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CityNet is deeply saddened by a devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25th and killed thousands. On behalf of the entire network, CityNet extends its prayers and heartfelt sympathy to those who are affected and all citizens of Nepal. Together with Seoul Metropolitan Government and the City of Yokohama, CityNet Secretariat and CityNet Yokohama Office generate assistance for Nepalese cities to recover from the major disaster. We welcome financial and technical assistance from members.

Announcements and Opportunities



CityNet Affordable Housing Session Explores Unique Aspects

On April 8th, CityNet hosted a side event at Seoul City Hall on the topic of Affordable Housing as part of the ICLEI World Congress. A wide range of speakers explored unique aspects of Affordable Housing that included case studies, exploring environmental challenges, understanding architectural opportunities and sharing ideas.

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KDI School of Public Policy and Management scholarship opportunities

Korea Development Institute School offers scholarship opportunity for Master of Public Policy (MPP) and Master of Development Policy (MDP). All lectures are conducted in English. Every year, KDI School admits international students from 70 different countries and more than 60% of them are government officials.

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Save the date for the 33rd Executive Committee Meeting

Mark your calendar for the Thirty Third Session of the Executive Committee and Back-to-Back seminar that will take place from October 5th-7th, 2015 in Sidoarjo, Indonesia. Further details on both the event programmes and registration process will be announced as they become available in the following months.



Register to CityNet activities in 2015

Keep yourself updated with the list of CityNet activities throughout the year covering key urban issues including disaster management, flood management, affordable housing, infrastructure financing, and urban planning. Spaces might be limited so apply as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

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CityNet is Hiring Summer Interns!

Would you or someone you know like to gain hands on experience working on sustainable urban development projects, events or communications? CityNet is hiring Summer Interns to work for 3-6 months at the Secretariat in Seoul. The deadline for applications is May 1st. Please email Marina Brenden at programs2@citynet-ap.org with any inquiries.

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CityNet participates in ICLEI World Congress

As mentioned above, CityNet took part in the ICLEI World Congress in Seoul by holding a side event on Affordable Housing. In addition CityNet also hosted a booth at the



Audit of CityNet Accounts for the year 2014

Administrative Officer IV (Accountant II) from the City Government of Naga, Mr Jose Marie B. Ojeda, visited CityNet Secretariat from April 27th-30th to assist in the audit of the



CityNet and WRI China continue to develop their partnerships

Following the visit of World Resources Institute China Representative Lijin Zhong to the CityNet Secretariat, CityNet Director of Programs Youngmin

Congress main venue, Dongdaemun Design Plaza. Check out the photos from the two activities on our Flickr page.

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network's finances. He was responsible to report the findings and propose recommendations based on the financial statement and the audit.

Chang had a chance to have discussion with the Country Director of WRI China Office in Beijing. Among the various sustainable development issues discussed, WRI China extended their invitation to CityNet to participate in a number of national and international forums in China.



Kirtee Shah meets CityNet Assistant Secretary General

During his visit to Seoul to speak on the Affordable Housing side event as part of the ICLEI World Congress, Kirtee Shah had a chance to meet CityNet Secretary General Jaeryong Yoo to express his continued support to the Secretariat and its activities to facilitate its members and partners.



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.

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SUTP Policy Brief: Non-Motorised Transport Policy in India

Non-motorized transport (NMT) in the form of walking, cycling and cycle rickshaws plays an important role in Indian cities. The second SUTP Policy Brief is intended to assess the current NMT policy situation in India and to outline a broad policy reform agenda to support the development of NMT.

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Sustainable Urban Transport across Major Middle East and North African Cities" released

Using examples of international best practices, the report gives an overview of the challenges sustainable urban transport faces in the MENA region and offers possible solutions. Experience worldwide has shown that solving transport issues requires more than mere investment in infrastructure.

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Business World Smart Cities launched its first magazine

BW Smart Cities, a niche knowledge-sharing and outreach platform, just launched its first magazine. The new integrated media platform seeks to bring together stakeholders and enthusiasts in the wider Smart Cities domain to connect and collaborate on India's Smart Cities vision.

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Yokohama Project Office



CBARAD-II Prepares for a fresh launching in Iloilo

The successful completion of CBARAD-I has attracted more stakeholders and city departments to be officially involved in the second phase of the project. The project is expected to include new partners including three CITYNET members from the Philippines for wider knowledge sharing of DRR strategies.

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Toshiba International Foundation grants project funding for CYO for teacher training in Nepal

Following a successful outcome, TIF has offered the grant for the second consecutive year for the same project to be conducted in Nepal in partnership with the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN). Selection of municipalities and schools will be carried out in the coming months through MuAN.

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CityNet Secretariat and CYO meet to discuss working strategies

To further strengthen the relations between CITYNET Secretariat and CITYNET Yokohama Project Office, Mr. Kendra Hirata visited the Secretariat to share an update on CYO's activities and discuss working strategies between the two offices. The two-day meeting was attended by the secretariat staff. Mr. Hirata also made a courtesy call to the Assistant Secretary General Jaeryong Yoo at Seoul city hall.

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Staff changes at CYO beginning April 1st

Aligning with the Japanese fiscal year, CYO had some personnel changes with further detail on the CYO website.

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