

Dear Members & Partners,

It is an exciting time, the **CITYNET Yokohama 2009 Congress** is around the corner and members and partners will convene in Yokohama for the first time in four years since the last Congress in Hanoi in 2005. We look forward to the energy, activity and new ideas that the Congress is sure to bring. It is a great opportunity to make your voices heard in shaping the future of CITYNET and we look forward to hearing them.

As always, we encourage you to share this newsletter with your colleagues and friends and your feedback as well via mail or in person.

We hope to see you in Yokohama!

Warm Regards,
CITYNET Secretariat

CITYNET News & Events

CITYNET YOKOHAMA CONGRESS SET TO LAUNCH



The CITYNET Yokohama Congress launches in less than a week and we are ready to welcome over 1,000 members and participants from across Asia and around the globe. Key partners such as UNESCAP, UN-HABITAT, UNITAR, UN Millennium Campaign, ADB, World Bank, UN/ISDR and the United Nations University (UNU) as well as members of local governments and leading authorities on urban issues will meet in Yokohama from September 7 – 11, 2009, coinciding with the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Opening of the Port in Yokohama. Best practices, challenges and solutions to issues affecting our cities will be discussed in lively sessions.

Highlighting the theme of "**Harmonious Cities for Our Future**" the Congress will tackle urgent issues of climate change and global warming, urban safety, gender-friendliness, financing infrastructure and good governance, among others. The Congress will also explore connections between public and private partnerships, access to basic services, urban safety, Asia and Europe, and economy and ecology. CITYNET specific events include the General Council Meeting, Executive Committee Meetings, Cluster Dialogues and the National Chapters Meeting.

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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.

For the latest programme details please visit:

www.citynet2009yokohama.jp

CITYNET YOKOHAMA CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

Through forums, roundtables, dialogues, networking events and technical visits, participants from over 20 countries will explore a diverse range of issues.

Opening Session: Featuring remarks from Shubha Raul, Mayor of Mumbai and Sukhumbhand Paribatra, the Governor of Bangkok.

Keynote Speech:



C. W. Nicol an internationally renowned author and environmentalist will speak about the "Harmonious Coexistence of Cities, People and Nature." Nicol will share his vast experiences in the environmental field in Canada, Africa and Asia.

Sessions Include:

- A Public Forum on Combating Global Warming
- Making Public-Private Partnerships Work
- Bridging the Gap between Ecology and Economy
- Creating Gender-Friendly Cities
- Access to Basic Urban Services
- Enhancing Cooperation between Asian & European Cities
- Urban Safety
- City Development for People by People
- Cities and Universities
- Financing Urban Infrastructure
- Strengthening Municipal Associations
- Urban Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Other Key Speakers include:

- Mawardy Nurdin, Mayor of Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
- Pablo C. Ortega, Mayor, San Fernando (Philippines)
- Michael Lindfield, Principal Urban Development Specialist, ADB-CDIA (Cities Development Initiatives for Asia)
- Daniel Cukierman, CEO Veolia Transport RATP Asia
- Somsook Boonyabanha, Secretary-General, ACHR
- Laura Petrella, Coordinator, Safer Cities Programme, UN-HABITAT
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- Marielza Couto E Silva De Oliveira, Associate Director, Governance Unit, UNITAR
- Anand Chiplunkar, Principal Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, ADB
- Hiroaki Suzuki, Lead Urban Specialist, Finance Economics & Urban Department, the World Bank
- Om Prakash Mathur, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy of India
- Ken Noguchi, world renowned alpinist

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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.

KLRTC XVII – ASIAN CITIES GAIN PLANNING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES



KLRTC XVII participants on a field visit to Putrajaya, the administrative center of Malaysia which is also the largest integrated urban development project in the history of Malaysia.

To learn and share information on urban planning, participants from **8 Asian countries** representing **11 cities** attended the KLRTC XVII training course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 10-13 August, 2009 entitled Integrated Urban Planning for Sustainable Urban Management. The four-day training course included lectures and presentations from experts in urban planning, transportation, and environmental design. A significant part included information on keeping the balance between the human aspects and the natural environment while making plans for urban development. The course also introduced some of the actions that Kuala Lumpur has taken to alleviate its congestion in city centers as well as strategies to improve informal settlements in and around the city.

The Training is organised under the auspices of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre, in short KLRTC, or CIFAL (in French: Centre International de Formation des Autorités/Acteurs Locaux, or International Training Centre for Local Authorities) Kuala Lumpur. KLRTC was launched in 2003 as a joint initiative between UNITAR, CITYNET, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Veolia Environnement, and UNDP. KLRTC aims to strengthen the capacity of local governments to deal with sustainable development.

Launch of the Asia Sanitation Data Book

Asian Sanitation Data Book 2008:

A joint initiative with ADB and in cooperation with UN-HABITAT and Veolia Environnement as the first Databook of its kind ever released in the region as a way to improve sanitation standards in Asian cities. To be officially launched at the Congress.

New CITYNET Website

Please view CITYNET's renewed website:

The new CITYNET website will be available for viewing at the beginning of September. Please check out the site for the latest information on CITYNET news and events as well as Congress highlights.

www.citynet-ap.org

PIEDAR PROJECT: PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

The construction of a primary school in Muzaffarabad, Pakistan is currently well underway. This is an ongoing CITYNET project as part of the post-recovery efforts extended to help the children of Pakistan affected during the 2005 Earthquake. The project was implemented by PIEDAR and funded by the citizens of Yokohama. Project updates shall be reported during the Congress.

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT FROM MUMBAI

CITYNET would like to thank the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) for their the extensive contribution in procuring and arranging delivery of water purification pills to Khulna City and its affected citizens in response to the effects of Cyclone Aila on May 26th.

PREMIER PRODUCTS TO SHIP ECO TANKS TO HUE

CITYNET and Premier Products are now in the process of arranging the necessary actions and documents in order to have a smooth transfer for three Eco Tank units to Hue for the Eco Tank Project. Premier has designed a special Eco Tank for the Phu Bin Public Market and another site. Also, Premier will be providing one free unit for a household with five members as project demonstration.

The Eco Tank Project in Hue is a collaborative effort between CITYNET, Hue, and Premier Products with the aim to improve the wastewater disposal in the urban communities of Hue. Updates of the project will be presented during the Enviro Cluster Dialogue at the CITYNET Congress.

STATUS OF THE CITY-TO-CITY (C2C) COOPERATION ON DECENTRALISED SEWERAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS USING ECO TANKS

➤ Installation of Eco Tanks in Negombo and Palembang

The cities of Negombo and Palembang are now in the process of installing the Eco Tanks in their respective identified communities in completion of the first phase of the C2C project. Four EC-40 Eco Tank units (two for each city) have been transferred. Palembang shall install the Eco Tanks at the City's low cost housing project which serves 384 persons. Negombo shall install the Eco Tank units in Monocogama Housing Project Site which caters to 100 very low-income families.

➤ Conduct of Biogas Project in Negombo together with HELP-O

To complement the Eco Tank Project in Negombo, CITYNET has tapped HELP-O (Human & Environment Links Progressive Organization), a member of CITYNET to assist in installing the Biogas system in the Monocogama Housing Project site. Specifically, the project aims to:

- familiarise the community about the Biogas system through IEC campaigns
- demonstrate the usage and benefits of Biogas through construction of a Biogas facility at the identified target site
- determine a more beneficial decentralised sewerage system in terms of usage, benefits, cost effectiveness, social acceptability, and sustainability through conduct of an analytic study.

Installation of the Biogas shall be undertaken once the Eco Tank units have been completely in place.

➤ **Initiating the Second Phase of the Project with San Fernando, La Union**

Now on its second year, the focus of activities is the identification and institutionalising of the Project for the second batch of beneficiary cities which also includes training and capacity-building in the form of technical study visits; information dissemination; and project demonstration. In addition, a comparative analysis between Eco Tanks and other technology particularly Eco San shall be undertaken focusing on the usage, benefits, cost effectiveness, social acceptability, and sustainability to serve as a guide for local decision makers determine the necessary actions in order to achieve sustainable sanitation.

San Fernando was chosen to be the beneficiary city for the second batch based on the assessment of the application forms submitted during the Call for Participation which happened during the first quarter of the Project. Likewise, the City was chosen because of its vast experience in adapting the Eco San facility in various communities.

NATIONAL CHAPTERS UPDATE

The four National Chapters in Bangladesh, Nepal, Indonesia and Sri Lanka will present updates on their status at the upcoming CITYNET Yokohama Congress including programmes and activities for the upcoming year.

Planned activities include, among others :

- exploration of cooperation opportunities with the other organisations for implementing planned activities
- building and expansion of websites
- collecting data profiles of members
- collecting data of MDGs achievement report of the members
- programme of sharing best practices among members
- programme of CITYNET Promotion activities;
- media promotion

CITYNET PROMOTION IN JAPAN

YOUTH FROM YOKOHAMA CITY UNIVERSITY VISIT CITYNET



10 students from Yokohama City University visited CITYNET Secretariat on July 6, 2009 to learn more about international cooperation and development issues for their future careers. The students received presentations from Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges (YOKE). The students were struck by the magnitude of the poverty and food shortage issues outlined by FAO and also the diversity of people within Yokohama.

SECONDMENT STAFF

SAD GOOD-BYE: SECONDMENT STAFF RETURNS TO MAKATI

Ms. Anna Rose Caro who joined CITYNET staff in April 2008 will be leaving in October to return to her position at the Makati City Government. Anna will be sorely missed by all as a co-worker and friend. Her contribution to CITYNET and the Secretariat went far beyond her job description as she provided a great deal of support for the Secretariat. CITYNET very much appreciates Anna, her abilities and wishes her all the best for her future career. We look forward to continuing to work together in her capacity as City Planning Officer with the Makati City Government.



NEW SECONDMENT STAFF FROM SURABAYA



CITYNET welcomes Ms. Chosadillia, an architect from the Building Regulation Division and Spatial Planning Department of the Surabaya City Government as the new Secondment Staff. Ms. Chosadillia is looking forward to increasing her skills regarding urban development issues. She says that becoming part of CITYNET will accelerate her knowledge of sustainable management and broaden her views on cooperating with cities. She would also like to promote Surabaya as a welcoming and growing city. Ms. Chosadillia arrived in August and will be with the Secretariat until March 2010.

THE FIRST CITYNET YOUTH WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT – SHARING IDEAS BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND JAPAN



The first Youth Workshop focussed on discussions of sustainable urban transport between students from the University of Singapore and from universities in Yokohama and Tokyo.

The first CITYNET Youth Workshop shared ideas about sustainable urban transport; comparing systems in Singapore and Japan. On the 25th July, 28 students led by their professor from the National University of Singapore paid a visit to the Secretariat to participate in the 1st Youth Workshop organised by CITYNET and Amity Yokohama. Professor Chin Hoong Chor, Associate Professor at NUS, took his students on a tour to Japan as part of his course on “Transportation Systems of Tomorrow” in order to give his students an opportunity to see first-hand the technological advances on show.

The first half of the workshop, facilitated by CITYNET’s Dr. Arshad Baharudin, consisted of an introduction into CITYNET by Secondment Staff, Ms. Anna Caro as well as a talk by Amity’s Mr. Masashi Iwanaga about Yokohama’s history. This was followed by educational and entertaining presentations by the Singaporean students about the transportation systems, which included a lively skit that brought into focus the issues facing their subway system such as accessibility for disabled and the elderly and increasing levels of congestion.

In attendance were many local students, including representatives from YouthNet, who also took the opportunity to give a presentation about their organisation. The workshop ended with the participants split into groups so that they could come up with novel ideas from what they had learnt during the talks. The success of the course, together with the networking opportunities wrought, bodes well for future of the workshop as an annual event and the facilitation of exchanges. As Professor Chin Hoong Chor reminded attendees that to inform and interact are important steps in partnership but the important step of integration is yet to come.

SUTP ASIA PROJECT UPDATE

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

Released: GTZ SUTP Newsletter June – July 2009

This edition of the newsletter covers: Topic of the Month: Changing the reigning paradigm; New Publications; GTZ Sourcebook on urban transport for the South Asian Audience; Recent Events and Upcoming Transport Events. The newsletter can be viewed or downloaded online.

Released: Transport and Climate Change: Newsletter Issue 01

'Bridging the Gap: Pathways for Transport in a Post 2012 Process' is an initiative of GTZ, TRL, UITP and Veolia Transport created to tackle climate emissions from land transport and link this issue with the climate negotiations. We encourage circulation of this information to support the aim of the initiative.

Subscribe to the newsletter via the website: www.sutp.org/bridgingthegap

Training document on Transport Demand Management now in Chinese

Transport Demand Management (TDM) aims to increase the efficiency of a transport system by discouraging "unnecessary" private vehicle use, by promoting more effective, healthy and environment-friendly modes of transport and by integrating urban development and transport. Authored by Todd Litman, Andrea Broaddus and Gopinath Menon this document focuses on strategies for implementing TDM measures and on formulating related policies.

The document is now translated into Chinese by Beijing Transportation Research Center.

Reading list on Car-free Development

The idea of Car Free Development is gaining increasing attention around the globe. Designing streets for people, not just cars, is considered to be a key issue in efforts aimed at reducing car dependency and promoting low carbon mobility. This document aims at providing the reader with an overview of the latest available literature on Car Free Development and New Street Design. Moreover, it includes links to a wide range of related organisations and projects.

GTZ SUTP now in India

The GTZ Sustainable Urban Transport Project recently opened an office in New Delhi. This office will oversee the urban transport assistance activities in the South Asian region.

Note: More SUTP news is available on the website <http://www.sutp.org>. Registered users will be able to download over 400 documents related to Sustainable Urban Transportation

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Title: World Congress of the Renewable City

Date: 13.09.2009

Location: Sydney, Australia

Title: Environment and Sustainable Transport

Date: 16.09.2009

Location: Timisoara, Romania

Title: Thredbo 11 Conference

Date: 20.09.2009

Location: Delft, The Netherlands

Title: 16th ITS World Congress

Date: 21.09.2009

Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Title: 10th International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities

Date: 07.10.2009

Location: New York, USA

MEMBER & PARTNER NEWS & EVENTS

>> 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.

>> Stand Up and Take Action Challenge

Dates: October 16 – 18, 2009

Location: Around the world

Website: (to download materials) www.standagainstopoverty.org/en/logodownload

The **STAND UP and TAKE ACTION** challenge calls for action against poverty and for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on 16-18 October 2009. Last year, more than 116 million people around the world, 73.1 million from Asia alone, participated in the event by standing up and pledging their solidarity with the world's poorest people. This year, the Millennium Campaign will join force with the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) and a wide range of partners worldwide to mobilise millions more people to **STAND UP and TAKE ACTION** and to set a new world record. The challenge will **take place over 72 hours between Oct 15th midnight to Oct 18th midnight.**

CITYNET invites members to join the campaign.

To participate in lively discussions on their Facebook page see: www.facebook.com/mcampaign



>> 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. CITYNET will be a partner in the Conference and urges members to attend.

>> 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.

>> LUCI Newsletter #9 September is out now!

website: www.luciassociation.org/

The latest newsletter from Light Urban Community International (LUCI) is now available. This month's newsletter focuses on the CITYNET member cities of Lyon, Bangkok and Shanghai, amongst others.

Up & Coming Publications & Resources

>> KLRTC UPDATE <<

This four page newsletter covers in detail the outcomes of the KLRTC XVII: Integrated Urban Planning for Sustainable Urban Management. The newsletter includes information lessons learnt, self-assessment matrix and proposed action plans of the participants.

>> CITYNET CLUSTERS UPDATE (Summer 2009) <<

An update of activities and programmes from March to August 2009 in our five Cluster areas.

To download these publications please go to: www.citynet-ap.org

Glossary of Acronyms

ADB:	Asian Development Bank
C2C:	City to City (Cooperation)
CIFAL	Centre International de Formation des Autorités/Acteurs Locaux, or International Training Centre for Local Authorities
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GTZ:	Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Technical Cooperation)
KLRTC	Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre
SUTP-Asia:	Sustainable Urban Transport Asia
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UITP	International Association of Public Transport
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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Comments, suggestions, and/or feedback are most welcome.**

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