Mayor's Forum

Hong Kong and Shenzhen

November 5 - 8, 2010

Objectives include the enhancement of economic, cultural and cooperation of international cities and finding solutions to urban



Members of the meeting on the future of CIFAL Networks held in Shanghai on 23-24 September (centre-front: Dr. Carlos Lopez, the Executive Director of UNITAR and UN Assistant Secretary-General).

CIFAL Networks gather every two years to review activities, exchange lessons learnt and discuss solutions for meeting the challenges on the development of capacity building programmes for local governments. CIFAL Kuala Lumpur or the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) has been the core platform for CITYNET's capacity building programme since its establishment in 2003. Programme Director CITYNET, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, represented CIFAL Kuala Lumpur and shared its activities and achievements at the 2010 CIFAL Network Steering Committee Meeting held on 23 and 24 September in Shanghai.

She highlighted the uniqueness of KLRTC: namely as a programme that not only provides practical training programmes for city officials and their local partners, but also as a springboard to implementing the action plans proposed at the end of each course by the trainees. CITYNET has facilitated constant learning amongst those cities through the City-to-City cooperation framework, such as in transportation, sanitation and solid waste management - some of the major areas addressed at KLRTC. In spite of uniqueness and achievements, KLRTC faces a number of challenges, such as compliance with CIFAL Guidelines, budget decrease, as well as outreach to cities in the Pacific and Oceania sub-region. The CIFAL Networks agreed that more communication should be done amongst all CIFAL centres, and that further improvement in the quality of programmes, training content as well as the marketing strategies in necessary.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Carlos Lopez, the Executive Director of UNITAR and UN Assistant Secretary-General, and Mr. Chen Yuehua, Deputy Director of Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economy & Informatization, representing Shanghai City Government as the host of CIFAL Shanghai.

CIFAL Kuala Lumpur or KLRTC is a joint initiative of CITYNET, UNITAR, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, UNDP, and Veolia Environnement that aims to strengthen local governments' capacity to deal with sustainable development. CIFAL stands for "Centre International de Formation des Acteurs Locaux" (in French), or "International Training Centre for Local Authorities/Actors" (in English). The global Network of International Training Centres for Local Actors - CIFAL Network - is composed of 9 centres covering Africa, Asia, North and South America, and Europe. Each CIFAL Centre is a regional hub for capacity development bringing together public sector, private sector and civil society.

For further details, please see: www.unitar.org/ldp/

CITYNET at National Government Forum

sustainability. CITYNET is a strategic partner of this forum.

CITYNET Youth Japan Workshop on Poverty

Yokohama, Japan
November 21, 2010
10:00-17:30

Active discussion and role-playing games on the issue of poverty by concerned citizens.
Jointly held with NGOs in Tokyo.

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.

International Workshop on Sanitation

Palembang, Indonesia
November 29 - 30, 2010

- DECEMBER -

CITYNET National Chapters Conference

Palembang, Indonesia
December 1, 2010

KLRTC XXI on Sustainable Urban Transport

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
December 6-9, 2010
(tentative)

INFRA Cluster Seminar with AILSG

Mumbai, India

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Selected International Events

- NOVEMBER -

World Entrepreneurship Forum

November 3-6, 2010
Lyon, France
Theme: Shaping the World of 2050: the Entrepreneurial Impact.



CITYNET Programme Director, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, presented on local environmental planning and the role of city networks in Astana, Kazakhstan.

UNESCAP, the UN agency behind the formation of CITYNET, has played a key role in making the voices of CITYNET members heard at the National Governments Forum. UNESCAP invited CITYNET to the two hour side event of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED-6) entitled "Promoting Sustainable Urban Development in Asia-Pacific: Achievements and Lessons Learned from the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment (2000 - 2010)" held in Astana, Kazakhstan, 27 September 2010. The meeting concluded the successful operation and approaches of the KIN Programme which was initiated by UNESCAP and adopted at the MCED-4 held in Kitakyushu, Japan.

Together with San Fernando's Mayor, CITYNET Programme Director, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, presented on local environmental planning and the role of city networks - using CITYNET as a case study. She mentioned that the cooperation amongst cities has increased over the past decades. It is expected that cooperation will continue as cities face more challenges, while previous C2C collaborations have also proved successful. Moreover, city networks, like CITYNET or KIN, play a significant role in increasing local initiatives to create a wider impact. Dr. Tjandradewi also shared CITYNET's experience in promoting C2C cooperation for best practices transfer.

Mayor Pablo Ortega of San Fernando presented his city's participation with KIN, while ESCAP and IGES explained briefly the background and achievement of KIN and its activities. Although KIN has ended, CITYNET will integrate the lessons introduced by KIN member cities in its future projects. Also present at the meeting was the Minister of Environment of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and many other national government delegations. Bernadia was also invited to speak at "Green Decisions at the Local Level" organised by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia" on September 28, 2010.

The Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED) has been held every five years since 1985. This gathering of ministers of environment and of development has been an agenda-setting forum to assess the state of sustainable development, identify regional perspectives and priorities and decide concerted actions in response to imperatives posed by global and regional environment challenges.

Interview: Special Commissioner of the Colombo Municipal Council - Omar Kamil



Omar Kamil has extensive years experience in many aspects

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- 2011 -

8th EverythingAboutWater Expo

Mumbai, India
January 6 - 8, 2011

International Exhibition and Conference on Water and Wastewater Management

3rd International Conference on Drug Discovery and Therapy

Building Inclusive Cities
February 7-10, 2011
Dubai, UAE

Cutting-edge advances in all major disciplines of Drug Discovery and Drug Therapy. The 3rd ICDDT 2011 will be unique in promoting the translational nature of modern biomedical research, with both basic scientists in drug discovery and clinicians associated with patient care and research.

5th Annual City Development Conference

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
February 24-25, 2011

The Fifth Annual City Development Conference will be a one-stop platform that will encapsulate cutting-edge issues, strategic solutions, investment strategies, risk and return assessments, and pertinent case studies in city development.

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,



of governance and has been involved with Colombo city politics for over 30 years. His achievements are numerous but one of the keys to his success has been his view on governance and leadership. Colombo itself has seen a great many changes and has been a member of CITYNET since 1989. Most recently the city has become a cleaner city thanks to ideas on a shifting of awareness and a culture change among the citizens. Mr. Kamil shared his views on good governance in an interview with CITYNET.

(Interview Excerpt)

Q: How has Colombo been able to transform itself, especially in regards to garbage?

I believe that Colombo has become one of the cleanest in the region. People used to throw garbage in the street - so we knew we needed a culture change in order to get people to work together. We worked together with the national government and the police forces and now if the people throw garbage then the law will come down hard on them. Sometimes it takes two or three times before it gets into people's heads but eventually people fall in line. Now people are disciplined and do hard work and don't throw garbage on the street.

Q: Can you elaborate on how you carried out this culture change within the city government?

We had a different kind of thinking to achieve a better city: we decided to put 48 people on a flight to Singapore where they spent four days, this included both the private and government sector members. I was able to lead this first delegation. Members were then able to see first hand examples of good governance and practices and share experiences - to lay a foundation. Travel widens horizons. People are then presented with new thinking - ask them to share and how to best translate and transfer this into other programmes. This helped us come up with a determined programme. The onus is then on our officers. You have to deliver on your promises too. You have to work as a team.

[Read full interview](#)

Addressing Climate Change in Changwon



In an effort to build momentum for region-wide support to cities addressing climate change impacts, the CCCI-Asia/Pacific regional partners met in Changwon to share methodologies, tools and good practices to strengthen both policy dialogue and collective action by bringing together regional support programme pilot cities and their

partners from national government, NGOs, and academia. The objectives of the workshop also included the strengthening of national-level support to cities and regional collaboration within the Asia-Pacific region. CITYNET was represented by Programme Officer, Dr. Arshad Baharudin, who participated in the panel, brainstorming session and presented on cluster activities. During the discussions with UN-HABITAT, GTZ, RMIT, AIT, Rockefeller and other partners an assessment of opportunities for climate change mitigation was undertaken, including comparisons of methodologies, indicators and regional agendas related to city vulnerability and adaptation.

Photo: Participants on the way to Changwon's velodrome which is part of their initiative to promote healthy lifestyles through cycling.

water, and sanitation.

[IISD Research Library](#)

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

[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.

[Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2011: Call for Nominations](#)

The Singapore International Water Week is calling for nominations for the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2011. The Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize is an international award that recognises outstanding contributions toward solving global water problems. This can be done through applying groundbreaking technologies or implementing innovative policies and programmes which benefit humanity.

The winner will receive S\$300,000, a gold medallion and an award certificate.

[2011 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction: Call for Nominations](#)

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction. The candidate can be an individual or an institution that has carried out outstanding and internationally recognised actions that contributes to the strategic goals and priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. The United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction is worth approximately US\$50,000, and it is shared between the Sasakawa Laureate and recipients of the Certificates of Distinction and Merit.

[Archive](#)

CITYNET Secretary General Mary Jane C. Ortega attended the 20th Anniversary Congress of ICLEI in Incheon, Republic of Korea in October, 2010. CITYNET also participated in the exhibition at the event. To read her report and impressions of the meeting, as well as information about C2C projects and possibilities, please follow the link: [here](#).

Clusters Update



CLIMATE CHANGE

Negombo Biogas Project - Update

With the support of CITYNET and the French Government, CITYNET member HELP-O is planning to implement the community based waste management project entitled "Promoting Sustainable Sanitation through Enhanced Partnership in City-to-City Cooperation on Waste Reduction Focusing on Biogas." The project is currently under the consideration of the Negombo Municipal Council. Negombo has been designated as the beneficiaries to develop the sewerage systems initiatives which have been integrated into Climate Change Cluster activities.

Another biogas project funded by CITYNET as its National Chapter's pilot project will be carried out in Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council (Sri Lanka). To avoid delays in implementation of the project, CITYNET transferred funds directly to HELP-O, who is supporting the local government in constructing the biogas plant.

Palembang Completes Eco-tank Installation



Palembang City participated in the Water & Sanitation Training in Bangkok, Thailand in April 2008. Representing Palembang was Eddy Santana Putra (Mayor of Palembang) and Hardayani Haroeno (Engineer/Secretary). Two Eco-tanks, donated by CITYNET, UNITAR and Prince Albert II of Monaco

Foundation, were received and recently installed at a low cost housing apartment block. The installation faced several challenges, due to lack of excavation space and bad weather. The actual casting, manufacture and installation of the ecotank wall itself took approximately 21 days. With sanitation a major issue in a city that is still developing, it is hoped that the project will contribute towards making life healthier for the city's residents.

Photo: From top left: low-cost housing site, installation process, the Eco-tanks and the signage marking the project donors.



DISASTER

Disaster Cluster Update

The 2010 activities for the Disaster Cluster was presented by Senior Advisor Violeta S. Seva on behalf of the Cluster lead city Makati, Philippines at the 27th Executive Committee meeting citing the ongoing CDRI Project as one of the highlights. Ms. Seva encouraged member cities to be more active and to register with the UNISDR "[Making Cities Resilient](#)" Campaign where you can sign up to declare "my city is getting ready."

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Glossary of Acronyms

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The Disaster Cluster also reports that it needs a city to volunteer to host the next Disaster Cluster meeting. If your city is interested in hosting the next Disaster Cluster meeting please contact: [makati_international\(at\)makati.gov.ph](mailto:makati_international(at)makati.gov.ph)



INFRA

Sustainable Urban Transport in Seoul

From 11-14 October, Seoul hosted the "2nd CITYNET International Programme on Sustainable Urban Transportation Policy for Asian Cities." Dr Gyeng-Chul Kim, Deputy Secretary General of CITYNET gave opening remarks and also facilitated the panel discussions. The theme - sustainable transport in Asia - is extremely significant as more CITYNET members are faced with underdeveloped public transport systems, uncontrolled traffic volumes and an increasing number of vehicles on the roads, which hampers economic advances. Many Asian cities experience bad traffic that not only causes economic losses, but also affects people's health. CITYNET has been advocating sustainable urban development of Asian Local Governments over the last 20 years. The programme highlighted the efforts of Seoul and fellow Asian local governments in promoting sustainable transportation in order to enhance quality of life. Prominent speakers and participants from local governments and partners from East Asia, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Singapore and also from the host city, Seoul, shared their unique experiences and challenges in promoting sustainable transport in their own cities. There were also practical site visits to the Seoul Bus and Transfer Centre, Seoul Metro, Seoul TOPIS, Hangang Renaissance and Cheonggyecheon. The participants were also graciously treated to a welcome dinner by the Assistant Mayor of Seoul. CITYNET would like to thank the hosts, Seoul Metropolitan Government, the University of Gajah Mada of Indonesia, particularly Dr Heru Sutomo of PUSTRAL Indonesia who helped in mobilising the participation of Indonesian officials and played an active role as facilitator. Thank you also to the participants who helped make the programme a success.



MDGs

CITYNET Members Stand Up and Take Action to End Poverty



The [2010 Stand-Up Against Poverty Campaign](#), 17-19 September, drew record setting numbers, with over 3,000 events in more than 120 countries and 173 million participants. For the second year in a row, the Philippines topped the list of participating countries with over 36 million participants taking part in a multitude of events over the three day campaign with the help of CITYNET member cities in the region. This year, CITYNET members Makati City, Sukabumi, and Balikpapan City lead the way by organising various events bringing attention to the 2015 deadline for the MDGs.

Stand-up actions in Balikpapan, Indonesia included

free check-ups and feeding children healthy lunches.

The City Government of Makati organised sporting events and concerts, as well as noise-making activities in schools to raise awareness of the MDGs. Balikpapan City also set up events to bring awareness to poverty and the MDGs in association with local government officials, school systems, and police and military forces promoting cooperation across organisations and communities. The events were covered by local and national news media in an attempt to further promote awareness in the region. Meanwhile, member city Sukabumi about 3887 participants joined 16 different city-wide activities including free check-ups for mothers and children, information sessions calling attention to the MDG of eliminating gender disparity, and a car free day to reduce exhaust levels in the city, among others.

The CITYNET Secretariat also joined in this year's campaign along with other International Organizations in Yokohama including CITYNET member YOKE.

CITYNET encourages member cities to join next year's Stand-up Against Poverty Campaign and put more resources to achieving the MDGs.

Satellite Office

Following a presentation by the Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai (MCGM) at the 27th Executive Committee Meeting, the Satellite Office is working on strengthening its infrastructure and is currently considering hosting a study visit and international conference in the coming months.

National Chapter Update

National Chapter Web Conference Update

In continuation of the web conferences with National Chapters, the CITYNET Secretariat arranged an online meeting on 18th October, 2010. The meeting was attended by the National Chapters in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Progress on membership and other challenges were discussed in the meeting. Specifically, the Bangladesh National Chapter reported its ongoing success with the Rooftop Garden project, stating that lessons applied from the Post-AWAREE meeting and assistance from NGOs were contributing factors to the project's realisation. Meanwhile, the Sri Lanka National Chapter reported that the Biogas project was unfeasible in Colombo due to various reasons, such as the lack of appropriate land, high-water level, identification of community group and thus was moved to Dehiwala where it will be completed in the near future.



Bangladesh

The National Chapter project on "Cleaner and Greener City" partnering with Nogar Krishok (urban farmer) continues to develop with the holistic utilisation of rainwater harvesting and a compost plant (utilising rotary composting) in their rooftop garden. They also organised a waste bin distribution programme. The Bangladesh Chapter is expecting to expand this programme and the green growth concept in other parts of the city.



rooftop garden



rotary composting bin



waste segregation bins



rainwaterharvesting bin



Indonesia

NC Indonesia submitted its report on its pilot project on waste management at the local hospital in Sukabumi. The project has made a number of achievements including the improvement of collection of solid medical waste through the building of temporary bins; improvement of composting areas; separation of organic and dangerous materials. Furthermore resources were put into creating changes in behaviour in medical workers and patients.



Nepal

The NC Nepal joint project with Tansen Municipality on school sanitation has been continuing and the chapter submitted a report outlining the progress. The overall goal of the project has been to make the city clean and healthy by improving the sanitation facilities in one of the public schools in its constituency. The Janahit Primary School with approximately 120 students was selected as the project site primarily because the majority of the students studying here are *dalit*, marginalised and poor. Secondly since the school did not have a single concrete toilet, the need for one was keenly felt by students, parents as well as the school. Most of the activities proposed in the project have been completed so far. Two toilets have been constructed in the site and it is believed that it will have significant contribution for female students. Likewise, a two day "Training on School Sanitation and Health Improvement" involving 80 students and parents has also been conducted.



Sri Lanka

The Colombo Biogas project under the National Chapter fund identified their first location as Gothami Pura, however due to concerns regarding government rules on low income settlements, a new site in the Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Municipal Corporation area will now be used for the biogas installation. The present location known as “Jayasamagi Mawatha - Kalubowila,” was found to be the most suitable location near the municipality. The community contribution is reported to be high and local residents have begun construction on the biogas unit and programme implementation. The project is due to be finished in the coming month.



CITYNET Secretariat

Intern: Adrian D Ballesteros, USA



I've been in Japan for two years now and it is such a welcoming society that has made living and working here great. As a student at Temple University, Japan Campus studying towards a double degree in International Affairs and Asian Studies, it seemed like a natural choice for me to intern at CITYNET. I plan to develop an understanding on local motivations that would later affect national policies and interest through CITYNET's network of cities that span

throughout the Asian region. I hope that I can be of some help to the Secretariat in their efforts to aid local governments. However, I do know that the internship will be another noteworthy moment of my time in Japan. The CITYNET Secretariat welcomes Adrian to the team!

CITYNET Youth Japan



CYJ Stand Up for Poverty

Members of CITYNET Youth Japan visited the Secretariat Office and took part in the Stand Up Campaign against poverty in order to send a message to other youth groups concerned about this issue. Currently CITYNET Youth Japan is planning a post-APEC workshop in Yokohama on the subject of poverty through active discussion and role-playing games to be held in on 21 November. The event is being jointly held with NGOs in Tokyo and will include local participants from universities, high schools and concerned citizens.

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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.

GTZ Reading List on Non-Motorised Transport (NMT)

An easily accessible list of available literature on NMT to policymakers. The document lists several resources that highlight the importance of NMT in cities, and how the existing situation could be improved.

Public Bike Sharing Workshop

Representatives from 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.'

Training Course on Travel Demand Management in Mexico City

GTZ SUTP, Clean Air Institute and CTS Mexico, supported by the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, held a training course on Travel Demand Management (TDM) 7-8 October, 2010 in Mexico City, as a side event to the Congress for Sustainable Transport held in the same city during that week.

Video Portal Now Online

The new SUTP video portal presents visuals on the different aspects of sustainable urban transport. This compilation of videos shows various scenes from urban spaces all over the world. One can see how flaws in urban transport planning result in air pollution, traffic congestion, inefficient public transport and unsatisfied city inhabitants. Many videos also present examples of how to improve transportation and make it more comfortable, attractive, efficient, environmentally friendly and user optimized.

First International World/Transport Share Forum in Taiwan

The 1st World Share Transport Forum was held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 16-18 September, 2010. The conference was described as "bringing together leading thinkers and

practitioners from around Taiwan, Asia and the world, to examine the concept of share/transport in a series of focused collaborative interdisciplinary Master Classes." Mr. Carlosfelipe Pardo participated on behalf of GTZ-SUTP as a moderator and panel expert, and made a presentation on 'The Psychology of Sharing'.

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

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