

15th

CITYNET JAPAN FORUM

Saturday, 11 February, 2012

Time: 13:00-14:50

Organised by: CITYNET

A New Path to Disaster Recovery and Lessons Learnt from Asia

INTRODUCTION

CITYNET has been actively implementing disaster-related activities in response to a series of disasters that CITYNET members have experienced over the past decade. Following the 2004 Indian earthquake and tsunami, CITYNET cooperated with tsunami-affected cities in Sri Lanka and Indonesia to support them in reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes.

CITYNET conducted an external evaluation on its previous tsunami rehabilitation programme/projects by sending observers to project sites in Sri Lanka and Indonesia this year.

CITYNET will organise its 15th CITYNET-Japan Forum to share the outcomes of the evaluation/assessment as well as the reality of the tsunami-affected area in Tohoku with the citizens of Japan, and would like to explore possibilities for future disaster recovery. This forum is a part of "Yokohama International Forum 2012."

OBJECTIVES

The 15th CITYNET Japan Forum on "A New Path to Disaster Recovery and Lessons Learnt" aims to share lessons learned throughout Asia by reviewing previous CITYNET projects and discussing what we can do together for the Tohoku-affected communities.

LANGUAGE

Japanese

GUEST FACILITATOR & SPEAKERS



Dr. Yujiro Ogawa dedicated his life to disaster studies. He set up the first disaster information system for Asia when he worked at the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), and supported disaster researchers as the former Chair of Fujitsu Tokoha University's Environment and Disaster Department.



Dr. Bambang Rudyanto is a professor at Wako University, where he teaches GIS system. Previously he worked for UNCRD, JBIC, ADRC and JICA.



Ms. Suvendrini Kakuchi is a Sri Lankan journalist based in Japan. Her journalism experience spans almost thirty years of writing in her native country and Japan as well as coverage of other countries, mostly in Asia.



Dr. Akiko Nakajima is a professor at Wayo Women's University, and is a specialist on Housing Policy. She is a co-leader of Rise Together for Women in East Japan Disaster (Rise Together), and encourages women in the tsunami-affected area.

PROGRAMME

09:30—11:30 Expert group meeting
(venue: International Organizational Center,
Pacifico-Yokohama, 5th Floor)

Venue: JICA Yokohama (Room Icho/Yamayuri)

13:00-13:05 **OPENING** remarks

13:05-13:50 **LESSONS from Asian Cities**

Assessment of CITYNET Tsunami Project in Indonesia and Sri Lanka

Dr. Bambang Rudyanto, Professor, Wako University

Ms. Suvendrini Kakuchi, Journalist

13:50-14:40 **PANEL DISCUSSION:**

A New Path to Disaster Recovery

Facilitator: *Dr. Yujiro Ogawa*

Panelists:

Dr. Bambang Rudyanto, Professor, Wako University

Ms. Suvendrini Kakuchi, Journalist

Dr. Akiko Nakajima, Professor, Wayo Women's University

14:40-14:50 **CONCLUDING and CLOSING** remarks

What is CITYNET

CITYNET (The Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements) is an international network of local authorities and organisations in the Asia-Pacific region founded in 1987 with the objective to promote sustainable cities. Starting with 26 members in 1987, CITYNET has grown to become an international organisation of more than 100 members in more than 20 countries, most of which are cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region. Transportation has been one of the major concerns of CITYNET member cities, and many cities, such as Yokohama, have promoted eco-mobility towards sustainable transportation systems.

CITYNET Japan Forum— Beginning in 2003, the Forum became a regular event to share CITYNET activities with the public in Japan. The Forum offers a unique opportunity for citizens to learn more about urban challenges and innovations, and to interact with representatives from the Asia-Pacific region.

Registration

To register please visit Yokohama International Forum 2012 website <http://yokohama-c-forum.org/registration.html> by **February 10** [CITYNET Secretariat]

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