

## News from the Network

### CITYNET Seoul Congress 2013

**CITYNET  
Seoul  
Congress  
Nov. 3-6, 2013**

Save the date! CITYNET is proud to announce the CITYNET Seoul Congress in Seoul, South Korea from **November 3-6, 2013**. All members, partners, and friends of CITYNET are invited to take part in this auspicious event, which will promote networking and knowledge exchange across the Asia Pacific and beyond. At the Congress CITYNET will also elect its office bearers, including President and Secretary General.

Mark your calendars now and for more information check [here](#)!

### CITYNET Secretariat Opening Ceremony



The CITYNET Secretariat has now officially relocated to Seoul! With the support of the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the Secretariat hosted an Opening Ceremony and Commemorative Forum, *Intercity Cooperation, Civil Society, and Global Governance*. Professor Benjamin Barber of the City University of New York delivered the keynote address to a packed audience. Professor Barber highlighted the importance of

listening to and empowering local officials. Access video and photos [here](#).

### KLRTC Brainstorming Workshop



Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) and CITYNET organized a Brainstorming Workshop from April 17-18, 2013 to identify a strategic direction that the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) can work towards and to develop an action plan for 2013-2015. Targets were set, including the expansion of the KLRTC programs to reach 1,000 people annually and the development of a minimum of ten trainers.

### TCDC Study Visit: Pokhara-Makati on GIS-based Tax Information Systems

As part of CITYNET's TCDC Program, a delegation from Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City, Nepal visited Makati City, Philippines from April 22-26, 2013 to learn from Makati City's experience and achievements with the Geographical Information System (GIS)-based Tax Information System. The Study Visit included presentations on GIS functionalities and best practices in using GIS as an urban planning tool, as well as visits to the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

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## Upcoming Events

### - July -

**The Seoul Office of Waterworks  
CITYNET Training Program**  
Seoul, Korea

### - September -

**EcoMobility Congress 2013**  
September 1-4, 2013  
Suwon, Korea

**KLRTC 26: Integrated Urban  
Planning**  
September 23-26, 2013  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**The KOTI-CITYNET Sustainable  
Urban Transport Workshop and the  
4th IPTF**  
Suwon, Korea

**World Conference on Sustainable  
Cities**  
September 23-24, 2013  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### -October -

**KLRTC 27: External Infrastructure  
Financing Options**  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### - November -

**CITYNET Seoul Congress**  
November, 3-6 2013  
Seoul, South Korea

## Call for Nominations:

The 7th CITYNET General Council elections will take place on November 4th, 2013 in Seoul, South

## CDRI Round II Begins



The Climate Disaster Resilience Initiative, sponsored by Kyoto University, the Tokyo Development Learning Center of the World Bank, and CITYNET, will soon launch its second round. Cities in Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines will work to create disaster risk reduction plans for their cities. Read more [here](#).

## Sustainable Urban Transport Workshop with KOTI



Join CITYNET and KOTI this September to explore best practices in sustainable urban transport! Stay on the lookout for more details soon!

## Seoul Friendship Fair 2013



On May 4-5, 2013 CITYNET participated in the Seoul Friendship Fair on the banks of the Cheongyecheong stream. With hundreds of visitors from across the globe, our booth was quite a success! Check out some of our awesome photos [here](#).

## Welcome our New Secretariat Team Members!



**Suzin Ahn** has joined CITYNET as Director of Programs. Suzin brings years of international experience with the UN, government agencies and international law firms to the CITYNET team. Suzin received her undergraduate and law degrees from Columbia University in New York.

Contact her at [suzinahn\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:suzinahn(at)citynet-ap.org).



**Youngmin Chang** has joined CITYNET as the Director of Partner Development. She has over 10 years of hands-on program and fundraising experience as the co-founder of International Action, a non-profit located in Washington, D.C. Youngmin received her Masters in

International Relations from the University of Virginia. Contact her at [ychang\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:ychang(at)citynet-ap.org).



**Minyoung Kye** joined CITYNET in April as our new Accounting Officer. Min has over 6 years of professional experience in accounting and finance management. Her most recent post was at the Korea Energy Foundation where she served as an accountant for more than 3 years.



**Jennie Yoo** joined CITYNET early this year as an Operations Officer. Jennie has over 8 years of experience with the Seoul City Government in public relations, event management and finance. Jennie will support the general operations of the Secretariat, and focus on preparations for the

CITYNET Seoul Congress which will be held in November, 2013.

**JooJee Jung** plays an integral role as an Operations Officer. JooHee has over 5 years of experiences in the field of international development and cooperation in a non-profit organization as well as international organizations such as the OECD and the

Korea as part of the CITYNET Seoul Congress 2013. The deadline for applications is by JULY 31st, 2013. [Read more.](#)

## Work With Us

### - Secondment Staff Program -

Calling all member city officials and government employees! We are looking for Secondment Staff to join our Secretariat Team! For more information please visit the [Secondment Staff program page](#).

### - Internship Program -

Interested in working on engaging and meaningful projects in an international environment? If you are a graduate student or high-achieving undergraduate student, apply for our [internship program!](#)

### - Volunteers Needed -

The CITYNET Secretariat is seeking multiple volunteers! This is an exciting opportunity to engage with an international environment while connecting your home city with our network. For more information, click [here](#).

## Publications



The 2012 Annual Report is now available! For information on our activities and programs from 2012 please click [here](#).



CityVoices Spring 2013 is out now! Thanks to everyone who contributed their stories, reports, and voices to

our latest issue. With stories from Surabaya, Phnom Penh, Iloilo, Penang, Yokohama, and Quezon, this is one of our most interesting issues yet! For your own copy, click [here](#).



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## Farewell and Thanks to Former Staff Members

With the relocation of the Secretariat to Seoul, CITYNET bids farewell to a number of long-serving staff members. CITYNET would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Moritoshi Sato, Assistant Secretary General, Ms. Akiko Maruyama, Executive Officer, and Ms. Kathleen Almonte, Program Officer, for their hard work and dedication to the CITYNET vision over the past several years. Ms. Bernadia Tjandadrewi, formerly Program Director, will be continuing to work with the Secretariat as a Technical and Policy Advisor in the coming weeks, while Mr. Kendra Hirata and Ms. Sachiko Otake have joined the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office, as detailed below. We wish them all the best!

## News from the Yokohama Project Office

### The CITYNET Yokohama Project Office Opens

On April 1, 2013, the City of Yokohama set up the **CITYNET Yokohama Project Office**. The office will initiate and implement projects with beneficiary cities based on need and primarily through funds from Japanese agencies in order to further develop and realize the vision of CITYNET.



### CBARAD Project Delivers ICT to Pilot Barangays

The second year of activities for the **Community Based Adaptation and Resilience Against Disasters (CBARAD)** project began with a parade during Iloilo's "Dinagyang Festival" in January. The three-year project, funded by JICA and managed

by the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office and the City of Yokohama, provided computers and printers distributed by the Mayor of Iloilo to each of the pilot Barangays (communities) to efficiently analyze data on disaster prone areas.

### Yokohama Project Office Welcomes New Staff Members



**Mr. Yoichi Ishii**, Executive Director of the Yokohama Convention and Visitors Bureau has been appointed as the Head of CITYNET Yokohama Project Office. He previously worked for CITYNET in the 1990s and is well versed in the institutional arrangement of the network. He has years of managerial experience and is looking forward to working with CITYNET again.



**Mr. Gotaro Kawasaki**, Director, Project Administration, brings international exposure and commitment to the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office. His interest in development issues and previous work experience in Senegal through JICA are an asset to the office. His most recent position was with the Yokohama Board of Education. He is excited to be a part of CITYNET and wishes to work closely with members.

A former Programme Officer of the Secretariat, **Mr. Kendra Hirata** is now the Director, Project Development of the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office. He will continue to provide expertise in development and dedicated services to CITYNET

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members. He is one of the only remaining staff of the former Secretariat and misses working with his former colleagues. With the new team members, Kendra looks forward to developing meaningful projects with the Secretariat for the cities in Asia Pacific.



The CITYNET Yokohama Project Office will continue to have **Ms. Sachiko Ohtake** provide her expertise as the Project Administration Assistant. Her long experiences in managing CITYNET accounts have been a vital contribution and will be an asset to the new office as well.

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## ■ News from CITYNET Partners

### GIZ Updates

#### Promoting BRT worldwide best practices: Launch of the BRT Standard 2013

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Standard was developed by IDTP, in collaboration with GIZ and other partners to define Bus Rapid Transit and certify high-quality BRT systems around the world. Establishing a quality standard for BRT not only ensures that better projects are built, but that related transport sector emissions are reduced. Certifying a BRT corridor as gold, silver, bronze, or basic sets a standard for best practices in BRT systems. Download the BRT Standard 2013 [here](#).

#### Scoping Workshop on Low Carbon Transport Development in China

In March 2013, GIZ and CUSTReC jointly held a workshop in Beijing to identify climate change mitigation policies and measures within the Chinese Transport Sector. About 20 Chinese and international experts presented approaches from Germany and China and discussed effective policies and measures for China. [Read more](#).

### 11th PASCAL International Observatory

Organised by The EU Centre at RMIT and hosted by The Hong Kong Institute of Education, the 11th PASCAL International Observatory Conference will take place in Hong Kong, from 18-20 November 2013 on the theme **Cities Learning Together - Local Communities in the Sustainable and Healthy Learning City**. Cities have become the primary site in which many challenges and the associated debates are being played out. This Conference targets all city and business leaders, as well as non-government organisations and academics who believe that these are crucial issues for cities in the next twenty years. For more information please see [here](#).

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