CityNet-Microsoft survey findings on Cloud System released
The City Cloud survey jointly conducted by CityNet and Microsoft shows only 22.2% of Asian cities have adopted cloud computing to a moderate or extensive degree. However, this figure is expected to grow rapidly over the next three years, jumping more than two times to 46.9%.

2015 National Chapter Call for Proposals
The 2015 National Chapter Call for Proposals has been disseminated to all National Chapter focal points. The Secretariat is anticipating a wide range of dynamic proposals this year. To apply, please contact your local National Chapter or email Marina at programs2@citynet-ap.org for the application form. Applications are due on April 17, 2015.

Flood management training in Banda Aceh
CityNet and CDIA are adapting the flood management training for Indonesian cities from March 23rd-25th, with Banda Aceh as the host. Following last year’s Training of Trainers in Singapore, the lead trainers from Banda Aceh and Jakarta developed a localized version of the training tailored for the Indonesian cities’ needs. Contact Stephan Widjanto at media@citynet-ap.org for more information.

Affordable Housing at ICLEI Congress
CityNet will host a side event on Affordable Housing in the Asia Pacific region on April 8th at the ICLEI World Congress in Seoul. CityNet’s long-time supporter, Kirtee Shah, will lead the session with dynamic speakers covering topics like slum upgrading, property rights, land use and housing data. Stay tuned for further updates!

Here are CityNet activities in 2015
CityNet Secretariat is excited to announce a series of activities held throughout the year for its network, covering key urban issues including disaster management, flood management, affordable housing, infrastructure financing, and urban planning. Spaces for the workshops might be limited so apply as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. We look forward to your active participations in our programs throughout 2015!

Read our new blog on urban renewal
Our latest blog discusses about the need of urban renewal initiatives to restore public spaces and how it might revive cultural values.

Network News
Safe Cities Asia 2015 in Singapore
From May 12th to 14th, the Worldwide Business Research (WBR) is organizing the Safe Cities Asia 2015 conference in Singapore, where CityNet Secretary General Vijay Jagannathan will be speaking about Asian perspectives on the core elements of a smart, resilient city strategy.
Second International Conference on Local Governance

Municipal Association of Bangladesh is organizing the Second International Conference on Local Governance 2015 from 27th-28th March, 2015 in Lavita Hall of Lake shore Hotel, Road # 41, House # 46, Gulshan 2, Dhaka, Bangladesh. For more information contact Md. Ashek Mahmud by email at ashek.mahmud.rana@gmail.com.

7th World Water Forum in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea

Following the last Forum held in Marseille in 2012 focusing on solutions, the 7th Forum will take place in Gyeongju, from April 12th-17th, 2015. This Forum is the largest and main international meeting on water management and sanitation, held every three years and gathering central governments and ministers, local and regional authorities, policy makers and operators.

CityNet Secretariat welcomes interns from Vietnam

Representatives from Hue and Hanoi, Mr. Hong Giang Nguyen and Ms. Thu Huong Nguyen, had a chance to work with CityNet Secretariat as interns from mid-January to the beginning of February. This is part of the Master of Urban Administration and Planning program sponsored by Seoul Metropolitan Government. They shared fascinating information about their respective city’s urban development.

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CBARAD concludes with Achievements for All

As CBARAD project comes to an end in March this year, the preliminary final survey results indicate impressive outcomes - 91.3% of respondents now understand the high risk areas in their barangays and over 97% have the knowledge of evacuation protocols specific to their barangays.

CYO invites participants to the session during 3rd UN World Conference on DRR

CityNet Yokohama Project Office and the City of Yokohama along with the support of JICA will host a session during the 3rd UN World Conference of Disaster Risk Reduction on March 15th from 13:15. All participants expected to be in Sendai are invited to the session.