

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Our very best wishes for a happy new year! As this is the first issue of our e-Newsletter for the year we would like to take the opportunity to introduce an overview of the plans and activities for 2011 as well as more information on CITYNET's Cluster system. We are pleased to announce the participation of the CITYNET Secretary General, Mary Jane C. Ortega and the Mayor of Banda Aceh, Mawardy Nurdin in the UN WebTV Informal Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on Disaster Risk Reduction. We also have a special report from the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavina Biogas Project site in Sri Lanka. For future activities we look forward to an upcoming study visit on urban human security in Mumbai in March and in early April the next KLRTC will focus on sustainable urban transport. In 2011, we continually encourage city members to join UNISDR's Campaign on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation. As always we welcome your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,  
CITYNET Secretariat



Mumbai will host a study visit in March on human security

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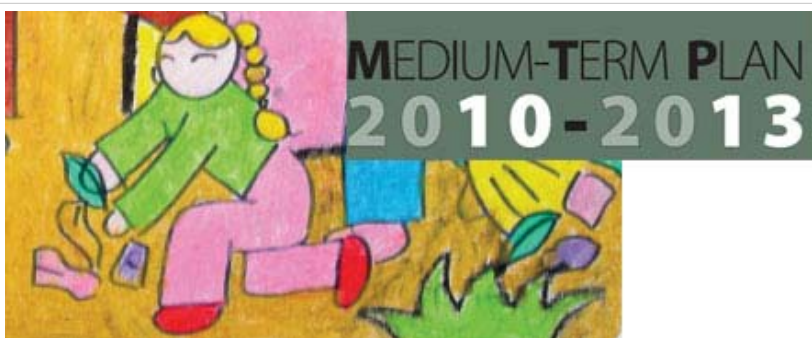
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## CITYNET News & Events

### Features

#### CITYNET - Direction and Activities for 2011



2011 activities will focus on fulfilling targets set in the Medium Term Plan 2010-2013

2011 marks the second year in CITYNET's Medium-Term Plan (MTP) 2009-2013. How can CITYNET best carry out these plans in order to better our region and meet current and future challenges? In 2011, CITYNET will emphasise stimulating progress in five key areas as determined by the MTP:

#### I> Upgrading CITYNET's Capacity Building Programmes

The strategy for capacity building has shifted to focus on programmes led through the National Chapters. Each chapter is preparing their first business plan which will cover a current assessment, action, marketing as well as fund-raising strategies. As chapter membership has increased, it is crucial that each chapter ensure delivery of membership



### CITYNET IS ON TWITTER!

Find resources, connect with other members and partners around the world and follow the latest happenings from CITYNET in an easy format.

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### Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Center (KLRTC XXI) Sustainable Urban Transport in the Asia Pacific Region

benefits. Donors have also expressed their intentions to support the national-level activities of CITYNET.

The Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWW), in cooperation with CITYNET, will continue their annual training on water supply and management. As YWW embarks on a water business through the recent creation of their own subsidiary company “Yokohama Water Co., Ltd”, the training programme may help bring economic cooperation in future endeavors. Universities will also be tapped to help analyse water profile data submitted by trainees prior to their participation. City-level data on water standards and performance of member cities will certainly contribute to city strategic management planning.

2011 will be a challenge for the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) or CIFAL Kuala Lumpur as the core team aims to improve KLRTC’s performance and attract much more self-financed participants. When construction of the training centre by Kuala Lumpur City Hall is completed later this year, better facilities are expected to stimulate more effective programmes in cooperation with various training institutions. A plan to gather all local-led government capacity building and training centres this year is expected to optimise CITYNET’s role as a demand and supply matching tool. Needs assessment methodologies and indicators for monitoring and evaluation will be the focus of discussions.

#### II> A More Cohesive Cluster System

2011 will focus on standardising monitoring methods and assess cluster effectiveness. For the first time, a small portion of membership fees has been allocated for each cluster. The Secretariat will consolidate the optimal usage of budget with Cluster Committee members.

**The Disaster Cluster**, led by Makati will encourage more member cities to join UNISDR’s “Making Cities Resilient,” campaign that aims to integrate disaster risk reduction in overall urban planning and development. Furthermore, the Disaster Cluster will review the implementation of CDRI action plans in the eight cities and expand CDRI to an additional 20 cities in 2011 (resources permitting). The experiences of Makati, Banda Aceh and Mumbai as role model cities are expected to be shared in the form of C2C cooperation.

**The Climate Change Cluster** will carry out a new activity entitled “Partnerships on Incentive-based Innovation for Climate Adaptation in Asia” which was launched at the Pre-APEC Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change for Resilient Asia-Pacific Cities held in August, 2010 in Yokohama. Five innovative community-based activities in line with local government efforts will be selected for funding. Further efforts to partner with various agencies on climate change mitigation will also be enhanced. Adaptation measures will continue to be carried out mostly under the Disaster Cluster.

**The INFRA Cluster** has centered on Seoul’s transport transfer to other Asian cities. In addition, further work needs to be done to upgrade the capacity of member cities to apply integrated urban planning.

Monitoring the status of the **MDGs** in member cities by the Secretariat is necessary to assist with sustainable efforts. The ‘Mayor’s Roundtable on MDGs’ will be organised by CITYNET and partners as part of the Asia Pacific Urban Forum and is scheduled for June in Bangkok.

#### III> Build a Solid Secretariat

The plan for the Secretariat’s expansion is in progress with the appointment of the new Deputy Secretary General covering the South East Asian sub-region in 2010. Two additional staff members from the Seoul Metropolitan Government are expected to arrive in 2011 in order to ensure a smooth transfer of the Secretariat to Seoul in 2013. The

#### (April 11-13), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

KLRTC XXI on Sustainable Transport in the Asia Pacific Region aims to share the lessons learnt on meeting the transport challenges through best and failure practices applied in this region, focusing on the theme of financing urban transportation planning. The training will also be the platform for local governments to network and develop the city-to-city cooperation to put the lessons learnt into practice. The training will include lectures/presentations from experts, field trips, and working group discussions.

#### CityVoices: Poll on Disaster Resilience

How would you rate the overall resiliency of your city? (1 (low) - 10 (high))

lowest

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highest

Sorry, voting is closed.

#### Join the 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign

Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready

The 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign “Making Cities Resilient” addresses issues of local governance and urban risk while drawing upon previous UNISDR Campaigns on safer schools and hospitals, as well as on the [sustainable urbanisation](#) principles developed in the [UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign 2009-2013](#).

Making cities safe from disaster is everybody’s business: National

Satellite Office is also expected to carry out more activities in 2011, beginning with a study visit on human security (March 23-26) in Mumbai.

#### IV> Making CITYNET a Self-Reliant Institution

Indicators to measure benefits after cities/organisations join CITYNET will be determined in 2011. As in 2010, a portion of membership fees will be allocated to strengthen the National Chapters.

#### V> Data Management and Communication Improvement

Understanding the importance of data creation, collection, and management is on the minds of members. SPARC, an active member of CITYNET, has demonstrated good practices in data mapping in slum areas through a community-based approach. 2011 will include the replication of this best practice to other countries. Moreover, the Secretariat has been working with the City of San Fernando since 2010 to restructure its internal database. The new information management system will support the secretariat in monitoring, evaluating and planning activities. Communication amongst members, particularly Cluster Committees, as well as the National Chapters and Satellite Office will continually be improved through regular online meetings. Promotional materials for 2011 will focus on updating CITYNET's video and brochures.

These five pillars under CITYNET's Medium-Term Plan 2009-2013 cannot be achieved without dedicated members and strong support from partners. As slogan of CITYNET says, "together we can do more," and "together we reach our goals."

### Cluster Committees: Shaping Cluster Activities



Streamlined CITYNET Clusters: Climate Change, Disaster, Infrastructure, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

CITYNET initiated a cluster system in 2003 in order to gather the aspirations and needs from members in a strategic way. The 2009 CITYNET Congress paved a way for streamlining activities into four clusters. The new Climate Change Cluster was formed upon consolidating the Solid Waste Management and Water and Sanitation sub-clusters of the Environment Cluster. The remaining three: Disaster, INFRA, and MDGs clusters will continue its activities as planned. After reorganising the clusters, it was decided that each should have a committee to oversee activities more closely. Each cluster is reviewed every four years at the General Council. Subsequently, a committee for the four clusters were established with each having a Chair (from the Lead-City), a Vice-chair (from the Co-Lead City/Organisation) and up to four additional team members.

governments, local government associations, international, regional and civil society organizations, donors, the private sector, academia and professional associations as well as every citizen need to be engaged! Join today for a safer tomorrow!

### Localise e-News & CityVoice

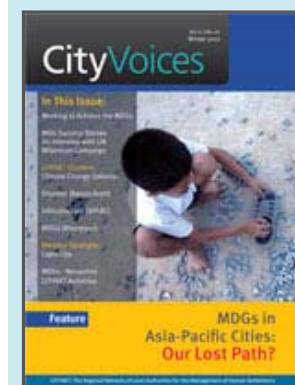
The CITYNET Secretariat encourages every member to locally distribute CityVoice and e-News in their respective cities. Our objective is to increase awareness about news, activities, expertise, and best practices in urban development and management with local governments, partners, and citizens.

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### Publications



CityVoices: Winter 2011 (Issue 02)

This issue of CityVoices focuses on the MDGs in Asia and the Pacific in terms of some of the challenges and best practices from members around the region. Print copies will be sent to all members in March.

One of the main purposes for establishing the Cluster Committees is to ensure the sustainability of the programmes in member cities.

The functions of the Cluster Committees have been clearly outlined in the Terms of Reference that each Cluster Committee has agreed to. Each Cluster Committee is expected to monitor and evaluate activities among member cities listed in their respective clusters in addition to coordinating regular online discussions, reporting to the Secretariat, and fundraising for supplemental fund sources to continue activities. The Cluster Committees can also scrutinise cluster activities to ensure that funds are used appropriately. Each committee is expected to develop goals or targets to be accomplished within the four year term. Quarterly reports from the Committees will also enable members from other clusters as well as the general public to understand the benefits and outcomes of activities conducted in various areas with CITYNET members.

For further information, please contact the CITYNET Secretariat at [info\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:info(at)citynet-ap.org)

Cluster Committee Members (under 'Resources'):

[Climate Change](#) / [Disaster](#) / [Infrastructure](#) / [MDGs](#)

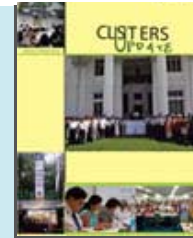
### Special Report: Biogas Project in Dehiwala-Mt. Lavina (Sri Lanka) by Suvendrini Kakuchi



Nalini Perera, a resident of Badowita and beneficiary of the the biogas project recently implemented through CITYNET-National Chapter Sri Lanka, Colombo City, Dehiwala-Mt. Lavina Municipality and HELP-O.

Nalini Perera, a long-term resident in Badowita proudly welcomes curious visitors to her tiny home to show what she describes as her "prized possession"—the regular supply of biogas that lights her single cooking stove. I arrived at her home as she was cooking her evening meal. The biogas had lit a roaring fire over which was a pot of steaming curry that would serve five members of the family for dinner.

"This is where I cook," she explained proudly while her neighbours peered behind her nodding their heads in approval. "Badowita" represents a cramped low-income residential area tucked away behind the larger and affluent households that are part of the Mt. Lavinia Municipality, one of Colombo's main southern suburbs. For decades, the residents in Badowita have lived side by side sharing resources and working hard to make their lives better. Their problems were not only making ends meet but also advocating for a cleaner environment.



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2010/11

The 9th edition of Cluster Updates Winter 2010 covers the programme

activities of four clusters Climate Change, Infrastructure, Disaster and MDGs carried out from September 2010 to February 2011. [Link to the Executive Summary.](#)



CITYNET Blog

Check out the the CITYNET Blog! It

contains interviews

on city-to-city cooperation, urban farming and an interview with Omar Kamil, Special Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council, Sri Lanka - more to come!

[citynetmembers.wordpress.com](http://citynetmembers.wordpress.com)

## CITYNET Events

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### Study Visit

#### Urban Human Security in Asia

Mumbai, India

March 23 - 26, 2011

This is a follow-up to the Regional Workshop on Safety for the Urban Poor in Asia and the Pacific which was organised by CITYNET, UN-HABITAT, UNESCAP, ACHR, SPARC and SDI and hosted by the City of Marikina in June 2010.

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### KLRTC XXI (Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre)

#### Sustainable Urban Transport

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

April 11 - 13, 2011

This KLRTC focuses on financing urban transportation planning and meeting transport challenges through best and failure practices specifically in the Asia and Pacific region.

So, naturally they welcomed the opportunity to host a biogas project when it was proposed by Colombo City and the National Chapter of Sri Lanka. The project was carried out through the cooperation of CITYNET (CITYNET Sri Lanka National Chapter), Colombo City, Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council and by HELP-O, an associate member of CITYNET and a leading NGO implementing waste management at the community level. The project began in September 2010 with final implementation in February 2011 after a great deal of discussion with the Mt. Lavinia Municipality that had first viewed the biogas development with suspicion. Today, five households have received the biogas for cooking, a step that has eased their spending on firewood that was the main source of fuel. The residents were also buying LP gas cylinders that were getting more expensive by the day.

"I save my precious money because the biogas is free," said Perera. An environmental levy constituting a small sum of money is now being imposed but still the beneficiaries save much more in the long-run.

Right in front of her home and neighbours who benefit from the biogas, lies the plant that is surrounded by a fence to protect it. The freshly dug earth holds a large cylinder buried inside. Residents collect non-organic waste such as food leftovers on a daily basis that is collected in the cylinder and then transformed into the biogas. The next issue they face is making sure there is sufficient waste to provide for producing biogas. With no proper recycling programme available from the municipality, the residents explain the collection of waste takes them to the local market where vendors give their old vegetables, fish discards and other material away.

The biogas is so popular that other residents are clamouring to also have their own sources. Badowita constitutes the first community biogas project in Colombo which now faces a crucial waste disposal problem. The total generation of household refuse within the city is 700 tons per day and disposal costs are around 20 percent of the city annual budget. The community programme is monitored through the Colombo Municipal Council Waste Management Authority and the Central Environment Authority and is viewed as a good private-public partnership.

## Secretary General and the Mayor of Banda Aceh join the UNTV Debate on Disaster Risk Reduction



Right: CITYNET Secretary General, Mary Jane C. Ortega  
Left: Mayor of Banda Aceh (Indonesia), Mawardy Nurdin

CITYNET Secretary General, Mary Jane C. Ortega and the Mayor of Banda Aceh, Mawardy Nurdin spoke at the Informal Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on Disaster Risk Reduction which aims to strengthen the understanding of how to reduce risk and exposure to disasters through effective investment policies and practices and sustainable urban management. They participated in the panel discussion 'Cities at Risk - Addressing the Challenges of Disaster Risk in Urban Settings,' moderated by Zeinab Badawi, host of

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### Workshop on Transportation

Sustainable Transportation in Asia  
Yokohama, Japan  
May 21, 2011

As part of the Japan Forum for local citizens in Japan and in partnership with students from National University of Singapore and CITYNET Youth Japan. The workshop is open to the general public and all those who are interested in engaging with the Singaporean students on the topic of sustainable transportation in Asia. The event will be held in English. To participate please contact the CITYNET Secretariat info(at)citynet-ap.org.

### UNCRD 39th International Training Course on Regional Development

on Human Security and Poverty  
Nagoya, Japan

May 23 - June 10, 2011

Thirty-Ninth International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC 39), to be held in May-June 2011, will examine regional development for Human Security and Poverty Reduction in the context of sustainable development, highlighting rural areas in particular.

Selected members will receive sponsorship for air travel from CITYNET.

### CITYNET/Yokohama Waterworks Training Course 2011

Customer Service Quality Improvement  
Yokohama, Japan

May 29 - June 11, 2011

The target of the course is to understand in detail work or jobs related to "Customer Service and Satisfaction" and to extend their knowledge of the concept of "Human Resources Development." Invitations to CITYNET members will be sent out shortly.

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### Fifth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum

BBC's 'Hardtalk'. Ortega highlighted the importance of city-to-city cooperation while Nurdin shared his experiences gained from the disasters in 2004 and the recovery process. Other members of the panel were Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Kadir Topbas, Mayor of Istanbul (Turkey), Oscar Ortiz, Mayor of Santa Tecla (El Salvador) with closing remarks by Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the General Assembly.

[View UNTV Webcast](#)

## The Kobe Earthquake - A Constant Message to Make Cities Resilient



CITYNET Programme Director, Bernadia Tjandradewi presents the situation of DRR in the Asia/pacific region.

Kobe City of Hyogo Prefecture experienced the great Hanshin-awaji earthquake in the dead of winter, early on the morning of January 17, 1995. The Kobe earthquake is one of the country's most haunting moments and the calamity recorded the largest number of casualties and missing persons that Japan has faced in modern history. The earthquake measured M 7.3, with 6,434 deaths, 43,792 injuries, and 249,180 destroyed buildings. The estimated financial loss was approximately 10 trillion yen (or \$100 billion) - 2.5% of the national GDP.

The earthquake turned out to be a major wake-up call for Japan; government (national and local) and citizens across the country now believe that disaster preparedness and prevention is crucial to building a strong and resilient society. This is the constant message from the Kobe earthquake which continues to be spread not only in Japan, but also to other parts of the world. The Disaster Reduction Museum was created in Kobe as the largest DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) education museum in the world. In order to further reduce risk, research on DRR and trainings have been conducted to improve the capacity of governments, institutions and the community. The annual commemoration is organised with various activities with national level media coverage.

At the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, various meetings were held in Kobe including a half-day public symposium on 'Making Cities Resilient' on 13 January 2011. Keynote speeches were delivered by Helena Molin Valdes, Deputy Director of UNISDR, and Dr. Yoshiaki Kawata, the Executive Director of Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution and the recipient UN SASAKAWA Award for Disaster Reduction as well as the Prime Minister's Awardees for Meritorious Services in Disaster Preparedness. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Misako Konno, also a well-know actress, joined the talk show.

Valdes quoted the governor of the Philippines who said that "disaster prevention is an investment." He said that If we can prepare for disaster, damage can be minimised as well

### Cities of Opportunity: Partnerships for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future

Bangkok, Thailand

June 22-24, 2011

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## Selected International Events

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### Green Cities 2011

Melbourne, Australia

February 27 - March 02, 2011

The largest and most influential green building conference in the Asia Pacific region. Join Green Cities 2011 to: commit to the realities and possibilities of green building; challenge yourself to move beyond business-as-usual; create new ideas, innovations, partnerships and prospects; connect with leading green builders around Australia and the world.

### 2nd Aquatech India Conference

Mumbai, India

March 02 - 04, 2011

Aquatech India 2011 will focus on: drinking water, process water and waste water. Aquatech India 2011 is supported by the Ministry of Urban Development. Officials working in the field of water technology, agriculture or in the industries of power & energy, automobile, steel & sheet metal or pharmaceuticals will be attending and interacting. Newer and better ways to save water and the latest developments in water management will be the focal point in Aquatech India 2011.

### Global City Forum

Abu Dhabi, UAE

March 15 - 17, 2011

Global City is the only international forum where public and private leaders meet to exchange best practice and share sustainable urban strategies.

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as possibly leading to economic growth. Kawada pointed out the difficulty in making people aware of the importance of the DRR now - especially since the main concern is finding food to survive. Therefore, it is very important to break the vicious cycle between poverty, population growth, and environmental burden in order for DRR to function well. The situation may not change a great deal within 1-2 years, but continuous efforts against poverty will eventually strengthen cities against the disaster. It is important to make a DRR plan together with economic support.

The panel discussion featured Tamio Mori, the Mayor of Nagaoka City in Hyogo Prefecture, Dr. Hiroshi Higashiura, Professor of Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing, Violeta Seva representing the Mayor of Makati (Makati is the lead city of the CITYNET Disaster Cluster), and Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, Programme Director of CITYNET.

Seva presented disaster management strategies and activities carried out in relation to the UNISDR Campaign, including coordination, budget allocations, early warning systems and emergency management capacities in Makati. Tjandradewi discussed the gradually shifting mindset of local governments from disaster response to more risk reduction focused activities which is increasingly more urgent as Asian economies, population and disaster risks rapidly grow. Mayor Tamio Mori shared the experience in his city (pop. 284,000), during a large earthquake in 2006. At that time, Mori led the recovery effort and emphasised the power of community.

In conjunction with the Kobe Forum, Tjandradewi joined the 8th Meeting of the Asia Regional Task Force on Urban Risk Reduction and shared past and on going activities of CITYNET on DRR. The Advisory Panel for the UNISDR Campaign "Making Cities Resilient," discussed three main issues: 1) making the Global Forum/Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva more effective (8-13 May 2013), 2) the preparation of the UNISDR Handbook for Mayors, and 3) the monitoring framework for the campaign as well as the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). As of 15 December 2010, 11 CITYNET members have joined the campaign (please see the Disaster Cluster section for details.)

Note: *\* The Asia Regional Task Force (RTF) on Urban Risk Reduction was established in January 2008 to facilitate interactions, information exchanges, and collaborative activities among different stakeholders on urban risk reduction agenda in the Asia region. The RTF-URR, started with 14 member organisations in January 2008, is currently represented by 22 organisations. The Task Force is coordinated by the UNISDR Office located in Kobe, Japan.*

*\* Hyogo Prefecture and Kobe City have been a front-runner in the DRR Campaign in Japan.*

## Seoul Human Resource Development Center: A Global Training Center with Customised Training Programmes



The Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) is dedicated to operating training programmes for public officials worldwide. The SHRDC International Programme

### Australian Habitat Studies

Comprehensive Information on International Capacity Building Workshop 2

India & Dubai

April 16 - 24, 2011

The focus of the course will focus on the following modules: Leadership, Parliamentary Practices and Procedures, Financing of Infrastructure and PPP as well as local field visits and tours.

### Regional Studies Association Annual International Conference 2011

Regional Development and Policy Challenges, Choices, and Recipients University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

April 17 - 20, 2011

Local, regional, national and international actors continue to search for new policy solutions at a time when traditional forms of governance are being tested and new forms of regional politics are emerging. In many parts of the world regional disparities are growing as more economic activity becomes concentrated in global city regions, posing questions about the future of cities and regions beyond the metropolis. In these austere times, some voices question the need for regional policy itself and public policy debates increasingly focus on these dilemmas.

### Counter Terror Expo

Olympia, London, England

April 19 - 20, 2011

The Counter Terror Expo is the critically acclaimed, highly specialised event for those who are tasked with the demanding and complex role of delivering a robust defence against the threat posed from international terrorism.

### People, Places and Opportunities towards Sustainable Cities - 2030

Kovalam Beach, Kerala, India

April 22 - 25, 2011

The All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG) has now

encompasses best practices and policies with the purpose of serving officials from friendship cities of Seoul, Asian member cities of the Metropolis International Institute and world major cities. SHRDC operates independently as well as jointly with the support of international organisations such as CITYNET, World Bank, KOICA and others. Training involves any field the participating city requires to learn from Seoul such as the fields of transportation, environment, urban development, e-government etc. and will take the form of case studies, field-based education and cultural activities. Designated as the Metropolis International Institute Asian Center in 2008, the SHRDC has operated over 30 programmes including those customised to the needs of the cities over the past three years. More than 400 foreign officials from 40 cities have attended the specialised programmes and participants have benefited from sharing the ideas. The 'Customised Course' is exclusively designed on the participating city's demand unlike other regular or fixed courses within SHRDC. Course dates and duration are flexible. Airfares and accommodation will be paid by participants with other expenses including training costs covered by SHRDC. For more information please leave a message on the Q&A board or via e-mail at [krkim@seoul.go.kr](mailto:krkim@seoul.go.kr). / web: (<http://hrd.seoul.go.kr>)

## CityVoices - Summer 2011 - Issue on Disaster Risk Reduction - Call for Submissions -



CityVoices magazine is geared towards CITYNET members and partners located across the Asia-pacific region, representing the interest of cities and their people. The magazine integrates and delves deeper into current issues particularly from an urban perspective. We aim to be critical, accessible and to put a face on the hard work being done by the cities and of course the work

that is yet to be done. The Asia-pacific region can take the lead in sharing what we have experienced in order to assist with the challenges ahead.

**The Summer 2011 issue of CityVoices will focus on the issue of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)- 'Choices Worth Making.'**

### CityVoices - Submission Sections:

**Best Practices:** Does your city or organisation have best practices in relation to DRR 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? What recommendations would you make?

**Articles on DRR:** Articles highlighting practical examples of innovative ways of DRR. Personal accounts or experiences are also welcomed.

**Your Voice:** Take the opportunity to share your comments, feedback or questions about CITYNET and/or DRR.

**Resources/Events:** Links to important resources or events regarding urban issues, specifically those related to the Asia-Pacific and DRR.

Abstracts and ideas should be sent with a word count of 300 to 500 with images and illustrations in high resolution to [communication\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:communication(at)citynet-ap.org) by **June 30, 2011**

*Note: Preference will be given to CITYNET members and partners. It is not guaranteed that all articles can be included in CityVoices due to space and editorial restrictions.*

## Clusters Update



### CLIMATE CHANGE

#### Eco-tank Project - Update

Eco-tank projects funded by Prince Albert of Monaco II Foundation through UNITAR are continuing to be reviewed by CITYNET. As reported previously, the installation in

planned this International Conference in collaboration with UCLG-ASPAC which will highlight the significance of sustainable practices in the backdrop of urban cities and the people who govern them, to enable them to foresee the futuristic vision for the cities and to explore modern technologies to bring in.

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### 3rd Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

Geneva, Switzerland

May 8 - 13, 2011

Registration: 2 January - 20 April

The Global Platform is the world's foremost gathering of stakeholders committed to reducing disaster risk and building the resilience of communities and nations. The Third Session of the Global Platform will bring together disaster risk reduction, recovery and reconstruction experts. Over 2,000 policy makers and practitioners, from government, international organisations, NGOs, academia, and the private sector from both developing and developed countries will collect, assess and share information as well as set new directions.

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### Resilient Cities 2011

Bonn, Germany

June 3 - 5, 2011

Resilient Cities 2011 will continue to cast light on the challenges posed by climate change and support the rising momentum of local adaptation and resilience strategies worldwide.

### Image and Identity of Secondary Towns and New Town

ENTP General Assembly

Helmond, The Netherlands

June 22 - 24, 2011

Identity is a fundamental problem for New Towns. They were more or less designed on a clean slate, which has had several consequences such as the lack of long historical and cultural heritage, the lack of community spirit and the "dormitory



Palembang has been completed. San Fernando is currently working to install the tanks in the proposed areas and is expected to complete by the end of February. The city is also conducting surveys to get the baseline data of water samples for comparison at a later stage. Eco-tank project has stalled for over a year now in Negombo citing various bureaucratic, technical and weather related issues. The originally proposed location has also been changed recently from the fish market to a bus terminal (under construction). Communication made in early 2011 with the mayor of Negombo indicated that he will complete the project by the end of March 2011. Upon completion of all three projects, the three cities are expected to report on the analysis of the effectiveness of the tanks.



## DISASTER

### Disaster Cluster Update

#### CITYNET Members Join the UNISDR World Disaster Reduction Campaign

Congratulations to the 11 CITYNET members who have signed up for the UNISDR World Disaster Reduction Campaign. Member cities of Bangkok, Barisal, Colombo, Dhaka, Galle, Guntur, Kandy, Kathmandu, Makati, Mumbai, and Vishakhapatnam have joined the campaign.

In May 2010, UNISDR launched the campaign "Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready!" The purpose of the campaign is to enhance the role and commitment by local governments towards planning, programmes and actions that help reduce disaster risks through regional and national events for strengthening urban resilience and sustainability. CITYNET is one of the main partner organisations of this campaign. The Programme Director of CITYNET is serving as an Advisory Panel Member of the Campaign, together with Violeta Seva from Makati City. Through the Disaster Cluster lead by Makati City, CITYNET has been advocating disaster risk reduction (DRR) amongst local governments to help cities mainstream DRR in city planning and management.

CITYNET encourages more members to participate in the campaign. Benefits include gaining new partnerships, proper planning and preparedness for sustainable urbanisation and higher national and international profiles. To get your city involved please visit [www.unisdr.org/campaign](http://www.unisdr.org/campaign).

**Climate and Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) Capacity-building Programme:** CITYNET participating cities in the capacity-building programme of the Climate and Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) are currently implementing their action plans. A monitoring process has been created to follow up on the activities. CITYNET is planning to replicate the programme in 92 more cities within the next three years for a total of 100 cities.

CDRI is jointly organised by CITYNET, Kyoto University (Graduate School of Global Environment Studies), Tokyo Development Learning Centre of the World Bank, UNISDR and SEEDS India. The initial pilot was a three months comprehensive and action oriented programme with the participant cities of Chennai, Colombo, Dhaka, Hue, Kuala Lumpur, Makati, Sukabumi and Suwon. Following the training, cities initiated and developed their Climate Action Plan (CAP) for implementation by the relevant departments. Action plans include short, medium and long term activities for improving disaster resilience and dealing with urban challenges.



## INFRA

### C2C and Training Programmes

#### Delegation from AILSG to visit Malaysia

A delegation of local government officials lead by Infra Cluster Co-lead AILSG (All India

towns" effect. The event aims to improve the overall image and people's negative perception of physical infrastructures and enable citizens to grow roots to their city.

#### EURA Conference 2011

Copenhagen, Denmark

June 23 - 25, 2011

Call for abstracts deadline: January 31, 2011

'Cities without limits' is the topic of the next conference of the European Urban Research Association (EURA 2011) organised in cooperation with the Centre for Strategic Urban Research - formed by the University of Copenhagen and the Aarhus School of Architecture and funded by Realdania Research - University of Aalborg.

- JULY -

#### 2011 Asia Pacific Cities Summit

July 6 - 8, 2011

Brisbane, Australia

The biennial Asia Pacific Cities Summit focuses on developing business growth, trade, investment and economic outcomes for participating delegates and sponsors. More than 1,000 delegates from over 100 global cities will meet in Brisbane to investigate and develop business opportunities with potential partners, clients and suppliers.

- AUGUST -

#### Eco City World Summit

Montreal, Canada

August 22 - 26, 2011

Call for proposals deadline January 31, 2011

This important international conference will gather professionals, academics, and decision-makers who are interested in discussing the major issues related to sustainable urban development.

#### World Water Week

Stockholm, Sweden

August 21 - 27, 2011

Institute of Local Self Government) is due to visit Malaysia for a study tour and to learn about local government best practices as conducted by member city Kuala Lumpur later this year.

#### Officials from Palembang to be sent to Seoul for Training

Local Government transport officials from Palembang City Hall will be sent this year to the Seoul Metropolitan Government for further training as part of the ongoing C2C cooperation on transportation planning between the two cities.

#### Yokohama Waterworks attending Aquatech Mumbai

A delegation from Yokohama, made up of officials from Yokohama Waterworks, will be in Mumbai to attend the Aquatech Water Technology Trade Show from 2-4 March. There, with the coordination of the CITYNET Secretariat, they will also have the opportunity to meet and cooperate on water supply technology and management with other CITYNET members such as Mumbai, AILSG and other local governments. Part of the meetings with AILSG and Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) will focus on disseminating information about Yokohama's over 120 years of experience and the annual training conducted by Yokohama Waterworks, with input by Ashish Desothali of AILSG, a participant of the training programme in 2010.



MDGs

#### Focus on C2C and Human Security

Plans for follow-up on the city-to-city cooperation partnerships formed in October 2010 during the workshop 'Linking Asian Cities and the UN' in Shanghai are currently under consideration. The issue of human and urban safety and security issues are also areas of focus as with the upcoming study visit in Mumbai in March (see event listings).

### Satellite Office

2011 will also mark the first activity of the Satellite Office (SO) as they will organise a study visit and training on human security this March in Mumbai. The SO plans to release a newsletter for distribution to officials of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and continue encouraging Indian cities/municipalities to be part of CITYNET.

### National Chapter Update

#### National Chapters Conference



A National Chapter web conference was held on 23 February, 2011. In attendance were representatives from the Satellite Office and the National Chapters of Bangladesh (represented by Afsana Akhter, Secondment Staff at CITYNET Secretariat from Dhaka City Corporation), Nepal and Sri Lanka along with the CITYNET Secretariat. During the meeting updates on the status of projects and the submission of business plans were given. NC Sri Lanka has completed their project on biogas (see above article) near Colombo in Dehiwala- Mt. Lavina. The NC Bangladesh has also completed their rooftop gardening project, and will continue expanding the project as well as working on issues of member expansion and a climate change workshop of CITYNET in October 2011. Lastly, the NC Nepal finished their sanitation project in Tansen as well. The Satellite Office is working on encouraging new members and implementing more activities. Each chapter have been requested to submit further information on activities along with their proposals and business plans. The next online meeting has been scheduled for 18 March, 2011.



Nepal



A Working Committee meeting of the CITYNET National Chapter-Nepal was

World Water Week is hosted and organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) and takes place each year in Stockholm. The World Water Week has been the annual focal point for the globe's water issues since 1991.

#### Events Calendar

### Resources

#### New! International District Energy Climate Awards

##### Call for applications

This competition is open to communities and cities that have embraced district heating and/or district cooling as a vital part of their sustainable future. The District Energy Climate Awards recognise the achievements of cities and communities across the globe who demonstrate local leadership by providing clean, sustainable energy solutions. Applications can be submitted by owners, operators, or communities served by the system within one of the following categories: new district energy scheme; expansion of existing scheme; modernisation of existing; district cooling.

[Parking Policy in Asian Cities Report](#) by Paul Barter, National University Singapore

the Final Consultant's Report version available online [here](#).

For those in China please download via [Slideshare](#)

Your feedback and reactions are welcome.

#### 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.



conducted at the Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC) office on 24 December, 2010. Issues such as membership fee dues, chapter activities and the possibility of shifting the NC Secretariat to KMC were

discussed. Better interaction and communication in sharing information on CITYNET activities among member cities were also discussed. It was decided that the NC Nepal Secretariat would not be transferred to KMC but remain in MuAN as such a move is to be decided by the general assembly. The Committee however agreed to hold a general assembly meeting if necessary. Better linkages and contact in order to better promote activities within the chapter are planned to be established. Activities and NC Nepal information is published on the MuAN website and efforts will be made to create NC Nepal's own website. All members were requested to send project proposals to the Secretariat. The priority will be given to municipalities other than those on the Working Committee. The Committee plans to hold a meeting once every three months and the next meeting is scheduled for 23 March, 2011.

## CITYNET Secretariat

### Farewell to the Assistant Secretary General: Shigenobu Sato



Shigenobu Sato has been a vital part of the CITYNET Secretariat team in Yokohama as Assistant Secretary General (ASG) over the past year. As ASG, Sato-san contributed a valuable amount to the operations of the Secretariat thanks to his years of international experience as a former city official of Yokohama. At the CITYNET Secretariat

Sato focused on liaising between CITYNET and Yokohama, advising on CITYNET activities as well as improving conditions in the Secretariat. He participated in a number of CITYNET international activities including the Pre-APEC Seminar of Climate Change in Yokohama in August, KLRTC XX on Urban Planning in Kuala Lumpur in July as well as the Sanitation Workshop and National Chapters Meeting in Palembang held in November last year. At the 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting in Yokohama held in October, Sato also contributed to the meeting. On behalf of the CITYNET, we would like to thank Sato for his dedication and contributions to CITYNET. We wish Sato all the best with his new prospects and look forward to many years of continued collaboration. Sato served from 1 April, 2010 until 28 February, 2011.

Sato shared some of his reflections on CITYNET in an interview which can be viewed on the [CITYNET blog](#).

### Secretariat Staff Training: NGO Management

CITYNET Administrative Officer, Minako Inoue participated in the three month training programme "Long-Term Training Programme for Japanese NGOs", funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. The programme provides opportunities for mid-career professionals from Japanese NGOs to receive in-depth training and acquire managerial skills at overseas NGOs or international organisations. The training courses covered areas such as project cycle management, fund-raising, exit strategies of projects, and essentials of NGO management. "Of course I learned a lot about project management skills and organisation, but I learned more from the participants who work at NGOs all over the world such as those from Europe and Africa. I had the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences and to build a network amongst participants," says Inoue.



Inoue attended the NGO Management School in Geneva followed by an internship at CITYNET associate member Asian Coalition for Housing

### 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.

### New! Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a biennial international award to recognise individuals and organisations that have made outstanding contributions to the creation of vibrant, liveable and sustainable urban communities around the world. It seeks to recognise individuals and organisations responsible for urban initiatives that display foresight, good governance or innovation in tackling the many urban challenges faced by cities.

### 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



Rights (ACHR) Secretariat in Bangkok. ACHR is a regional network of grassroots community organisations, NGOs and professionals actively involved with urban poor development processes in Asian cities. Inoue used this opportunity to learn more about how international organisations such as ACHR coordinate their projects efficiently. Even though the Secretariat is very small, they work very dynamically on issues of urban poverty throughout Asia. (Their office in Bangkok, small but very cozy and three cute dogs welcome you at the entrance!)

While in Bangkok, Inoue also visited a Bang Bua community. "It was my first time to see a real slum and a slum upgrading project. The community believes that the project is THEIRS and they own it. They know why they started this project and how it will work. I think this is a key element to leading a project successfully and sustainably."

*Photo: (Left) before the upgrading of a Bang Bua community in Thailand and (Right) after upgrading the settlement.*

## Secondment Staff Training: Environmental Consideration System for Buildings and Solid Waste Management in Yokohama



CITYNET Secondment Staff member Afsana Akther, from Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) took part in a training programme arranged by Yokohama City on CASBEE (Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency) through the Housing and Architecture Bureau. Akther was introduced to concepts surrounding the environmental performance of buildings in Yokohama. CASBEE is an eco-friendly system which assesses design, and structural plans. CASBEE aggregates and comprehensively assesses scores of buildings

around the city and it includes provisions for various regional contribution facilities exhibiting high safety standards and durability ensured by the combined use of seismic isolation and seismic response control systems. Points are gained from commitments concerning environmental performance and quality of the building and the environmental impact to the surrounding area (energy saving, reuse of resources etc.) The training included a site visit to the Minatomirai Center Building and Nissan Global Headquarters in Yokohama City as both of the buildings have been certified with the CASBEE system.

"As this is a very new concept, even in Yokohama and Japan, this concept requires various infrastructures, capital investment and research. The system is not yet applicable in my city. However, in the future it could be beneficial and I think it is worth further investigation." [About CASBEE \(Japanese only\)](#)

Akther also took part in a training programme on solid waste management where she learned about the "Yokohama G30" system through the Resources and Waste Recycling Bureau of the City of Yokohama. The basic principle of the Yokohama G30 is the community, businesses and the government working together to promote the 3Rs with the aim of reducing the consumption of resources, energy as well as the environmental impact. As a result of G30 two incineration plants in Yokohama have already been closed with another one being suspended due to a significant reduction in the amount of garbage. "This was a positive learning experience for me as I was able to understand the techniques involved in awareness-raising for G30. When we visited the Shinmeidai disposal site and I was inspired by new ideas associated with green composting."

*Photo: Secondment Staff Afsana Akther at a training with Tokyo Gas at its Kohoku New Town building, which is called "Earthport," an energy-saving office building. Akther learned about the Solar energy system used in the building which operates its heating and cooling system.*



### New Intern - Satoko Tajiri

I'm a student at Yokohama National University and currently doing an internship at CITYNET until the end of March. I chose

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.  
Deadline: February 28, 2011

Journal of Habitat Engineering: Call for Papers  
Deadline: June 10, 2011

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CITYNET because I am interested in education, especially in developing countries. I hope to learn about the work done at the office and to improve my skills such as in English and editing. I would also like to share knowledge and experiences with people who have different backgrounds. It is new for me to work in English and to use the computer in an office setting. Doing new things and challenging myself are good ways to increase my abilities. Meeting new people gives me very good motivation. I hope I can establish a good and lasting relationship with the Secretariat team during my internship. I look forward to my experiences here which I believe will be valuable for my future.

## **CITYNET Youth Japan**

### **CITYNET Youth Japan - Workshops on Transportation and Poverty**

CITYNET Youth Japan (CYJ) will participate in the CITYNET Workshop on Transportation as part of the Japan Forum for local citizens in Japan. The event will be in partnership with students from National University of Singapore and is scheduled for 21 May, 2011. The workshop is open to the general public and all those who are interested in engaging with the Singaporean students on the topic of sustainable transportation in Asia. The event will be held in English. To participate please contact the CITYNET Secretariat [info\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:info(at)citynet-ap.org).

CYJ is also preparing to host a workshop at a local high school in Yokohama (Kanazawa-Sogo High School) in order to raise awareness on issues surrounding poverty in developing countries and to provide a context for connection to their lives in Japan. The event will be a closed event and take place in late June in Japanese.

CYJ is looking forward to these events with various nationalities and sharing the outcomes of the events!

For more information:

Please contact [youth\\_japan\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:youth_japan(at)citynet-ap.org) or visit: [CITYNET Youth Japan](#)

## **Partner News & Events**

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### **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 is now GIZ**

From January 1, The German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) became the German International Cooperation (GIZ). GIZ brings together the long-standing expertise of the Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED) GmbH (German development service), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (German Technical Cooperation) and InWEnt - Capacity Building International, Germany. The SUTP project work areas and activities remain unchanged.

### **Cancún can, can land transport?**

The Bridging the Gap initiative and the SLoCaT partnership have summarised the implications of the outcomes of COP16 in Cancún and concluded that the event created many opportunities for climate change mitigation for the land transport sector. This paper contains recommendations for international and national actors, as well as the expert community, to help realise enhanced climate change mitigation activities in the sector.

### **Bogotá's longstanding car-free day: an analysis**

Bogotá is well known for its transport projects and initiatives. One of them is its 12-year

old car-free day, which was first implemented in 2000 as a mandatory 14-hour ban on automobiles to promote alternative and sustainable transport modes. The day is observed on the first Thursday of February every year.

#### [New GIZ Project: TRANSfer - Towards climate-friendly transport technologies and measures](#)

The overall objective of the project is to enable decision-makers in developing countries to develop climate change strategies in the transport sector as 'Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions'. The 3-year project is run by the GIZ and funded by the German Environment Ministry. GIZ plans to develop a handbook on "Navigating Transport NAMAs" and will be based on south-south networks of countries and practical implementation within three motivated partner countries.

#### [Guangzhou wins the 2011 Sustainable Transport Award!](#)

The Chinese city of Guangzhou won the 2011 Sustainable Transport Award for leading the way on integrated transport solutions on 24 January. The Sustainable Transport Award is given during the annual Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, D.C. to the city that made most progress in improving mobility for residents, reducing transportation greenhouse and air pollution emissions as well as improving safety and access for cyclists and pedestrians. Lauding this initiative, Manfred Breithaupt, Senior Transport Advisor, GIZ said "The Sustainable Transport Award has been growing in importance every year, and giving greater relevance to the topic of physical and fare integration is most relevant to increase attractiveness and acceptance of public transport. This has been done by many of the nominated cities during 2010. We at GIZ are very happy to be part of this initiative."

#### [List of recent GTZ Publications](#)

Topics include: parking management, urban freight in developing cities, promoting cooperation and integration to offer a more attractive and efficient public transport, accessing climate finance for sustainable transport, training document on transportation demand management (Vietnamese), and a reading list on public bicycle schemes.

View a list of upcoming events related to sustainable urban transport/mobility at [www.sutp.org](http://www.sutp.org)

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