

Dear Members & Partners,

We have a new look as we gear up for the CITYNET Yokohama 2009 Congress in September. We will maintain our commitment to present, past, ongoing and upcoming programmes and activities relevant to the international community, focusing on the interests and needs of members and partners.

We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues and friends. As always we look forward to your feedback.

Warm Regards,
CITYNET Secretariat

CITYNET News & Events

CYCLONE AILA CAUSES DEVASTATION - SUPPORT GIVEN BY SATELLITE OFFICE AND BANGLADESH NATIONAL CHAPTER



Flooding in coastal Bangladesh.
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On May 26th Cyclone Aila devastated areas in the Bay of Bengal affecting areas in Eastern India and Bangladesh including CITYNET member Khulna City in Bangladesh. The torrential rains and strong winds caused hundreds of deaths and left many thousands more homeless without or with little access to basic necessities such as clean drinking water.

Responding to the needs outlined by Khulna City, the CITYNET Satellite office under the direction of Mr. Rajendra Vale, Deputy Municipal Commissioner of Greater Mumbai provided and coordinated the airlifting of two million water purification tablets from Mumbai to Dhaka. Further assistance was provided by Ms. Seema Marathe, Programme Manager of the Satellite Office as well as Dr. Tariq Yousuf

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CITYNET YOKOHAMA CONGRESS 2009

"Harmonious Cities
for Our Future"
September 7-11, 2009

We're looking forward to welcoming members, partners, international organisations, private companies, media and the public to the Congress.

at the CITYNET Bangladesh National Chapter office in Dhaka who is coordinating efforts in the country. The tablets are to be distributed to residents in Khulna City.

Remaining challenges are numerous and include developing long-term plans for preparedness and the desperate need to provide continual clean drinking water, made more difficult due to high salinity and pollution.

For member cities able to assist in other areas such as technical support, please contact the Khulna City office directly:

Mr. Tapan Kumar Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer Khulna City Corporation, Khulna City 9100 K.D. Ghosh Road, P.O.Box 125, Bangladesh Tel: 88-041-720409 email: abir381(at)yahoo.com

Note: CITYNET would like to thank the Mumbai and Dhaka offices for their extensive efforts. Furthermore we would like to acknowledge other member cities who have expressed interest in providing assistance.

CITYNET's mandate is to supply information to all members as soon as possible regarding the status of disasters and needs identified by affected communities. CITYNET works to develop long-term solutions in terms of capacity building programmes to reduce disaster risks.

MISSION IN SWEDEN: SHARING THE NEEDS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ASIA



Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi giving a presentation on CITYNET at the Public Forum on Sustainable Development in Asia

At the 3rd PRC (Programme Review Committee) organised by the ADB-CDIA (Cities Development Initiative for Asia) CITYNET was given the key opportunity as one of only two Stakeholder Forum Representatives (SFR) chosen to give recommendations and share information to major donors and urban stakeholders of the CDIA. CITYNET's main role was to give input to the PRC on the needs of local governments in Asia.

Held in Stockholm on May 25 and 26, the main agenda for the first PRC held in Europe was to review the progress of CDIA and to set the next plans and actions.

Keeping the focus on medium-sized cities was emphasised by Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Programme Director of CITYNET as they do

**Registration Deadline
Extension:
July 15, 2009**

**Accommodation Deadline:
August 7, 2009**

**For the latest programme
details please visit:**

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Share your vision and hopes for the CITYNET Congress!

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not typically have the same access to resources as mega cities. Key points highlighted included the importance of a learning network and maintaining a transparent screening process.

Furthermore, capacity-building that includes mentoring as a valuable approach and cultural identity along with heritage considerations were recommended to be included in the upcoming programmes.

Overall CITYNET was also able to raise its visibility amongst donor agencies and present the achievements of members at the Public Forum on Sustainable Urban Development in Asia, (organised by SIDA) in conjunction with the PRC meeting. CITYNET will continue to promote CDIA amongst its members, and coordinate with CDIA and the ADB Team concerning the CITYNET Yokohama Congress.

150TH PORT OPENING CEREMONY IN YOKOHAMA: MEMBER CITY MAYORS AND REPRESENTATIVES JOIN THE PARTY



The Mayors line-up for their picture at a celebration for the 150th anniversary of the port opening in Yokohama.

This year is a historic and important year for Yokohama. They are currently celebrating the 150th year of opening of its port to the world signifying a varied and unique history. Festivities for the opening of the port took place over the May 30 and 31st weekend and mayors and representatives from around the world including those from CITYNET members attended to extend their best wishes.

Mr. Gérard Collomb, Mayor of Lyon, Mr. Hur Nam-sik, Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City, Mr. Hong Jong-il, the vice-mayor of Incheon and representing Mumbai, Mr. Vikar Pawar, Deputy Municipal Commissioner. Yokohama City Mayor Nakada expressed his deep gratitude to the cities and he looks forward to welcoming members to the upcoming Congress.

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.

We suggest the following measures:

- **Translate** relevant contents
- **Report** on local community activities relevant to urban sustainability.
- **Notify** others about joint or self-organised activities between two or more member cities.

STATE OF ASIAN CITIES REPORT 2010 - UPDATE

CITYNET recently participated at the Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft of the State of Asian Cities Report 2010 in Chiang Mai. The meeting was attended by representatives of UNHABITAT and UNESCAP who jointly initiated the project. The publication is due to be released at 2010 World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro in March 2010.

TEN MEMBER CITIES PARTICIPATE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON LOW-CARBON ECONOMY



Participants gather for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Low-Carbon Economy, Beijing, China

With the objective to identify strategic policy to balance energy security, climate change and poverty reduction, ten CITYNET member cities took part in the Asia-Pacific Forum on Low-Carbon Economy held in Beijing, China last June 17-20, 2009.

A Parallel Session entitled, “Challenges and Opportunities for Cities – Policy Dialogue on Energy for Low-Carbon Economy” was jointly organised by CITYNET; UNESCAP; China’s Energy and Research Institute (ERI); Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES); and Eurocities. The session aimed to discuss effective policy measures to improve energy efficiency and climate adaptation and mitigation in Asian cities. During this session, participating CITYNET member cities shared their initiatives and sound practices in reducing carbon emission such as Lyon’s Road Map in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and the Outcomes of the C40 Large Cities Summit which was presented by Seoul.

CLUSTER UPDATE

DISASTER CLUSTER

MAKATI SHARES TOWN WATCHING STRATEGIES WITH KUALA LUMPUR

With the objective to share Makati’s experience in town watching and practices in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in community planning and development, Mr. Anthony Xenon Walde, Chief of the Urban Planning Division from Makati, visited Kuala Lumpur on June 16-19, 2009 for a TAS visit in Kampong Baharu. During his study visit, Mr. Walde met with officials from City Hall Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) and Malay Agricultural Settlement (MAS) to discuss the status of the Town Watching Project in Kampong Baharu and to share Makati’s strategies and action plans in strengthening community involvement in the project. Findings and recommendations will be provided by the Secretariat upon submission of the report from the team.

The Town Watching Project in Kampong Baharu is a collaborative effort between CITYNET, Kyoto University, DBKL and MAS as one of the activities under the CITYNET Disaster Cluster. The project aims to assess the environmental condition of Kampong Baharu wherein local residents, specifically elementary students are tapped to do the actual observations to gain more ingenious results. Outputs will include a disaster risk map of the community which will subsequently help contribute to the formation of resilience community.

EXPERTS FROM MAKATI AND SAN FERNANDO SHARE SWM PRACTICES WITH PHNOM PENH

Solid Waste Management (SWM) experts from Makati and San Fernando, both from the Philippines, went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to do a TAS visit as part of C2C Cooperation Project on Solid Waste Reduction supported by UNITAR and the French Government on May 18-22, 2009. The delegation was composed of Mr. Reginald Millarez, Area Manager for District 1 – Makati City’s Parks and Green Division; Mr. Valmar Valdez, San Fernando City Environment and Natural Resources Officer; and Mr. Pablo Ortega, San Fernando Mayor. During the study visit, environmental officials from Phnom Penh gave an update on their Solid Waste Master Plan and projects implemented under the AWAREE Programme. The experts were also able to observe first-hand Phnom Penh’s solid waste reduction initiatives in schools and the community.

The experts shared their city’s sound practices on solid waste reduction, respectively. Mr. Millarez presented Makati’s recycling strategies in the communities such as the Weekend Waste Market, Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs), and the Waste Segregation Scheme. He also shared their experience on environmental education in the primary and secondary levels as one of the City’s projects under the Post-AWAREE Programme. Mr. Valmar shared San Fernando’s intensive efforts in implementing community-based composting and waste segregation scheme. He also presented San Fernando’s strategy to institutionalise waste reduction within the communities by establishing organisation structures such as the Technical Working Group (TWG), and Task Force for each of the SWM Clustered Barangays (communities). The said groups conduct information awareness to the people through training and seminars as well as public fora. Similarly, they are in-charge of overseeing the implementation of the “No Segregation, No Collection” scheme of the City Government.

A detailed report of this TAS will be available upon submission of the report from the team.

ONGOING & UPCOMING CITYNET PROGRAMMES

POST-AWAREE TV CONFERENCE II: PROGRESS & CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



POST-AWAREE participants in JICA offices in Yokohama, Japan

Representatives from the cities of Colombo, Da Nang, Dhaka, Makati and Yokohama came together again for the second POST-AWAREE Project TV Conference on June 25. Presentations on the progress and the challenges on environmental initiatives in each of the cities were made as part of an ongoing monitoring programme. Highlights, among others included:

- >> The mandatory recycling law and tree planting scheme in Colombo
- >> The development of an action plan on water resource and low-carbon path management in Dhaka
- >> The Eco-Park project in Da Nang
- >> Rainwater collection and awareness raising campaigns in the Makati schools including an environmental rap contest for out-of-school youths.
- >> The "EcoHama" and "Energy Saving Action for Children" programme in Yokohama utilising the power of local residents.

Participants were eager to share their ideas and best practices. Discussions on preparations for an upcoming study visit to Makati in July for POST-AWAREE members and the Congress in Yokohama were also highlighted. The Project is supported by JICA.

NATIONAL CHAPTERS UPDATE

1st WEB CONFERENCE FOR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

CITYNET National Chapters in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in their first web conference on June 10. The conference is part of a strategy to share experiences and to increase communication between National Chapters as well as to utilise free web technology. Each National Chapter took the opportunity to introduce their working conditions and current and planned activities. Particular challenges for the National Chapter offices were discussed in terms of limitations of capacity, geographic constraints and financial barrier. Despite this, a strong motivation for more outreach to cities and organisations as well as activities were outlined such as the upcoming seminar on creating gender-friendly cities in Banda Aceh. Other initiatives mentioned were in encouraging new members, increasing regional communications with newsletters and websites and more activities and exposure visits.

Participants agreed that communicating via the web was a useful and convenient method, despite some minor technical difficulties. This will be an ongoing initiative and the next web conference is scheduled for July 1.

CITYNET PROMOTION IN JAPAN

CITYNET PARTICIPATES IN CITIZEN'S FORUM ON REINTRODUCING LRT TO YOKOHAMA CITY

On 20 June, CITYNET attended a forum convened by Yokohama citizens on reintroducing an LRT system in their city. Dr Arshad Baharudin, representing CITYNET, gave a presentation on CITYNET activities; particularly on INFRA cluster activities relating to transportation. Of specific interest of discussion was the potential for transferring the knowledge and experience from other CITYNET member cities such as Seoul that have successfully integrated an LRT system into their urban transportation plans.

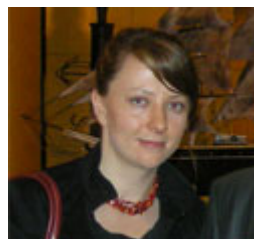
YOKOHAMA NAKA WARD MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

CITYNET participated in the Yokohama City Naka Ward Multicultural Festival on June 7. The purpose of the festival was to display different cultures and ideas to local families. Children were able to learn about CITYNET, its activities and Member cities all over the world.

STAFF

NEW COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION OFFICER

As of April 2009, Ms. Sonya Poller joined the staff of the CITYNET Secretariat as Communication and Information Officer. Ms. Poller hails from Canada and has a varied background in journalism, project management and multimedia. She has keen interest in deepening her knowledge of Asia and using web technology to create communities.



"After reviewing CITYNET achievements from the last 20 years I am impressed with the dedication of our members and I am honoured to be part of CITYNET's way forward. I am excited to meet participants of the CITYNET Yokohama Congress in person and listen to your ideas. See you soon!"

NEW PROGRAMME & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT



CITYNET is pleased to welcome Mr. Arshad Baharudin, Programme & Communications Assistant, who has been part of the team since March. Mr. Baharudin is a national of Brunei Darussalam, though he has spent the last seven years studying and working in Japan.

Arshad has a Masters and a Ph.d in Transportation Planning from Hokkaido University, as well as a B.Eng in Environmental Engineering from London's Imperial College. Before coming to Japan, he worked as a Petroleum Engineer at Shell Oil.

Considering himself as a global citizen, he is driven by the prospect that his technical skills and experiences can be of use in advancing CITYNET's goals and priorities.

INTERNS

MY INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE AT CITYNET

by Dianne Seva

Encapsulating my 6-weeks internship at CITYNET, I am grateful to everyone in the Secretariat for allowing me the opportunity to experience working at an international organisation. The wealth of knowledge and learning I acquired ranged from improving my technical skills, to applying what I have learned from my university, and ultimately, to understanding the significance of city-to-city cooperation in improving the quality of life, especially in developing countries.



More concretely my tasks included creating a template for the KLRTC case studies, assisting in data gathering and also contributing to the planning phase of YouthNet through CITYNET. Among other responsibilities, I benefited much from those that were related to the organisation's ties with the European region. With the wide scope of issues that CITYNET tackles, a lack of association with my major in the Philippines, European Studies, was never experienced. To use the European Union's slogan, there was "unity in diversity" not only in the structure of the organisation, but also amongst the staff. Needless to say, my internship provided me more than a glimpse of being on-the-job – more importantly, it made a big impact on my plans for the future. All the best for CITYNET!

Note: CITYNET would like to thank Dianne for all of her hard work. We shall miss you!

NEW INTERN: FOCUS ON MDGs

by Morgane Perset



I'm a French Master's student at Grenoble Urban Planning Institute, specialised in urban planning, habitat and international cooperation.

I joined CITYNET team in Yokohama in the beginning of May for a six-month training period. I'm here to work on issues related to the MDGs and the cooperation among Asian and European cities through our network. As a European citizen, I will make my relevant skills and knowledge as useful as I can for the enhancement our network.

I believe this experience will give me a new open-mindedness. This will also emphasise the importance of sharing in the individualistic world we are living in. During this internship, I will do my best to serve our common goal, living in harmonious cities!

VOLUNTEERS

NEW VOLUNTEER

Ms.Rie Oaku joined CITYNET Secretariat as volunteer from May and helps with promotional publications for Japanese citizens. Rie brings experience in promotion from her previous job at the public relations office in an amusement company.

She is currently working on the content and design for the Japanese version of CITYNET brochures and panels to be distributed and exhibited in Japan soon.



CITYNET YOUTHNET

CITYNET YOUTHNET TO VISIT MAKATI AS KICK-OFF ACTIVITY



YouthNet at the CITYNET Secretariat, Yokohama, Japan

As a kick-off activity, the core team of the CITYNET YouthNet (as an initial name) from Japan shall visit Makati City, Philippines on August 6 - 12, 2009 to familiarise themselves with the different activities and programmes for youth living in a developing country. CITYNET YouthNet is a group of university students who would like to share their time and dedication to help their fellow youth, especially the less privileged through the conduct of various programmes parallel to the vision and objectives of CITYNET. During their study visit, the students will have the opportunity to observe the different programmes and projects initiated by Makati for the youth through discussions with the city officials in-charge and a field visit to the Youth Centre, schools, and communities. They will also have the chance to mingle with students' groups from several universities who do community outreach programmes for possible partnership.

The first Youth Workshop including visiting students from the University of Singapore is scheduled for July 25th. YouthNet plans to present their observations, recommendations as well as their future action plan during the 2009 CITYNET Congress.

SUTP ASIA PROJECT UPDATE

The SUTP-Asia Project is jointly implemented by GTZ, CITYNET, UNESCAP, and BMA

Released: “Demystifying Induced Travel Demand” SUT Technical Document #1

In an effort to provide greater knowledge to the policy makers on issues related to sustainable urban transport GTZ SUTP developed a series of documents titled "Sustainable Urban Transport Technical Documents". The first of this series is on "Induced Travel".

Released: Training document on “Transportation Demand Management”

Authored by Todd Litman, Andrea Broaddus and Gopinath Menon this document focuses on strategies for implementing TDM measures and on formulating related policies.

Transport and Climate Change: Bridging the Gap – Road to Copenhagen

To encourage international action to slow down this growth several international organisations have decided to join forces to encourage the recognition that transport can and should play in mitigating GHG emissions. Together we hope that the new climate agreement to be reached at COP 15, in December 2009 in Copenhagen will be fully applicable to the transport sector and that firm understandings will be reached on large increases in funding for low-carbon, sustainable transport systems in developing countries.

GTZ SUTP now in India

The SUTP recently opened an office in New Delhi. This office will oversee the urban transport assistance activities in the South Asian region. SUTP is currently working with GTZ – Advisory Services for Environmental Management (ASEM) in providing technical assistance to some JNNURM cities that are under the purview of ASEM.

GTZ SUTP at the UNHABITAT Workshop in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Mr. Santhosh Kodukula, GTZ SUTP Urban Transport Specialist, presented at a workshop organised by UN HABITAT in association with ITDP Indonesia and INSTRAN, Indonesia. The workshop on “Access to Clean Urban Transport Energy Solutions for the Urban Poor” and was held between 27 - 29th May 2009 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

More SUTP news is available at www.sutp.org. Registered users will be able to download over 400 documents related to Sustainable Urban Transportation.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Title: SPUTNIC Final Conference

Date: July 3, 2009

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

Title: The 28th Annual Southern African Transport Conference (SATC) 2009

Date: July 6, 2009

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

Title: 10th ITS Asia Pacific : ITS Smart Move Forum

Date: July 8, .2009

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Japan Water Forum - Water & Disaster

CITYNET is one of the core organisations involved with Global level Actions outlined by UNSGAB.

UNSGAB - HIGH LEVEL EXPERT PANEL ON WATER & DISASTER

Considering the recent devastation of Cyclone Aila and the ever-increasing effects of pollution and climate change on the waterways and rivers of many member cities, the theme of water and disaster is more relevant than ever. The struggle to provide clean and safe water for all has also become more complicated.

In 2007 the High-Level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster/UNSGAB was convened at the request of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) under the Presidency of H.E. Dr. Han Seung-soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea and Former President of the Korea Water Forum. Through the devoted efforts of its participants, a part of action plans were created and summarised in six urgent imperatives.

THE SIX URGENT IMPERATIVES

1. Galvanise and mobilise before disaster strikes
2. Prioritise systems to forecast, inform, alert and evacuate
3. Incorporate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation as integral to development planning
4. Improve disaster response
5. Provide safe water and toilets quickly when disaster/conflict strikes
6. Special cross-cutting Initiatives

For more information please visit: www.waterforum.jp/eng/high_panel/

UNCRD CONDUCTS SIX-WEEK REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSE FOR CITYNET MEMBERS IN JAPAN



Participants listen to Dr. Makoto Murase (Dr. Rainwater) at the rainwater harvesting museum in Sumida ward in Tokyo.

The 37th International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC 37) — one of the UNCRD's annual training courses — was held in Nagoya for six weeks from 14 May this year. The course reflected the Centre's sharpened focus on the integration of environment, human security, and disaster concerns into sustainable regional development and management.

The course was designed to deliver the expected outcomes through a compact programme replete with cases for study and discussion, and field visits to gain insight into Japanese development experiences centering on the Chubu region. 13 participants with practical experience in broad aspects of development who wished to explore alternative approaches to regional development attended the Course. Member cities from Dhaka and Mumbai were sponsored for their travel by the CITYNET to attend the course.

MEMBER & PARTNER EVENTS

>> Seminar on Creating and Developing the Concept of a Gender Friendly City

Dates: July 28th – 30th 2009

Location: Hermes Palace Hotel, Banda Aceh, Indonesia

The City Government of Banda Aceh in cooperation with CITYNET Indonesia National Chapter will hold a seminar focusing on sharing best practices, challenges and opportunities in developing gender-friendly cities. The seminar aims to develop indicators and to increase understanding about the concept of a “gender-friendly city.” It will also look at practical ways of integration of gender issues in every field of development planning.

For more information please contact: Ms. Badrunnisa, Head, the Office of the Empowerment of Women and Family Planning, Banda Aceh Municipality Hp; 62 812 69 330 88 or Desi Yusfriani, Staff, General Affairs, desi_yusfriani@yahoo.co.id, tel : 62 813 62 692 333.

>> Leadership & Management in the Public Sector

Dates: August 18 - 30, 2009

Locations: India, Thailand and China

website: www.aushs.com

Organised and conducted by the Australian Habitat Studies (Aus-HS), and its regional counterpart in India (Aus-HS, India) the workshop will focus on three specific areas: Building Capacity in Leadership, Planning & Management Skills, Financing Public Works including Public Private Partnership (PPP) + Local Government Services & Housing, Parliamentary Practice & Procedures.

>> Asia Pacific Cities Summit

Dates: September 15 - 17, 2009

Location: Incheon, Korea

Theme: "Creative Urban Development"

website: www.2009apcs.org

The 7th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) is a signature event of the Brisbane City Council and recognised as a leading business and government forum. The goal is to cultivate city partnerships and will focus on key assets and infrastructures and tools required to promote the growth of creative, innovative, sustainable and cohesive practices.

>> Urban Ecological Restoration Course

Dates: August 31 – September 5, 2009

Location: IUTC, Gangwon Province, Korea

Application Deadline: July 19, 2009

website: www.iutc.org

The International Urban Training Center (IUTC) provides urban renewal and sustainable development training courses in close cooperation with UN-HABITAT to foster “urban sustainability experts” in the Asia-Pacific Region. The objective of the Course is to develop the capacity of integrated restoration planning and implementation in urban environments with

understanding on ecological restoration function and value as strategic solutions to sustainable urbanisation and climate change.

>> **The 3rd International Conference on Green Purchasing**

Dates: October 21 – October 23, 2009

Location: Suwon, Korea

website: www.igpn.org/focus_on/igp_conf_2009/programme.html

The conference aims to build up partnership among policy makers, businesses and consumers in order to further advance Green Purchasing. In particular, the respective countries in the Asia-Pacific region will need to establish the Green Purchasing Networks (GPNs) and make a breakthrough for green growth and the mitigation of climate change. The institutional / technical knowledge and experience to bring Green Purchasing into practice will also be shared.

>> **The 2nd Metropolis Women International Network Forum**

Dates: October 21 - 24, 2009

Location: Seoul, Korea

website: www.womenfriendlycity.or.kr/

The Metropolis Women International Network promotes the initiative 'Dynamic Cities Need Women'. With its policy experience in reframing the city administration through the 'Women-friendly City' approach, the Seoul Metropolitan Government jointly hosts the 2nd Forum. The symbolic theme 'Women-friendly city' represents the idea of reframing urban issues and policies through women's eyes. The forum will gather representatives from national, regional and local governments, NGO activists, and scholars to share the visions and challenges for a women-friendly city, which will ultimately lead to envisioning sustainable cities for all.

>> **APSA Congress 2009**

Dates: 24th - 26th November 2009

Location: CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India

Theme: "Future of Asian Cities"

website: www.cept.ac.in / www.spcept.ac.in

The Tenth International Congress of Asian Planning Schools Association (APSA) 2009 is being hosted by CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India. The conference aims to provide opportunities for scholars and planners to discuss issues related to planning, to exchange opinions and understand problems of planning in Asian countries, and to foster new generations of academics and professional planners in Asia.

>> SPECIAL EDITION OF CITYVOICE <<

This eight-page special issue will feature:

- Congress programme highlights
- Interviews with key speakers
- A closer look at some of the issues presented at the Congress
- Environmental innovations, such as using solar power and NASA technology to making clean drinkable water accessible.

Coming to you in August!

>> KLRTC 17:

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED <<

The application deadline has been extended until **Wednesday, July 8, 2009**

KLRTC 17: Integrated Urban Planning for Sustainable Urban Development

KLRTC 17 is scheduled to take place during the first week of August. Interested participants can submit applications by the above deadline.

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>> CITYNET WEBSITE RENEWAL <<

An all-new CITYNET website will be showcased at the beginning of August featuring a new design and more importantly easier access to information about CITYNET and its members, partners and programmes.

Glossary of Acronyms

AWAREE:	Awareness on Environmental Education
BMA:	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
C2C:	City to City (Cooperation)
COP:	The Conference of the Parties
GHG:	Greenhouse Gas
GTZ:	Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Technical Cooperation)
INSTRAN:	Institute for Transportation Studies
ITDP:	Institute for Transportation and Development Policy
IUTC:	International Urban Training Center
JICA:	Japan International Cooperation Agency
LRT:	Light Rail Transit
SIDA:	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SUTP- Asia:	Sustainable Urban Transport Asia
TAS:	Technical Advisory Service
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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