

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Welcome to the latest edition of e-news! This issue we continue to celebrate our milestone 25th anniversary, while looking ahead to the challenges and opportunities of next year in Seoul, South Korea. The future is full of changes, however we know that CITYNET will continue to be an innovative source for city-to-city co-operation in the Asia-Pacific region.

CITYNET would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, partners and friends for their continuing innovation, collaboration and support through this year and the next.

Best wishes,  
CITYNET Secretariat

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## CITYNET News & Events

### Features

#### CITYNET 25th Anniversary Celebration and Commemorative Seminar



Yokohama Waterfront

This year CITYNET celebrates its 25th anniversary. Established on the 27th of July, 1987, CITYNET has spent a successful quarter of a century promoting city-to-city collaboration and interaction.

As the President City of CITYNET, the City of Yokohama is holding a ceremony celebrating the 25th Anniversary of CITYNET, followed by a Commemorative Seminar on disaster prevention and relief. The 25th Anniversary Ceremony will be held on October 30th, 2012, accompanied by remarks from Mayor Fumiko Hayashi, and greetings from founding CITYNET member cities.

The Commemorative Seminar, Mega Disaster in Cities: What Communities and Networks Can Do, will take place on October 31st at Hamagin Hall, Yokohama. Moderated by Dr. Rajib Shaw of Kyoto University, this Seminar will discuss community level disaster-risk reduction, the importance of networking among cities, and lessons learned from past

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### Publications

#### Yokohama Waterworks in Action



The Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWWB) has long been a staunch supporter of CITYNET programs and activities. This

disasters. For the complete schedule and updates please visit the CITYNET website [here](#).

Additionally, CITYNET member cities will give presentations at the Asia Smart Cities Conference, hosted by the City of Yokohama. Please see [here](#) for more details on the Asia Smart Cities Conference.

## Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and the Pacific Region: A Best Practices Sharing Workshop



Transport Workshop Organized by CITYNET, KOTI, World Bank, and GIZ

On October 8-10, 2012, CITYNET, in partnership with the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI), held the *Sustainable Urban Transport in Asia and the Pacific Region: A Best Practices Sharing Workshop* in Goyang and Seoul, Korea. The workshop provided an opportunity for knowledge-sharing between local governments on the development and sustainability of public transportation operations. It also emphasized that transportation should be integrated into the broader framework of city planning in order to ensure a successful and sustainable system. The World Bank and GIZ were partners for this event.

There were 31 participants from 6 countries, all representatives from traffic and transportation management offices in their home countries. They were very enthusiastic about gaining new information and knowledge, particularly from the successful and long-standing Korean urban transport system. The workshop inspired participants to further improve their public transportation systems. On the last day, participants worked together to draft plans to increase transportation coverage for their home countries using knowledge gained during the public workshop.

For more information on the presentations and group work discussion results, please see our website [here](#).

## 6th World Urban Forum in Naples

publication presents the YWWB activities, training programs, and community service activities. Check our website soon for a downloadable PDF!

### Resources

#### Urban Planning for City Leaders

UN-Habitat, with financial support from Siemens AG and the Swedish International Development Cooperation (Sida), has launched a new guide, [Urban Planning for City Leaders](#), aimed at providing local leaders and decision makers with the tools to support urban planning good practices. The guide provides city leaders with insight on the role of urban planning in delivering an urban vision; identifies “how to” address key urban development issues through urban planning and familiarizes the reader with the implications and challenges of the implementation of a holistic and horizontal approach to urban planning.

#### Events Calendar

### CITYNET + Member & Partner Events

#### - NOVEMBER -

**Yokohama CBARAD Study Visit**  
November 21 - December 1 2012  
Yokohama, Japan  
30-31 October 2012

#### - DECEMBER -

**KLRTC Training Course: Urban Infrastructure Financing Options in the Asia-Pacific Region**  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
December 4-7 2012

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CITYNET Secretary General with Mr. Kadir Topbas, Mayor of Istanbul and President of UCLG

On September 1-7, 2012, UNHABITAT held their sixth World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy. The theme of this year's WUF was *The Urban Future*, something that CITYNET is actively working to improve for cities across Asia.

CITYNET Secretary General Mary Jane Ortega spoke at the Mayors Roundtable Discussion on Monday September 3rd. She emphasized the importance of city-to-city cooperation, good governance, and equal gender representation. The Secretary General also spoke as a panelist at the Water and Sanitation session, where she promoted water conservation awareness.

Program Director Bernadia Irawati Tjandradrewi facilitated a session focused on effective urban planning for city leaders. Participants were exposed to the potential of urban planning to address the most critical challenges that city leaders face. Using the UN-Habitat guide, [Urban Planning for City Leaders](#), mayors and city officials were able to explore the tools available for holistic urban planning.

The Program Director also took part in a panel discussion, *Realizing Sustainable Cities: Linking to Climate Financing*, which explored multi-lateral, bi-lateral and national funding methods to finance climate change mitigation-driven infrastructure investments. Several meetings with key partners, such as UCLG, UNITAR and others were also held.

For more details, please see [here](#).

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## Clusters Update



### CLIMATE CHANGE

#### Yokohama Smart Cities Project Technical Visit

In conjunction with the CITYNET 25th Anniversary Ceremony hosted by Yokohama on October 30-31, 2012, CITYNET is coordinating a study visit for cities in attendance.

Experts and representatives from five cities (Bangkok, Colombo, Danang, Dhaka, and Jakarta) will participate in the Yokohama Smart Cities Project (YSCP) Technical Visit

and the Asia Smart Cities Conference, as well as site visits to a water treatment plant, environmental model house, and power plant.

In addition to the conference, the participants will visit the Tsurumi River Basin Center to learn about flood control and management measures. Prior to this conference, the participants completed a needs assessment questionnaire which clearly indicated that climate change issues, in particular rising temperatures, floods and energy issues, were common challenges for these cities.

The YSCP Technical Visit is being sponsored by the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations of Japan (CLAIR) and is supported by the City of Yokohama, the Tsurumi River Network, Kohoku Ward and partners of the Asia Smart Cities Conference. This visit follows the International Climate Change Seminar that was hosted in Dhaka in November of last year.

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## DISASTER

### **Community-Based Assistance and Resilience Against Disasters (CBARAD) Project Meeting**



Launched in August 2012, CBARAD aims to support effective community-level adaptation and resiliency plans in the city of Iloilo (Philippines). By increasing citizen awareness, this project seeks to create self-sustaining communities in the event of flooding.

The three-year project is being supported by CITYNET, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the city of Yokohama. For more information check our website [here](#).

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### **CDRI Video Conference: Progress Report and Pilot City Monitoring**

The Climate Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) Capacity-Building Programme was initiated in 2009 by CITYNET, Kyoto University and UNISDR, and was later joined by TDLC of the World Bank. It aims to raise local government awareness and capacity towards current and potential climate risks in cities across Asia. It also aims to prepare action plans for disaster risk reduction.

At the third Stage of the Programme the champion cities formulated their respective CDRI Action Plans constituting short, medium and long terms plans within the five (5)

areas of physical, social, economic, institutional and natural challenges. The initial project cities are Colombo (Sri Lanka), Chennai (India), Dhaka (Bangladesh) - now Dhaka North City Corporation and Dhaka City South Corporation, Hue (Vietnam), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Makati (Philippines), Sukabumi (Indonesia) and Suwon (Korea).

On October 19, 2012, several of these cities took part in a Video Conference to report on their progress, identify problem areas, target timelines, and report on other performance indicators.

The majority of the pilot cities were able to report on the development and ongoing implementation of their action plans. There were other cities which were not able to meet their targets due to budgetary constraints, lack of support from their local government authority, and high staff turnover. Through the testimonials of the pilot cities, their learning experiences can help guide the next generation of the CDRI Capacity-Building program. For more information on the progress reports, please check the CITYNET Website [here](#).



### **Yokohama Waterworks Bureau 2012 Training Course: Water Treatment Technology and the Practical Side of Management and Maintenance**

Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWWB), in coordination with CITYNET, conducted a Training Course on *Water Treatment Technology and the Practical Side of Management and Maintenance* from August 27th through September 8th, 2012. Participants included professionals from Medan (Indonesia), Shanghai (China), Incheon (Korea), and Hue (Vietnam). Since its establishment in 1999, YWWB has annually accepted participants from CITYNET members and organisations for participation in its training program. To date there have been nearly 380 participants from 31 countries.

The course consists of lectures, discussions, problem-solving exercises, video presentations and field trips. Participating representatives presented their ongoing action plans including improvements to water treatment plants, water quality monitoring, and the reduction of production costs through solar power technology.

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### **Biratnagar, Nepal Participates in the Technical Cooperation for Developing Countries Programme**



Biratnagar, Nepal took part in a training programme on Information and

Communications Technology-based Accounting and Revenue systems in New Delhi, India on September 26-28, 2012. This training was part of the TCDC initiative.

The training in New Delhi was provided through the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), the Human Settlement and Management Institute (HSMI), the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), and the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).

CITYNET offers training opportunities through its TCDC programme to eligible and qualified participants by matching a city's needs with a resource that can be offered from another partner institution or city. For more information visit [here](#).

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## **National Chapters Update**

### **Indonesia**



CITYNET-Indonesia conducted a Special Meeting on the 19-20 September 2012 at the AKMANI Hotel in Jakarta. The agenda of the meeting was:

- To evaluate the programme/activities conducted in 2012
- To evaluate our road block or barriers on doing activities
- To determine the programme/activities to be done in 2013

The planned programme/activities for 2013 are:

- Seminar and Sharing Best Practices on Managing Governance (Sorong, May-June 2013)
- Seminar and Sharing Best Practices on Financing Infrastructure (Balikpapan, Sept-Oct 2013)
- Short Course and Study Visit to Beijing (June-December 2013)
- Up-dating the MDGs achievement report
- Making a three monthly new letter
- Participating the CITYNET Head Quater's activities

For more information, visit the CITYNET Indonesia [homepage](#).

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## **CITYNET Secretariat**

We would like to welcome **Brenna Foster** as our new Communications and Information Officer. Brenna has over two years of experience in Communications, Social Media, and Digital Media. After studying English Literature at Tulane University in New Orleans, Brenna caught the travel bug and spent a year studying in Amsterdam, followed by two years working in Himeji,



Japan, and Chittagong, Bangladesh. In 2012, she graduated with an M.A. in International Affairs, Media and Culture from the New School in New York City. Brenna says, "Writing, blogging, and creating content are my passions, and I am never happier than when researching a new piece or absorbing context about a new issue. I am glad to be a part of CITYNET and look forward to working with you all."

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## **CITYNET Youth Japan**

### **Car Free Day and Yokohama Global Festa**



CITYNET, together with CITYNET Youth Japan (CYJ) joined the Yokohama International Festa which was held at Zonohana Park on 20-21 October, 2012.

CYJ sold fair trade goods made by a mothers' group representing the [You and Me International School](#) in Gazipur, Bangladesh. This school was established through collaboration between a Japanese CITYNET associate and Bangladeshi community group. Since 2011, CYJ has been helping to support the school through the sale of Bangladeshi fair trade goods at CYJ events. The money raised through sales is used to buy school materials.

CITYNET Youth Japan also raised funds through the sale of Bangladeshi fair trade goods at International Car Free Day on September 22, 2012. For more information about CITYNET Youth Japan, their activities and programs, please check [facebook page](#), and their website [here](#).

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## **Members & Partner News**

### **CITYNET Friend Dr. Heru Sutomo Passes Away**

Dr. Heru Sutomo, of the University of Gajah Mada, Indonesia, was a long-time friend of CITYNET. Dr. Heru attended many transportation programmes of CITYNET as an important resource. He also had a project with Office Tape, a member of CITYNET. The CITYNET Secretariat offers condolences to his family. He will be missed.

### **WiFi Zone in Rajshahi**

CITYNET Member Rajshahi City (Bangladesh) announced a breakthrough in ICT development this month. Rajshahi City is planning the development of a Free Wifi Zone in the Boro-Kutir area of Rajshahi. Rajshahi City is following the lead of other cities, where free wifi has been made available in public parks in order to increase usage of

open spaces. For more information see news coverage [here](#).

## Cities Development Initiative of Asia

The Cities Development Initiative of Asia is a regional initiative established in 2007 by the Asian Development Bank and the Government of Germany and supported by the governments of Sweden, Austria, and the Shanghai Municipal Corporation. After the MOU was signed between CDIA and CITYNET, both agencies have had a much closer cooperation with a focus on capacity building.

CITYNET was invited to join in the first The Stakeholder Expert Group Meeting (SEGM), in order to provide feedback on CDIA operations. Together with a representative from the Town Development Fund (TDF) of Nepal, Program Director Bernadia Tjandradewi presented recommendations to the CDIA.

For more information about CDIA, their programs and projects, check their website [here](#).

## Sustainable Urban Transport Project

The Sustainable Urban Transport Project aims to help developing cities achieve their sustainable transport goals through the dissemination of information about international experience, policy advice, and more. This fall, GIZ SUTP will deliver its 100th training course in the city of Addis Ababa. To date the project has trained more than 3700 participants. For more information, check [here](#).

## UNPAN Call For Nominations

CITYNET encourages outstanding candidates for the 2013 United Nations Public Service Award (UNPSA) to apply by December 7, 2012. The UNPSA is an international recognition of excellence in public service and rewards the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions that lead to a more effective and responsive public administration in countries worldwide.

For more information and the nomination form, please visit [here](#).

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