Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Many thanks to all those who joined in the Pre-APEC International Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change for Resilient Asia-Pacific Cities held in Yokohama (August 17-19) - which clearly shows a strong commitment from members and partners - and the need to do a great deal more in this area especially in terms of information exchange and the development of strong partnerships. CITYNET strives to continue to be an important resource for cities as they put in place and carry out their climate adaptation plans.

Over the past two months there has been a great deal of activity at CITYNET outside of the Pe-APEC Workshop: implementation of the first pilot projects funded by CITYNET for National Chapters of CITYNET in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and Sri Lanka, another successful KLRG on integrated urban planning, participation in the World Urban Summit in Singapore and at the Shanghai Expo on disaster risk resilience among others. Many more activities will soon get underway including the annual Stand-Up Campaign to raise awareness on the MDGs (September 17-19). Other major activities include the EcoZ Yokohama - International Conference on Ecological and Economic Cities with the World Bank and JICA and of course CITYNET’s 27th Executive Committee Meeting on October 22. We look forward to once again bringing together the Executive Board members for fruitful discussions and thank you to all members who have taken the opportunity to share their voices.

Sincerely,
CITYNET Secretariat

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A Call to Action - The Pre-APEC International Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation

Top left to right: Toshikazu Takahashi, City of Yokohama; Dr. Rajib Shaw, Kyoto University;

The Impacts of climate change include severe droughts which lead to water scarcity (Dhaka River System). (Source: BCCSAF2009).

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New Publications

- Post-AWAREE Project Final Report: Combating Global Warming in Asia
  - Includes major outcomes of a three-year city-level project involving schools, community groups, businesses and local governments working
The formation of strong partnerships, city-to-city cooperation and a call to action for climate change adaptation were among the outcomes of the Pre-APEC International Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change for Resilient Asia-Pacific Cities. Cities within the region are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change as the frequency of disasters, loss of life and amount of destruction has been higher than other regions.

Over 85 participants representing local governments (13 cities), national government, NGOs, academia, community organisations and international organisations throughout the region gathered in Yokohama from 17 - 19 August to share insights, challenges and adaptation practices, as well as prepare for further actions. In light of the APEC leaders meeting to be held in Yokohama this November, this workshop was a key opportunity for highlighting the role of local governments for pro-active adaptation measures.

Associate Professor JoAnn Carmin from the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology provided the context for the Workshop by suggesting that cities initiate, innovate and commit to making a ‘new normal’ even if technology, funding or policies are still lacking. The use of a ‘climate lens’ across departments and municipal activities and the inclusion of ongoing reassessment and flexibility will be crucial in integrating adaptation to existing mitigation measures. Approaches vary however, by looking at examples of early adapters, common lessons can be found, some of which include building a broad base of support and finding ways to link adaptation to existing goals and priorities, among others.

Japanese initiatives were shared by the City of Yokohama, Sumida Ward in Tokyo, Saitama Prefectural Government and Tokyo Metropolitan Government. Climate change adaptation measures of heat-intercepting paint, high-efficiency lighting, underground reservoirs, rainfall harvesting and crop analysis were outlined. Issues and counter-measures to the heat island phenomenon were also discussed. Facilitator Dr. Rajib Shaw from Kyoto University underscored the complexities of climate change since both climatic and non-climatic issues should be considered as well as the necessity to distinguish between the shocks and stresses of climate change. Shaw suggested that cities specifically look at future (not only past) scenarios for their own city with Disaster Risks Reduction (DRR) as one entry point.

Five cities from the Asia-Pacific region (Bangkok, Dhaka, Illoilo, Jakarta and Kaohsiung) and one American city (Phoenix) outlined some major challenges such as flood devastation, sea level rise, lack of facilities and difficulties in adaptation and assessment. Coping measures and process elements such as the crucial aspect of community involvement in the form of collaborations and technical assistance were also discussed. Said measures and processes include the Volunteer Reconstruction Team in Kaohsiung; the participatory review of the disaster preparedness plan in Illoilo; the recommendation for a ‘Thailand Climate Change Impact and Adaptation Council’ and awareness-raising in Bangkok; flood control systems in Jakarta; and capacity building efforts in Dhaka. Mayor Phil Gordon from Phoenix explained the collaborative efforts for his ‘Green Phoenix’ plan with federal, local, university, transport and institutional support. Furthermore, a number of structural (mangrove plantations and river resettlements) and non-structural measures (sectoral river management) were outlined. As mentioned by participants, there is no clear roadmap for adaptation, however the workshop provided a means to a way forward.

“Adaptation solutions should transcend boundaries.”
Alisa Tobing, Jakarta

Working groups focused deeper on technical transfer and long term C2C cooperation, as well as the formation of partnerships and participatory approaches. Major challenges covered were economic, resource, ecological, technology transfer, good governance, infrastructure, communication and cooperation to name a few. Cities cited possible areas for C2C such as GIS data sharing (Dhaka), flood control and forecasting (Bangkok), general practices such as city transportation (Kaohsiung), solid waste businesses and local governments working towards an environmental protection-oriented society. In partnership with JICA, CITYNET connected the resource city of Yokohama and the beneficiary cities of Colombo, Dhaka, Danang and Makati in order to bring about improvement and to serve as models for other cities in the region. The publication is available for download here.

Clusters Update (Summer 2010)
A compilation of reports and CITYNET Cluster activities for 2010. Released biannually, this comprehensive update includes all CITYNET activities and their reports conducted during the past six months (February-August 2010). Please click to view the Executive Summary, CITYNET Clusters, and Other Activities.

CITYNET Events
- SEPTEMBER -

General Assembly of the World E-Governments Organization
Seoul, South Korea
September 6 - 8, 2010
Registration begins on May 1
Following the initiative by Seoul, 57 cities worldwide have discussed the launch of an international cooperative body to strengthen city-to-city cooperation and exchanges on e-governments. The result of this vision is the World e-Governments Organization of cities and local governments (WeGO). The Assembly is expected to create a significant momentum for International exchanges and cooperation for e-governments as it is scheduled to take place before the G20 summit talk to be held in Seoul in November. For more information www.wego.org.

Stand-up Campaign Event
September 17 - 19, 2010
Every year for three days across the globe, events are organised of all types to bring attention to the worldwide crisis that we all face – poverty. Please lead a group or join in!

- OCTOBER -

World Habitat Day
October 4, 2010 (tentative)
Launch of the State of the Asian Cities Report.

Linking Asian Cities to the UN
October 7, 2010
Shanghai, China
Special Meeting of Local Authorities organized by UN-Habitat, in cooperation with CITYNET, UCLG-ASIA and the China Association of Mayors.
forecasting (Bangkok), general practices such as city transportation (Kaohsung), solid waste management (Iloilo), garbage separation and the heat island phenomena (Yokohama). Characteristics of good partnerships and promotion of adaptation practices were also explored. For CITYNET, recommendations on providing more targeted information, resources and training materials were given, specifically on the importance of climate change and adaptive measures.

Gathering Voices to be Heard by APEC Leaders

One of the major outcomes of the workshop was the drafting of an initial declaration/statement for submission to the APEC leaders. The draft declaration includes priority actions, concerns, policy recommendations as well as a statement of commitment by local governments in Asia-Pacific to institutionalise climate change adaptation measures.

The CITYNET Climate Change Adaptation Programme

Another major highlight was the inauguration of the CITYNET Climate Change Adaptation Programme for 2011-2013. Presented by the Mayor of Iloilo, Mr. J.P.E. Mabulog, the programme entitled “Partnership an Incentive Based Innovation for Climate Adaptation In Asia” aims to address the severe impacts of climate change in the face of inequality and the growing urban poor in the region. Funded through the City of Yokohama, CITYNET plans to release a maximum of USD 10,000 per project through the Climate Change Cluster. The main objectives include providing support for local governments in terms of implementing income-generating community-based adaptation activities and building community and local government capacity for resilience. Recipients must belong to a low income population in the local community. Mayor Mabulog outlined an example project in Iloilo in which illegal fish pen operators in a local river are provided with an alternative livelihood after removing them from the river. This project works on the basis of financial incentives for the fishermen so that they can sustain their livelihood while protecting the future of the river.

The workshop rounded out with fieldtrips to Taisei Technology Center which exhibited innovation in research and technology used in urban planning and environmental building practices specifically in relation to climate change adaptation. Maioka Furuwato Village provided an example of agricultural farming practices within the urban setting of Yokohama, highlighting public, private and community and citizen partnership.

13th CITYNET-Japan Forum

The theme for the 13th CITYNET-Japan Forum, in line with the pre-APEC workshop, focused more pointedly on the role of the community in climate change adaptation. This public event featured a keynote presentation by Mayor of Phoenix, and other panelists, such as the Mayor of Iloilo and a representative from People for Rainwater, a Japanese NGO. Mayor Gordon highlighted that his city, despite its population growth, has managed to keep water consumption at the same level as 10 years ago, mainly thanks to community involvement and partnerships.

“Sustainability is much more than looking at climate change or the environment, it is a way of life, a quality of life.” Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix, USA

Mayors.

Second International Program on Seoul Urban Transportation Policy
Seoul, Republic of Korea
October 11-14, 2010
Hosted by SMG, Seoul’s transportation reform provides a good example of how local government can effectively organise and systemise public transport operations through efficient demand management and the application of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

10th Training Workshop for Municipal Officials of Foreign Cities
Seoul, Republic of Korea
October 18-24, 2010
The workshop will include educational field trips and discussion sessions on Seoul’s administrative achievements and the best city policies in transportation, environment and IT fields.

Eco² 2010 Yokohama International Conference on Ecological and Economic Cities
Yokohama, Japan
October 21 - 22, 2010
The World Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are organising the first International Eco² Cities Conference in Yokohama, Japan, in collaboration with the City of Yokohama and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT). A workshop for East Asia Pilot Eco² Cities will be held on October 23 (by invitation).

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Urban Safety Training and Study Visit
Mumbai, India
TBC
Other inspirational cases of partnership and community action were examined, as in the case of rainwater harvesting practices in Sumida Ward who explained how their partnership (NGO) with local government and a private corporation has helped to change thinking and action in regards to rain or skywater usage within the ward. The Mayor of Illoilo recounted the impacts flooding has left on his city and that the support of community, NGOs and other urban actors are critical to the high resiliency factor within Illoilo.

Coming Soon: Exclusive interviews with Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix, USA and Mayor J.P.E. Mabilog, Illoilo, the Philippines.

Facing Challenges in Integrated Urban Planning

(Top left) Participants join in discussions during a site visit to a housing development in Kuala Lumpur's South Bangsar Area; formerly a squatter colony. (Top right) Ms. Norliza Hashim, President, Malaysian Institute of Planners, gives a presentation on sustainable urban planning. (Bottom left - right) Amongst others, participants from Malaysia, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Vietnam visit the Central Market in Kuala Lumpur.

Urban planning has been a severe challenge for Asian cities as populations continue to rise rapidly with a steady influx of migrants moving in for employment and better opportunities. Thanks to the cultural and traditional structures that have given Asian cities their unique characters over the centuries, redesigning a city from the start is virtually impossible. However, within existing structures, the cities could implement measures to remove some of the hardships currently being faced by the urban residents. For most cities, short, medium and long-term measures with a strong political commitment and smart planning is essential and urgent in order to improve conditions.

To learn and share information on urban planning, participants from 12 Asian countries representing 15 cities and NGOs attended a training course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 26-29 July, 2010 entitled “Integrated Urban Planning in the Asia Pacific Region.” The four-day training course included lectures and presentations from experts in urban planning, sluice planning, transportation, and environmental design. A significant portion of the event included information on keeping the balance between the human aspects and the natural environment while making plans for urban development. The course also introduced some actions that Kuala Lumpur has taken to alleviate congestion in the city’s major districts as well as strategies to upgrade and relocate informal settlements.

Of special note, participants were able to assess the city’s performance level using the CityShare matrix - the flagship KLRTC methodology. Using this and other tools, participants were asked to develop and present their action plans in the later part of the training. CITYNET and UNITAR monitor these action plans and encourage cities to take advantage of city-to-city cooperation to further enhance their knowledge on sustainable urban planning. The KLRTC XX course allowed participants to discuss and present ideas which could be applicable to their cities. It is critical that cities integrate environmental aspects in the creation of a liveable city.

KLRTC XXI on Sustainable Urban Transport
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
November, 2010 (TBC)

- DECEMBER -

INFRA Cluster Seminar with AILSG
Mumbai, India

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Selected International Events

- SEPTEMBER -

ExpoCityTrans and UITP EURASIA Congress
September 6, 2010
Moscow, Russia
Public transport as a tool for the economic growth of city conference

Cities Responding to Climate Change
Asia-Pacific Regional Partners Meeting 2010
September 16-19, 2010
Changwon, Republic of Korea
In an effort to build momentum for region-wide support to cities addressing climate change impacts, the CCCI-Asia/Pacific regional partners meeting will share methodologies, tools and good practices to strengthen both policy dialogue and collective action by bringing together CCCI-Asia/Pacific and other regional support programme pilot cities and their partners from national government, NGOs, academia etc. For further information please contact angela.pinzon(at)jukuoka.unhabitat.org

World Share/Transport Forum 2010
September 16-19, 2010
Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Public transport as a tool for the economic growth of city conference

4th International Solar Cities Initiative World Congress
September 16-19, 2010
Dezhou, China
Under the theme “Solar Energy Changes Life”, this congress will bring together scientists and practitioners from around the world to discuss alternative energy and sustainability.

- OCTOBER -

1st Congress and Exhibition on the African Public Transport
October 3-7, 2010
Dakar, Senegal
A sustainable public transport for a competitive African economy.
cities. It is critical that cities integrate environmental aspects in the creation of a liveable city. The KLRTC Team thanks all speakers for their contributions, as well as the representative from CDIA (Cities Development Initiative Asia) for the insights given.

**Shanghai Expo - “Better City, Better Life,” Highlights Disaster Risk Reduction**

Members of the Advisory Panel of Building Resilient Campaign. Amongst others, present are, Dan Lewis (UN-Habitat), Helena Molin Vakebs (UNISDR), Violeta Seva (Makati), Jo Vicente (Philippines), Margareta Wahlstrom (Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR), Bernadie I. Tjandradewi (CITYNET), and Scott Curdiffe.

Over 150 participants from local governments (LGs) and partner organisations gathered in Shanghai to confer about the crucial needs for reducing disaster risks and effectively building resilient cities throughout the world. Stories from affected cities, such as Haiti (Mayor Jean-Yves Jason of Port au Prince) and Albay (Governor Joey Salceda), as well as Wenxuan, stressed the crucial role city leaders and LGs have to play: not only to respond to disasters, but importantly to mainstream disaster risk reduction (DRR) in day-to-day decisions, plans and management.

CITYNET acknowledges the paradigm shift in LGs dealing with disasters. In the past, LGs tended to react or respond only when disasters occurred. The Programme Director of CITYNET presented and shared the approaches that CITYNET and its partners have carried out to help create safer and more resilient cities within its members. Led by Makati City, the lead city of CITYNET’s Disaster Cluster, the Climate Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) Programme was applied in eight cities with a further 92 cities as its goal. CDRI is a tool to assess the level of resilience by looking at five dimensions: natural, physical, social, economic, and institutional dimensions. CDRI is useful to help monitor the progress through a participatory approach, with several departments/LGs units involved in the process.

The forum focused on how to measure and monitor success in making cities resilient: what works and how cities are addressing the ten essentials for resilience, as well as operationalising disaster reduction in post-disaster transition to development.

A set of actions were identified, highlighting the need to empower communities with the necessary knowledge and awareness of various types of disasters, as well as developing a strong communication plan between central and LGs and grass-roots organisations. Of further importance, is the call to mainstream DRR in every sector of development, linking recovery plans with long-term economic development plans, and promoting DRR as part of the MDGs.

During the forum it was agreed that the revised indicators should be globally encouraged, by building on the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) as a means to test the indicators in the five countries and other cities taking part in the campaign. The indicators will also be used to set a baseline for all participating cities in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. Lastly, action is needed to develop a more robust knowledge management mechanism addressing the needs of different stakeholders involved in the campaign. Developing and strengthening pre-disaster recovery planning mechanisms for national and LGs (including for pre-disaster recovery planning) to coordinate disaster recovery processes is also of urgent concern.

**IAEM Asia-Oceania Resilience Conference**
October 5-6, 2010
Singapore
Emergency managers can learn about the latest technology to improve resilience and recovery from natural disasters.

**Incheon 2010 Future of Cities Congress**
October 5, 2010
Incheon, Korea
The four congress themes, which will form the core of presentations and debate, focus on the most critical issues facing cities: ecological efficiency; more with less, resilience: stability through flexibility, green economy: prosperity through change; happiness: well-being as wealth.

**Low-Carbon City: Green Growth for Local Governments**
October 6-8, 2010
Jeju, Republic of Korea
Conference on energy efficiencies and green technologies.

**United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Section Congress**
October 19-22, 2010
Hamamatsu, Japan
Congress on the theme “Responding to Globalization”

**4th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities**
October 26-29, 2010
Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Theme: Ubiquitous Healthy City: the Application of Information Technology to Healthy Cities Initiatives

**International Conference on Climate Change and Global Warming**
October 27-29, 2010
Kyoto, Japan
Primarily for scientists and engineers, this conference is an opportunity to present the latest research in the field.

**World Toilet Summit**
October 31 - November 3, 2010
Philadelphia, USA
The aim of WFS is to nurture collaboration between government bodies, researchers, aid organizations and industry towards sanitation solutions for the 2.5 billion people without reasonable access to safe toilets.

- NOVEMBER -

**World Entrepreneurship Forum**
November 3-6, 2010
coordinate disaster recovery processes is also of urgent concern.

This forum on DRR was held by UNISDR in partnership with various other organisations from 28-30 July, 2010. The forum was in line with the 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign “Making Cities Resilient” of UNISDR, and addresses issues of local governance and urban risk, while drawing upon previous ISDR campaigns focusing on safer schools and hospitals. The campaign also draws on sustainable urbanisation principles developed during the UN-Habitat World Campaign 2009-2013. With a slogan of “My City Is Getting Ready!” the campaign emphasises the importance of building safer and more resilient communities in LG agendas, and puts HFA 2005-2015 into effect. Makati is the first CITYNET member city to sign up for the campaign, followed by Mumbai. For more details: [click here].

Hayashi Highlights CITYNET at World Cities Summit 2010

President of CITYNET, Fumiko Hayashi, highlighted CITYNET at the Mayors’ Forum of the World Cities Summit in June, 2010. The summit discussed a wide range of urban issues that would contribute to liveable and sustainable cities for the future. These include the essential elements of leadership and governance, for which Singapore has been a good model throughout Asia and the world. Other crucial elements included balancing developmental and environmental factors for sustainable and high growth cities by addressing community needs.

In addition, Mayor Hayashi highlighted best practices between cities in her presentation at the World Cities Summit. An example of this city-to-city cooperation is exemplified by the exchange of waste management practices initially shared from Yokohama City to Makati City, and then disseminated from Makati City to Dhaka and Colombo. Yokohama City’s “Smart City Project,” selected as a “Demonstration Area for Next-Generation Energy Social Systems” by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry further emphasises Yokohama’s commitment to best practices.

CITYNET’s Secretary-General Mary Jane C. Ortega and Programme Director Bernadja I. Tjandraewi also attended the Summit together with Yokohama City Director of the Office of International Policy, Mr. Makoto Sekiyama. While in Singapore, the Secretary-General was invited to the book launching of “Living Cities” edited by K. Seetharam and Belinda Yuen. At the meantime, the Programme Director also attended the 5th PRC (Programme Review Committee) of CDIA (Cities Development Initiative for Asia) as a Stakeholder Forum representative.

The summit was organised by the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Civil Service College of Singapore, and supported by various other prominent agencies, including CITYNET. WCS 2010 was positioned as a premier international conference for the exchange of ideas on effective governance and the sustainable development of cities. It showcased Singapore’s integrated approach to urban planning.

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

3rd International Conference on Women’s Safety
Building Inclusive Cities
November 22-24, 2010
New Delhi, India
Bringing together international actors in the field of women’s safety for exchange and debate on key topics in current practice.

- 2011 -

8th Everything About Water 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.

Events Calendar

Resources

UN-HABITAT - Release of the Quarterly Journal of UN-HABITAT ROAP & WAC Programme in Asia-Pacific Region
The first issue (Volume I Issue 1) of the Quarterly Journal of UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) & WAC Programme in Asia-Pacific Region has been released. This issue covers the latest regional news relating to ongoing activities and projects of the UN-HABITAT ROAP and the Water for Asian Cities (WAC) Programme in countries of the region that include Mongolia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Vietnam, PR China, Indonesia, Pakistan and other happenings in the Urban Water and Sanitation sector.
Download here.

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
showcased Singapore’s integrated approach to urban development, and created an
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canada, to urban development, and created an urban solutions platform to bring cities and industry players together. WCS was attended by more
than 1,000 delegates from 49 countries including 17 Ministers and 43 Governors/Mayors, and
received extensive media coverage.
Left to right: Bernadna Irawati Tjandrawati, Programme Director, CITIENET; Anna Tibajukua, Executive Director of UN-
Habitat; Mary Jane Ortega, Secretary General, CINNET, Aiko Tobing, Jakarta City Government. CITIENET would like to
extend its gratitude and best wishes to Anna Tibajukua who will complete her term with UN-Habitat.

**Clusters Update**

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Tree-Planting Project in Hue - Update**

A “Greener Cities” tree-planting project initiated by the CITIENET Supporters was awarded to the NGO
called Fund for Encouragement of Self-Reliance (FESR) and then awarded to Hue City (Phu Binh Ward)
for their project “Let’s Plant Trees.” The project involves planting 24 trees and providing
environmental education for children who live in poor economic conditions with a lack of proper
education. It has now progressed through to the first stage and locals have been mobilised to dig
dig holes for the tree planting. Currently weather conditions are not favourable, therefore
progression to the planting stage will wait until the rainy season begins. US$500 was donated by
the CITIENET Supporters and the project is due to be completed by the end of October.

**Climate Change Cluster Report - Now Online**
The Climate Change Cluster report for 2010 has been submitted to CITIENET by the Cluster Lead
City, Dhaka City Cooperation. The report covers the period from November, 2009 to June, 2010.
Topics addressed include CITIENET’s continued dedication to addressing climate change through
the construction of Eco-tanks and biogas units, as well as the implementation of waste
management and sanitation projects throughout the region.

The report is available for viewing by members only at [http://www.citynet-ap.org/members/](http://www.citynet-ap.org/members/).
Members can download from the “Reports” section after entering their password.

**DISASTER**

**Makati and Kyoto University to Collaborate for CDRI Profiling at Community-Level**

Makati and Kyoto University’s Graduate School for Global Environmental Studies will conduct a
Climate and Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) profiling all of the 33 barangays (communities/villages) of Makati as part of its Climate Action Plan (CAP) implementation. The
overall objective of the project is to develop a holistic urban resilience scenario of the City from
the community-level perspective. Specifically, the project aims to enhance community resilience
through the accomplishment of the CDRI survey questionnaire. Evaluation will include the
assessment of current conditions in the barangays giving focus to their environment, vulnerability
to possible disaster-related risks through the conduct of town watching activities, and the
identification of implementation measures and specific actions within timeframes through an
action planning workshop.

The project will be actualised from September, 2010 to March, 2011. Results of the above
activities will serve as a viable input for the formulation of the City’s Comprehensive Climate and
Disaster Risk Management Plan which is also identified as one of the priority areas and
specific actions in the CAP. Through CITIENET’s TCDC programme, the project is intended to be
replicated in other member cities, especially the members of the Disaster Cluster through
Technical Advisory Services (TAS), study visits and city-sharing.

**Primary School Project in Pakistan - Update**

vibrant, liveable and sustainable urban communities around the world. The
nominee/nominated should be a key leader who has contributed to city excellence by
providing an outstanding solution to solving urban problems facing communities and cities
today. The winner will be awarded with a prize of USD 300,000. Nominations are due by 31
March, 2011, 6pm (SGT). For further information please visit the website here.
Primary School Project in Pakistan - Update

Photos of the primary school built in the Sanwaran Village in Muzaffarabad, Pakistan have been made available to CITYNET. The school was part of the long-term recovery plan from the devastating earthquake in 2005 and was made possible through donations from Yokohama citizens. For more details please contact: Nadeem Afzal at PIEDAR (n.afzal(at)piedar.org)

Makati: Role Model Nomination

Makati has been nominated as a role model city in the campaign for "Making Cities Resilient," and to further work with UNISDR and its partners for this matter. Through this nomination, the city can further share its experiences and practices in climate change and disaster risk reduction management to other cities, locally and internationally.

Disaster Cluster Plans - A Reminder to Members

To ensure a productive 2010-2013, we would like to reiterate Makati City’s request for a list of your organisation’s plans and programmes in relation to climate change and disaster risk reduction management (CC-DRRM). This will serve as the basis for cluster programmes and activities. The lead city is also requesting cluster members to identify one representative and one alternate personnel that would serve as the main focal persons for the Disaster Cluster from your city/organisation. Kindly submit the requested list and names of the delegated personnel including their designation, telephone number/s, fax number/s, and email address as soon as possible: makati_international(at)makati.gov.ph (copy furnished to info(at)citynet-ap.org, tozamsha50(at)yahoo.com) or fax: +63-2-899-8958. For further information, please coordinate with Mr. Xenon Walde, (Chief, Urban Planning Division) through the same contact details or by telephone at +63-2-870-1739.

The Disaster Cluster report for 2010 has been submitted to CITYNET Secretariat by the Cluster Lead City, Makati City. The cluster report includes the accomplished, on-going and proposed activities for the members as well as the cluster’s current financial status, updated list of members and other relevant data as required by the Secretariat.

The report is available for viewing by members only at http://www.citynet-ap.org/members/. Members can download from the "Reports" section after entering their password.

INFRA

2nd International Program on Seoul Urban Transportation Policy

Local government officials and partners are invited to take part in the 2nd International Program on Seoul Urban Transportation Policy to be held in Seoul, Korea from 11-14 October, 2010. The three-day training workshop includes lectures/presentations from experts in transportation policy, field trips, and working group discussions. A significant portion includes information on keeping the balance between the social aspects and the natural environment while emphasising efficiency and financial sustainability. The Training Workshop will be hosted by Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG), mainly the Human Resource Department, CITYNET, and the University of Gadja Mada, Indonesia which will be responsible for mobilising participants from Indonesia. Please contact the CITYNET Secretariat for further details.

MDGs

Stand-Up Campaign

As the intended completion date of the MDGs 2015 draws nearer, it is clear that a great deal remains and can be done to effectively deal with poverty and its root causes. The CITYNET MDGs Cluster under the leadership of San Fernando la Union, the Philippines aims to do their part in creating much more awareness and work towards practical solutions.

The Stand Up and Take Action Against Poverty Campaign offers a critical opportunity for CITYNET members to let their citizens know about the MDGs and what they can do to help.
members to let their citizens know about the MDGs and what they can do to help. When world leaders gather at the United Nations for the MDGs Review Summit in September, the voices of their citizens will follow them, telling them, loudly and clearly: “We will no longer stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and the broken promises to end it!” CITYNET encourages its members to stand up, take action, and organise events throughout the Stand Up and Take Action Against Poverty Campaign, 17-19 September. For more information visit the website here.

Satellite Office

CITYNET is pleased to welcome Mr. Milind D. Bafna, with a background in mass communication and journalism, who will be taking over the duties of Mr. Amit Jadhav in the Mumbai office. Mr. Bafna says, “I am keen to represent my organisation, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and under the guidance of my superiors. I would like to further strengthen the ties between MCWM, CITYNET Secretariat and other member nations/organisations. I will strive to make the Satellite Office effective and meaningful.”

National Chapter Update

Bangladesh

The NC Bangladesh has opened a bank account in order to execute its first pilot project funded by CITYNET. The two signatories are Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and CITYNET Associate Member the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), an independent, non-GO and research institute. The Chapter has also started their rooftop gardening project “Cleaner and Greener City Project” for city residents partnering with Nogor Krishok (“urban farmer”). This initiative promotes household composting, rainwater harvesting as well as commercial vegetable gardening on roof tops. The compost from household organic waste can be utilised in the roof top garden. NC Bangladesh has mobilised new members with two organisations submitting applications.

Indonesia

The NC Indonesia recently submitted a final report on their pilot project “The Waste Management at Public Health Centre in Sukabumi” which took place from April to August 2010. The project involved proper and safe disposal of both medical and non-medical waste in order to protect and control environmental health risks and pollution. The report outlines the details on process, activities as well as photos. The report is available for viewing by members only at http://www.citynet-ap.org/members/. Members can download from the “Reports” section after entering their password.

Nepal

NC Nepal recently submitted a progress report entitled “A School Sanitation Improvement Project in Tansen Municipality.” The report outlines major goal, expected outputs and progress on this pilot project which includes improving sanitation facilities, specifically ensuring “girls-friendly sanitation” and building awareness. Currently one site has been identified, agreements made and construction on sanitation facilities underway. The report is available for viewing by members only at http://www.citynet-ap.org/members/. Members can download from the “Reports” section after entering their password.

Sri Lanka

The NC Sri Lanka is focusing on ensuring administrative procedures are in place, following this they plan to resume specific project work on their community biogas project.

CITYNET Secretariat

Welcome to New Interns

Sam Good, USA, Intern
CITYNET eNews

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I graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio last spring, and via a grant from the Shansi Foundation I'm currently teaching at Obirin University in Machida, Japan. Working at CITYNET offers me a chance to combine my previous experiences as a newspaper editor in college and my academic focus of Asian Studies toward a singular goal. I'm excited to work with such a talented team, and I hope to gain experience working in an international organisation focused specifically on the Asia-Pacific region. Having traveled throughout the region, I have a keen interest in connecting with members and learning more extensively about issues in this area of the world.

Mika Arishiro, Japan, Intern
I'm a student at Ferris University in Japan. My major is international exchange and I am interested in city-to-city cooperation and international organisations. I will be interning at CITYNET throughout August and September. So far I have learned about many issues related to climate change. I am happy to be a member of the CITYNET Secretariat Team.

CITYNET Youth Japan

CYJ Seeking New Members

CITYNET Youth Japan is seeking new members interested in international issues such as poverty, climate change, and education, amongst others. CYJ plans to discuss how youth can influence political leadership by communicating youths' perspectives. CYJ welcomes all students and youths who have a strong commitment towards building a better society.

Please contact: youth_japan(at)citynet-ap.org.

Partner News & Events

SUTP Asia Project Update
The Sustainable Urban Transport Project Asia is jointly implemented by Gesellschaft fur 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 project updates.

Module 1f: Financing Sustainable Urban Transport: Now Available
This new GTZ Sourcebook module provides detailed information on available options, instruments, methodologies and optimal combinations for financing urban transport. This module is dedicated to policy makers, financial sector specialists and urban planners/practitioners and provides options to close the gap between the ever-growing demand for efficient, equitable and environmentally friendly urban transport systems and the dwindling financial resources available to state and local authorities.

GTZ's Latest Technical Document -"Public Bicycles: Applying the Concept in Developing Cities "
GTZ's latest publication familiarises city authorities, transport planners, businesses, civil society representatives and policy makers in developing cities with the concept and various components of a public bicycle programme, and provides guidance and advice on designing and implementing such a programme in Indian cities. This document presents the experience of bike sharing programmes from Europe and Asia, and analyzes the developing country climate (taking India as an example) for encouraging such programmes in developing cities.

Module 5f: Adapting Urban Transport to Climate Change - Now in Chinese
This module is intended to raise awareness amongst decision-makers on the need to climate-proof urban transport developments. It describes the expected impacts on urban passenger transport and provides an orientation on how to integrate climate proofing into urban transport planning and policy implementation. As the module highlights synergies between adaptation to and mitigation of climate change, it holds relevance for overall sustainable development.

E-learning Course "Sustainable Urban Mobility In Developing Countries" - Register now!
The Local Development Programme of UNITAR, in partnership with GTZ, is launching a new e-learning course on "Sustainable Urban Mobility In Developing Countries", (4 October 2010 - 18 March 2011). The e-course aims to enhance the capacity of local decision makers and urban and transportation planners to formulate and implement appropriate policies that contribute to sustainability in urban transport in developing countries. It allows an analysis of transport demand
sustainability in urban transport in developing countries. It allows an analysis of transport demand management, improved public and non-motorized transport, environmental protection, road safety, and gender in transport, among others.

GTZ Pre-Event Training Course, International Public Transport Conference, Kuching, 2-3 August 2010
The GTZ-SUTP along with Land Transport Authority (LTA) Academy, Singapore and the Malaysian Institute of Planners conducted a course on “Sustainable Urban Transport” from 2-3 August, 2010, in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. The training course was a pre-event to the International Public Transport Conference held from 3-6 August, 2010. The more than 30 participants were mainly urban and transport planners working in local governments from Kuching, Kuala Lumpur, Iskandar and Brunei.

GTZ Survey Report on Bangkok BRT
The results of the assessment that GTZ-SUTP recently carried out on Bangkok’s recently started BRT system is now available as a report.

Reading List on Electric Mobility released
This list provides an overview of policies and planning for electric mobility, increasingly discussed as an innovative alternative to gasoline-powered urban transport. It gives also an in-depth look at its recent technology and expertise.

GTZ participates in Cities for Mobility World Congress 2010 at Stuttgart
GTZ-SUTP members took part in the Cities for Mobility World Congress 2010 which was held during 4-6 July, 2010 in Stuttgart, Germany. They made presentations on the key aspects of Johannesburg’s BRT (Rea Vaya) and its relationship to the World Cup and Bogota’s current transport policy and evolution since 1998-2000.

GTZ at the 2nd World Urban Transport Leaders Summit in Singapore
GTZ-SUTP participated at the 2nd World Urban Transport Leaders Summit (WULTS) entitled “Transforming Urban Transport for Livable and Sustainable Cities”, which took place from 30 June - 1 July, 2010 in Singapore. Plenary forums covered key issues such as new vision, governance, sustainable urban solutions, green and eco-friendly transport, future transport innovations, etc. The summit also featured a policy dialogue with top leaders and experts, and site visits to the latest transport initiatives in Singapore.

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