

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

A very sincere thank you to CITYNET members and friends for the outpouring of your concern and sympathy for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake. It was very warmly received and much appreciated. The Tohoku region of Japan suffered extensive loss of life and destruction that will take years to re-build and of course they will need a great deal of support. The City of Yokohama is currently coordinating the collection of donations for the affected region. However, donating is not the only way to help; in this issue we feature other options that CITYNET members can consider.

A special thank you in particular to Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr., Mayor of Makati, Second Vice-President City and Chair of the Disaster Cluster of CITYNET for his letter urging members to support the victims of the tragedy.

Thank you also to Mumbai for their support of CITYNET's recent workshop and study visit on urban human security and to Kuala Lumpur for hosting the KLRTC "Financing Urban Transportation." There are a number of important upcoming events that CITYNET will organise as part of the UNESCAP Asia Pacific Urban Forum in Bangkok in June. There is also the Yokohama Waterworks annual training to look forward to in July. We hope to see you there!

Once again thank you to all members for your strong support and cooperation in this difficult time. As always we welcome your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,  
The CITYNET Secretariat



CITYNET members can help Japan re-build in a number of ways namely ensuring local disaster resilience is high.

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## CITYNET News & Events

### Features

#### Disaster in Japan - How CITYNET Members Can Help



There are a number of ways in which CITYNET members can assist the victims of the Tohoku disaster.

We have all seen the powerful images of destruction and heard desperate stories of suffering as a result of disasters both globally and those closer to home. Some of us have even experienced these disasters firsthand and have helped or are engaged in the rebuilding process; many more want to extend a hand of support. During the recent disaster in Japan's Tohoku region, CITYNET members and friends have been requesting efficient ways in which to provide support. There are, in fact a number of methods that members and non-members can use while also strengthening their own resiliency.

### 1. Donate Money

The City of Yokohama, president of CITYNET is coordinating efforts to send funds to the disaster-afflicted areas. Yokohama has been engaging in aid activities such as dispatching support staff, vehicles and supplies, as well as providing refuge to evacuees. Yokohama is now accepting funds until May 19, 2011. To make a donation, please follow this link: [Help Japan](#)

### 2. Support CITYNET Projects

The CITYNET Secretariat is currently reviewing various long-term sustainable projects to assist in the re-building of the Tohoku region. CITYNET invites all members to actively participate in these activities. The [Climate Disaster Resilience Index \(CDRI\) Programme](#) is also planned for expansion. CITYNET is open to proposals and suggestions from members and partners. In particular, members of the Disaster Cluster can coordinate with the Cluster Lead City (Makati) for activities. [makati\\_international@makati.gov.ph](mailto:makati_international@makati.gov.ph) / fax: 632-899-8968

### 3. Support Activities of CITYNET members

CITYNET members are carrying out their own disaster-related activities. [Habitat for Humanity \(HFHJ\)](#) is an NGO located in Tokyo with the hope for "a world where everyone has a decent place to live." HFH focuses on support to victims through re-building efforts, volunteering and donating goods. Find out more [here](#). Note: CITYNET members are welcome to send details of disaster-related activities to the CITYNET Secretariat: [communication\(at\)citynet-ap.org](mailto:communication(at)citynet-ap.org)  
>> [read more here](#)

## Urban Human Security in Mumbai



Participants of the Urban Human Security Workshop view a slum area and the flood control system in Mumbai.



## 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.

CITYNET's Twitter sites are available in [English](#) and [Japanese](#)! To join Twitter, sign-up [here](#).

### CITYNET Secretariat Closed on Golden Week

During the Japanese holiday of Golden Week, the CITYNET Secretariat will be closed on April 29 and May 3 - 5. The Secretariat will be open on May 2 and May 6. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Yokohama Waterworks Bureau Annual Training - 2011

### "Customer Service Quality Improvement"

(July 03-16)

Yokohama, Japan

This Annual Yokohama Waterworks Bureau Training (YWWB) provides training for experts from developing countries to learn first-hand about the successes of Yokohama in water supply and management. The aim of the course is to effectively transfer Japanese expertise to other parts of the Asia-Pacific region. The focus for 2011 will be on Customer Service Quality Improvement."

Please note: The training is open only to CITYNET cities and organisations.

2011 Yokohama Waterworks Bureau Training Course

[CityVoices: Poll on Disaster](#)



Urban human security broadly refers to the ways in which a government or a community develops and directs initiatives, efforts, and activities to address human safety in urbanising communities through the reduction of crime and violence, mitigating the impacts of disasters, and enhancing the security of tenure by facilitating the establishment of sustainable urban development. It is a complex process where the process of transforming governance becomes a necessary means to sustainable urban development, and where the interconnectivity of various actors and stakeholders performing diverse but interrelated tasks are involved. Thus, capacity-building, community organising, and development initiatives are key to attaining the goals of urban human security.

CITYNET's Human Security Workshop and Study Visit held between March 23-26 in Mumbai drew the attention of local governments to how security in their cities can be effectively mainstreamed. Participants observed the safety measurements initiated by community as well as local governments. During a site visit to a slum community policing programme, participants saw how the effective reduction of crime and violence can be supported by the community.

Mumbai's efforts in disaster preparedness and risk reduction has also received special attention in terms of the role of local governments in providing safe infrastructure and environment to their community. Participants learned about the experiences and actions carried out by Mumbai through a visit to a pumping station. They also learned about river management as part of Mumbai's flood-control system, as well as their disaster control room located at the main city hall.

Even though Mumbai has been identified as being in a high risk zone for earthquakes, public awareness is very low. Studies have indicated that most of the historical buildings and those built decades ago are at extremely high risk of collapsing at any time. The slums in Mumbai pose perhaps the greatest challenge for the city as people are living in extreme conditions and are unaware of the numerous risks they face.

The workshop concluded with a group discussion through the global café approach on immediate actions that should be taken in the participant's own cities. As one of the participants said "In making one's city resilient, let's not be reckless or even think of perfection. Always think that there is always a BETTER WAY!" The organisers would like to thank the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) for hosting the workshop - the first activity held by the Satellite Office of CITYNET. [>> read more](#)

## Financing Sustainable Urban Transportation: KLRTC XXI

## Resilience

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

lowest

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

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 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.





Steven Tan, Senior Engineer at Kuala Lumpur City Hall's transportation department, guides the participants around the Tasik Selatan Integrated Bus Terminal, providing detailed insight on local transport services during the site visit.

The 21<sup>st</sup> KLRTC (Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre) workshop on sustainable transportation was held from 11-14 April in Kuala Lumpur, with the 40 participants mainly from the Southeast Asian region. While mainly local government transport department representatives, there were also private sector and academic officials in attendance.

The major benefits of these workshops are the discussions between resource persons and participants, and the networking that follows which can act as a precursor to formal city-to-city agreements. Dr. Heru Sutomo from Gadjah Mada University shared an overview of public transport and its financing while presenting practical examples from this region.

The presentation from the Mayor of Palembang on the introduction of the BRT system to his city, proved that the element of leadership is crucial in making change happen. As an important city in the region, Palembang was able to show good progress in BRT implementation. Palembang and Seoul Metropolitan Government have cooperated in the realisation of this system with facilitation by CITYNET. Furthermore, an evaluation on Singapore's transport system by Prof. Chin Hoong from the National University of Singapore was very well received by the participants.

The participants used Kuala Lumpur's own public transport to get to the field trip site of the newly built Tasik Selatan integrated bus terminal. The bus terminal however, focuses on regional intercity trips, and does not service transportation in the urban area. Practical discussions, included those on bus management, with Rapid KL representatives taking a keen interest in the experiences of Palembang and Transjakarta. KLRTC or CIFAL Kuala Lumpur is a joint effort of CITYNET, UNITAR, DBKL and Veolia Environnement to build the capacity of local governments on basic urban environmental services.

## CDIA: Another Step Closer to Meeting Objectives

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## Publications

### CITYNET Annual Report 2010

The CITYNET Annual Report is due to be released in May. The report covers CITYNET programmes, activities and communication activities for 2010.

The report also covers a summary of funding and spending for CITYNET.



### 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

- MAY -

### CITYNET National Chapter

#### Sri Lanka Meeting

Matale, Sri Lanka

May 7, 2011

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

#### CANCELLED

on Human Security and Poverty Nagoya, Japan

May 23 - June 10, 2011

Due to the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Northeastern Japan, the training course has been cancelled until further notice.

### TV Conference : Post-AWAREE and Sustainable Development



Top: Programme Review Committee at Essen's (Germany) Ruhr Museum - industrial heritage conservation; Bottom (L): South-east Asia Stakeholders Forum in Jakarta; Bottom (R): South-Asia Stakeholders Forum in Mumbai

The Cities Development for Asia (CDIA) is a regional partnership programme supported by ADB and the governments of Germany, Sweden and Spain. The programme assists medium-sized Asian cities bridge the gap between their development plans and the implementation of their investments in infrastructure. CDIA targets cities with populations between 250,000 to five million inhabitants.

CITYNET's Programme Director, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, was invited to the 6<sup>th</sup> Programme Review Committee (PRC) Meeting of CDIA on 19 and 20 April in Essen, Germany together with Dr. Paul Chamniern Vorratnchaiphon, Senior Director, Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), associate member of CITYNET. Both Tjandradewi and Vorratnchaiphon were first nominated by the Stakeholder Forum in 2008 and re-nominated in 2010 to the PRC for the period of two years. They presented key recommendations on the various needs for further efforts by CDIA to the PRC. Focus for the presentations were especially on project financing tools, prioritising, and modalities for improving the Stakeholder Forum.



The recommendations were based on two sub-regional meetings which were organised with the support of the Jakarta City Government for South-east Asia and the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) for the South Asia sub-region. Both events aimed to collect feedback

and inputs from local governments and national organisations and other actors on urban development in regards to financing and infrastructure planning. CDIA established the Stakeholder Forum to regularly inform the management structure of the organisation and reflect the needs of local government. Furthermore, the Stakeholder Forum is used by various stakeholders to hold a dialogue on a wide range of issues related to urban development trends and focus areas. Particular attention is given to finance and capacity building components, poverty alleviation, more inclusive development projects and environmental protection and climate change.



According to CDIA's progress report, urban transport has been the largest sector of CDIA's engagement in 27 cities (13 countries), followed by urban renewal, flood and drainage management and solid waste management. As of March 2011, the CITYNET members that

### CITYNET National Chapter's Meeting

Yokohama, Japan

May 25, 2011

As part of follow-up and monitoring of the Post-AWAREE project which focused on environmental education and measures against global warming in the cities of Colombo, Danang, Dhaka and Makati. The event jointly organised by CITYNET, JICA and the City of Yokohama. The TV Conference will also incorporate a sharing of information between the four CITYNET National Chapters: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

- JUNE -

### Fifth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum Cities of Opportunity: Partnerships for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future

Bangkok, Thailand

June 22-24, 2011

The Fifth Asia Pacific Urban Forum is organised to:

- Discuss emerging and critical urban development issues from the perspectives of different stakeholders; Share experiences on good practices and approaches; Explore cooperation opportunities and links to regional and global processes and development objectives.

- JULY -

### CITYNET/Yokohama Waterworks Training Course 2011

Customer Service Quality  
Improvement

Yokohama, Japan

July 03 - 16, 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." Open only to CITYNET members.

Send us your news and events

**Selected International**

have been involved with CDIA, include: Bangladesh (Khulna), Fiji (Suva), Indonesia (Banda Aceh, Palembang), Nepal (Kathmandu), Philippines (Naga), and Vietnam (Danang). For more information about CDIA, please visit: <http://cdia.asia/>

## 2nd High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (Kitakyushu) - More Action and Commitment



Top: Participants visited the Kitakyushu Environment Museum to experience the remarkable improvement of the city; Bottom: CITYNET Programme Director with members from Phnom Penh and Yangon.

The High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (HLS-ESC) was initiated by 16 East Asia Summit (EAS) member countries (consisting of 10 ASEAN member states, Australia, China, India, Republic of Korea and New Zealand). The event brought together national and local government representatives and various other actors to look towards realising sustainable city development.

Possible replication and scaling up of the practices were highlighted, particularly in integrated solid waste management as one of the most serious environmental challenges facing urban areas in Asia. The importance of participation from the private sector, supportive policy frameworks by national governments and economic incentives, awareness-raising, and baseline data for GHG measurement were discussed amongst others. The need to improve urban air quality management, more actions on sustainable planning and adapting to changing climate were also covered. Local governments also presented their progress of commitment on achieving ESC. The EMS model cities are to be selected by participating countries this year to further meet the objectives of the programme.

[>> read more](#)

For more details about the seminar's outputs including the chair's summary, please see: <http://www.iges.or.jp/en/kuc/activity110315.html>

## Bangladesh's Struggle for 100% Sanitation Coverage

CITYNET associate member and development Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK) of Bangladesh has been working on various social and economic problems of the economically depressed and vulnerable groups since 1989 (on an informal level before this). One of DSK's main focus areas is sanitation and in particular the "Sanitation Campaign in Bangladesh" as part of the National Sanitation Task Force. In the following article submitted by DSK, they outline their experience in working with urban slum dwellers and their implementation methodology for facilitating

## Events

- MAY -

### CSD-19

New York, USA

May 2 - 13, 2011

As the Policy Session of the fourth implementation cycle, CSD-19 continues to focus on the thematic issues of transport, chemicals, waste management (hazardous & solid waste), mining and a 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns.

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

Geneva, Switzerland

May 8 - 13, 2011

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.

### The Third Biennial Conference of IHCN (Indian Heritage Cities Network)

Mysore, India

May 14 - 17, 2011

The conference is centered around the theme of urban mobility in historic cities, and discussions regarding local and global initiatives and trends in heritage-based urban development. We will be joined by international experts along with colleagues from the World Bank, DFID, UN-Habitat, UNESCO Paris and other multilateral organizations.

### Change for Stability: Lifecycles of Cities and Regions

REAL CORP 2011 -16th International



primary health care.

Article: >> [Bangladesh's Struggle for Hundred Percent Sanitation Coverage](#)

For more information on DSK please visit: [www.dskbangladesh.org](http://www.dskbangladesh.org)

*Note: Facts and opinions submitted by members are the responsibility of those submitting.*

## 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.'** >> [submission guidelines](#).

## Clusters Update



### CLIMATE CHANGE

#### Eco-tank Installation in San Fernando

An eco-tank was installed in San Fernando's Poro Baranguay (community) and damages that the tank had previously sustained were repaired. The operation of the tank and water quality is currently being reviewed. San Fernando is planning to install a second tank which was newly purchased by the city at a proposed site in Baranguay Catbangan. Installation is planned within the coming weeks.

#### Secondment Staff: Study Visit to Phnom Penh Practices and Challenges of Biogas

CITYNET Secondment Staff Afsana Akther together with HELP-O and Negombo officials visited Phnom Penh in March as a follow-up to CITYNET projects in the municipality such as the PURSUE C2C project on solid waste reduction focusing on biogas (CITYNET and UNITAR, 2009) with technical support from HELP-O and in cooperation with the local community. Phnom Penh is also a resource city in a city-to-city (C2C) exchange with Negombo and has shared practices on solid waste reduction especially in terms of strengthening community participation.

During the visit, the team was introduced to key issues and best practices in implementing and overcoming the challenges facing the project in Phnom Penh. They were also introduced to producing activated carbon utilising biogas and coconut shells which is done in Phnom Penh's waste dumping site.



### DISASTER

#### Disaster Cluster Update

Disaster in Japan / Disaster Risk Reduction

Conference on Urban Planning, Regional Development and Information Society  
Essen, Germany  
May 18 - 20, 2011  
[Draft Programme](#)

#### Cities of the Future - Sustainable Urban Planning and Water Management

Stockholm, Sweden  
May 22 - 25, 2011  
Conference delegates will meet, listen to and interact with people who have extensive experience in sustainable development and water management processes and techniques. A comprehensive and interactive programme of keynotes and presentations, site visits and workshops will provide delegates with a unique and beneficial experience.

#### International Transport Forum 2011

Leipzig, Germany  
May 25 - 27, 2011

#### XXIInd International Cycling History Conference

Paris, France  
May 25 - 28, 2011

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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.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment

Pisa, Italy  
June 6 - 8, 2011

#### CIFAL Jeju (JITC) Training: Improving Eco-Efficiency: Green Growth for Local Governments

Seogwipo City, Jeju, Republic of Korea  
June 8 - 10, 2011  
High-Level Officials, Local Government Representatives and Technical Officers, NGOs, CBOs,

CITYNET is currently reviewing future projects on assisting the re-building in the devastated Tohoku region of northeastern Japan following the disaster on March 11. Capacity-building sessions on disaster risk reduction are also being considered. Members will be informed as soon as details are available.

### The Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

CITYNET will also be represented at the 3rd Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland by Violeta Seva, Senior Advisor, Makati City Government (Lead City of the CITYNET Disaster Cluster). The event will take place from May 8 - 13 and the focus will be on discussions and decisions on "immediate actions that will reduce the economic cost of damage from disasters."



### Workshop on Transportation (Japan) Postponed

CITYNET and CITYNET Youth Japan's Workshop on Transportation: Sustainable Transportation in Asia originally scheduled for May 21 in Yokohama has been postponed until September/October. The workshop will be part of the annual Japan Forum to raise awareness in local citizens in Japan. The event will be in partnership with students from the National University of Singapore. 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. Further details will be released as they become available.

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



### Resources for MDGs

Please check the CITYNET website for updates on MDGs resources including an article by CITYNET associate member DSK on sanitation in Bangladesh.

>> [DSK article on sanitation in Bangladesh](#)

The latest issue of CITYNET CityVoices focuses on the MDGs: success stories from the Asia-Pacific region and resources for CITYNET members.

>> CityVoices latest issue: [MDGs in Asia-Pacific Cities: Our Lost Path?](#)

## Satellite Office

The CITYNET Satellite Office completed its first activity with the coordination of CITYNET's Urban Human Security Workshop and Study Visit in Mumbai last month. In conjunction with this, the CITYNET Secretariat held a meeting with concerned officials and MCGM indicated their intention to continue hosting the Satellite Office along with hiring a full time staff member in order to provide consistent support for CITYNET activities and programmes.

## National Chapter Update



### Bangladesh

#### - A Historical Milestone in Institutional Development



The Bangladesh National Chapter established in 1995 is CITYNET's oldest chapter. However, after more than a decade of inactivity, the chapter has embarked on a new phase in its development. On

Academic Institutions, and other Local Actors in the Asia-Pacific Region are the targeted audience for this training focusing on environment, green growth and local development.

### Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program

The Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire  
Durham, New Hampshire (USA)  
June 20 - July 1, 2011

This comprehensive two-week program emphasises a livelihoods approach to microfinance and enterprise development.

**Fees and Expenses: \$4,250 and includes tuition, room and board for two weeks.**

**Some scholarship funds are available.**

**For more information and please visit [here](#)**

or email [smdp.info@unh.edu](mailto:smdp.info@unh.edu) or call (603) 862-0764

### 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 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





29 March, all National Chapter members in Bangladesh affirmed their commitment of

development at the historical Chapter meeting.

Chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Chapter members agreed to formalise an organisational structure, comprising the Mayor of Dhaka as President, the Mayor of Khulna and Rajshahi as Vice-Presidents and CUS as Auditor. The body will remain in effect until 30 June 2012 when a formalised election system will be established. Furthermore, Mr. Md. A.K. Azad was appointed as Secretary-General and Dr. Tariq Bin Yousuf from DCC as Programme Manager. >> [read more](#)



## Indonesia - Welcomes New Members and Shares Best Practices on Urban Farming



On 24-25 February the Local Government of Sukabumi Municipality in cooperation with CITYNET-Indonesia conducted a general discussion and sharing of practices: "Developing Urban Farming." The programme provided opportunities to learn and share ideas about policies and

methods of developing urban farming in order to enhance the local economic growth. Information sharing through case-studies from a number of cities was examined in light of achieving the MDGs. CITYNET-Indonesia membership was also promoted to the participants and representatives of local municipalities and regencies in West Java and Banten Province of Indonesia. As a result there are six municipalities who will join CITYNET-Indonesia in this year: Serang, South Tangerang, Cimahi, Cirebon, Karawang, and Ciamis. >> [read more](#)



## Nepal - Working Committee Meeting and Focus on Disaster Resilience



The Working Committee meeting of Nepal National Chapter was conducted in the chairmanship of Chapter's President Mr. Ganesh Rai, Executive Officer of Kathmandu Metropolitan City Office on April 21 in Kathmandu. The meeting covered important decisions operations for institution, programmes and communications. The focal

person of CITYNET National Chapter-Nepal, Ms. Sara Neupane presented completed and ongoing plans for the Chapter including their proposal of constructing a biogas plant in a slaughter house in Gulariya Municipality and the regular publication of an e-newsletter encompassing planned activities of the National Chapter. Mr. Mahendra Khamyahang, Executive Officer of Dhankuta Municipality gave a briefing on the National Chapter members' participation in the Workshop and Study Visit on Urban Human Security in Asia held in Mumbai on 23-26 March. The membership of the Dhulikhel Municipality in the Nepal National Chapter was approved. >> [read more](#)



## Sri Lanka - Welcomes New Members and Matale to Host Chapter Meeting

National Chapter Sri Lanka is planning their next meeting on 7 May at the Matale Municipal Council. His Worship Mohamed Hilmy, Mayor of Matale Municipal Council (Vice President of the Chapter) will host the meeting. All 18 mayors and municipal commissioners will attend the meeting. Three new municipal councils of Bandarawela, Dambulla and Akkaraipattu will be welcomed as new Chapter members and respective mayors and municipal commissioners will attend the meeting.

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### 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

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

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.

- SEPTEMBER -

### 3rd Asia-Pacific Housing Forum

'Sustainable Shelter in an Age of Climate Change & Disasters'

Bangkok, Thailand

September 7 - 9, 2011

The 3rd APHF brings together exceptional speakers who will be sharing their knowledge, experience and insights on the theme and different tracks of the conference. Minister Anna Tibaijuka of Tanzania, the former Executive Director of UN-Habitat, will be giving the Keynote Speech. The Inaugural session is a "Thought Leaders Panel"

>> read more

## CITYNET Secretariat

### Farewell to Secondment Staff



The CITYNET Secretariat would like to extend sincere best wishes and gratitude for the hard work and efforts of Afsana Akther, seconded to the Secretariat in Yokohama from August 2010 to March 2011 from Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). Afsana's dedication was instrumental to the success of a number of projects. Her energy and perseverance were inspirations to staff.

Afsana was involved in the Climate and Disaster Resilient Programme (CDRI) and well as coordinating the National Chapter of Bangladesh and the biogas project in Negombo. Afsana also produced the 2010 Cluster Updates. As an expert on solid waste, Afsana was able to participate in a number of training programmes with the city of Yokohama, Yokohama Waterworks, KLRTC and the CIFAL Jeju on Green Growth. "I am really grateful to the Programme Director and other staff of CITYNET for extending their generous support to facilitate the study visit programme for me," says Akther. Many thanks again to DCC and to Afsana for her great contribution to CITYNET.

## CITYNET Youth Japan



CITYNET Youth Japan (CYJ), now in its third year, held a workshop in April for capacity-building of members and awareness-raising on global issues such as modes of economic sustainability. CYJ is also planning an activity in support of the victims of the Tohoku disaster. CYJ hopes to undertake a study visit to a developing country in Asia this summer.

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## Partner News & Events

### SUTP Asia Project Update

The Sustainable Urban Transport Project in Asia is jointly implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), 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.

### GIZ's new project: GEF Sustran East Africa

Through funding by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) UN-Habitat is implementing a 5-year programme on "Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East African Cities" (GEF Sustran East Africa in partnership with GIZ, ITDP, TRL and the respective national and local governments). The programme aims to reduce growth in private motorized vehicles, thus reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the three capital cities of Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya. GIZ will also provide technical assistance in Addis Ababa to support the development of an integrated public transport network and transport demand management measures.

### Working Group on Transport NAMAs kicked off in Seoul

Representatives from 17 countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America, the UNFCCC secretariat, development banks as well as experts on transport and climate change

which features the exchange of ideas by leading global thinkers and practitioners.

### Events Calendar

## Resources

### Call for Abstracts - ISOCARP Congress 2011

24-28 October Wuhan, China

The theme of the 47th Congress is : "Liveable Cities - Urbanising World, Meeting the Challenge".

Deadline Abstract Submission: 10 May 2011

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

Final Report available online [here](#).

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

Your feedback and reactions are welcome.

### 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.

### The Ecologically Sustainable Water Management Framework

Produced by the US-based Nature Conservancy, this website outlines a programme in which human needs for water are met by storing and diverting water in a manner that can sustain or restore the ecological integrity of affected river ecosystems.

### Lee Kuan Yew World City

Prize 2012 - Nomination Deadline Extended to May 31, 2011

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

participated in the Kick-Off Meeting of a working group on transport NAMAs that was kicked-off in Seoul, Korea on April 12th and 13th, 2011.

#### [Technical Document #7 on Sustainable Transport Evaluation now available](#)

On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), GIZ has reviewed existing evaluation schemes for sustainability in the transport sector to determine which are most appropriate for sustainable transport planning and policy purposes on an international level. The analysis concludes that there is currently no sustainable transport evaluation process that is mature enough for processes such as the UN Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD). This document outlines options for choosing appropriate indicators and evaluation schemes, and proposes a working plan for starting an evaluation process within the CSD 18/19 framework.

#### [Module on Urban Freight now in Chinese](#)

This GIZ Sourcebook module, now translated in Chinese describes the importance of freight transportation in the context of urban development and provides detailed information on available options to meet current and future challenges for urban goods transport in rapidly growing cities of the developing world.

#### [Case Study #2 Released](#)

The document is titled "An Example of Promoting Cycling in Cities - Components of a High Quality Bicycle Infrastructure." This study introduces Muenster's initiatives to promote cycling and outlines specifications and essentials of its bicycle infrastructure.

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

[>> Upcoming events related to sustainable urban transport/mobility: \[www.sutp.org\]\(http://www.sutp.org\)](#)

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: Winner Announced](#)

The Singapore International Water Week is have announced the winner of the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2011. [Dr James L. Barnard](#) was recognised with the honour for environmentally-sustainable technology using micro-organisms to treat used water for the protection of lakes and rivers. 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 receives S\$300,000, a gold medallion and an award certificate.

[Journal of Habitat Engineering: Call for Papers](#)  
Deadline: June 10, 2011

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