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FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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CITYNET: A UNIQUE NETWORK OF VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS

For over 20 years, CITYNET (The Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements) has helped local governments across Asia-Pacific improve the sustainability of their cities. CITYNET promotes **capacity-building** and **City-to-City (C2C) Cooperation** with the practical know-how necessary to make viable futures for our cities.

As the largest network of its kind in the region, CITYNET is a focal point of partnerships and exchange of valuable expertise and experience between local governments, NGOs, private companies and community-based organisations. Starting with 26 members in 1987, CITYNET has grown to become an effective international organisation of more than 100 members in over 20 countries.

« CITYNET: »

- o Believes that **together we can work** toward people-friendly cities that are socially just, ecologically sustainable, politically participatory, economically productive, culturally vibrant, and globally connected.
- o Is a **unique network** working with a wide range of urban stakeholders, including local governments, development authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), community-based organisations (CBOs), associations of local authorities, research and training institutes and private companies.
- o Helps **cities and local governments and partners** provide better services to citizens with the commitment to capacity building at the local level.
- o Works in close partnership with the **United Nations and other bi- and multilateral organisations and agencies**. In 1995, CITYNET was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations.
- o Was recognised by UN-HABITAT with the **2002 Scroll of Honour** for “playing a key role in facilitating City-to-City (C2C) Cooperation and networking amongst local governments, NGOs and development agencies in Asia”.

projects, including *Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC)*, *advisory services*, *seminars*, *workshops*, and *capacity building activities* through the *Kuala Lumpur Training Centre (KLRTC)* among others. The goal is to create opportunities for our flagship programme of City-to-City Cooperation. CITYNET also produces a number of publications documenting the outcome of its activities.

By 2015, 23 cities will exceed the population of 10 million. 19 of those cities will be in developing countries. 11 of them in Asia. CITYNET can help.

« Our Current Clusters »

- o Disaster (risks reduction)
- o Climate Change (adaptation and mitigation)
- o Infrastructure
- o MDGs

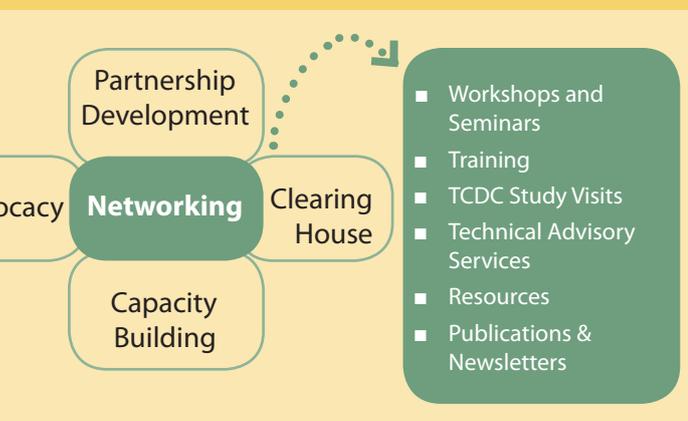
« WHY JOIN CITYNET? »

Cities and organisations have seen the relevance of being part of CITYNET. Our members have benefited from the various aspects of urban expertise and know-how.

1. « Capacity-Building »
 - o **Attend relevant training programmes in priority areas** - Sponsorships for members from the least developing countries for attending these programmes may be available.
 - o **Access and learn from best practices in action** - Through CITYNET's City-to-City (C2C) programmes, cities can apply to receive a team of experts from another city in an area of choice, or visit a city to observe best practices first-hand and lessons learned.
2. « International Impact »
 - o **Establish a stronger identity in the Asia-Pacific and beyond** - CITYNET is the strong voice of Asia-Pacific cities and organisations and raises its members visibility and presence in the international arena.
 - « Technical and Managerial Assistance »
 - o **Receive prompt and timely technical support** - Cities, organisations, NGOs and private companies are resource pools of technical and managerial expertise. Being part of CITYNET means having access to this vast network of technical and management know-how.
 - o **Become better equipped to apply for funding from development and other donor agencies** - Through CITYNET's experience, members acquire expertise in making project proposals and applications for funding. Members also receive help in finding suitable project partners.

« Becoming a Member »

Any developing city whose population is more than 100,000 as well as any developed city, organisation or company that shares the activities and goals of CITYNET may apply for membership. For more information please contact: info@citynet-ap.org / www.citynet-ap.org.



« Programmes »

The Cluster system is at the core of CITYNET programme activities. Priority areas are determined by the members through meetings and surveys. Each Cluster has its own activities, programmes and

FOREWORD

The purpose of this annual report is not just to list the accolades and achievements of our organisation despite there being a great deal to celebrate – rather it is to fairly assess and document the state of our health as a Network working towards the betterment of our cities. Just as with the human body, we need to consider that when part of our Network is lacking, it has repercussions elsewhere and must be duly addressed. Conversely, when particular elements are working exceptionally well, it can be inspiring, motivating and actually shift the balance of power towards positive change. In 2009, CITYNET adopted the slogan “together we can do more” which expresses the idea that not only do we need to support each other but that in harmonising our goals and sharing strategies we have untold potential to harness compelling solutions.

This year was quite difficult as the number of disasters to strike members and their fellow country citizens sadly became and are becoming more and more frequent. Cyclone Aila in Bangladesh, Typhoons Ketsana and Pepeng in Philippines took tremendous tolls on cities and their people, reminding us of our tremendous vulnerable cities.

The largest and most significant event this year for CITYNET was of course the CITYNET Yokohama Congress which brought together approximately 2000 participants from around the world and was held in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Port Opening in Yokohama to the theme of “Harmonious Cities for Our Future”. CITYNET is proud to welcome our new Secretary General, Executive Committee, Cluster lead and co-lead cities and re-elected Presidency City of Yokohama. Seven new members join the Network and serve to strengthen the resilience of CITYNET and offer more opportunities for exchange.

CITYNET programmes demonstrate continued dedication to capacity building of our local governments and partners with three CIFAL Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) flagship courses taking place. Furthermore, the progress and achievements of CITYNET projects on sanitation, solid waste reduction as well as environmental education have been promising and encouraging. The clusters saw a great deal of activity with significant headway made in City-to-City Cooperation and realised activities that included technical advisory services, training, study visits and publications among others.

The National Chapters in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and Sri Lanka and the Satellite Office in India have been working on widening their reach to be more inclusionary within their countries and expanding communication and membership drives.



On the institutional side, CITYNET successfully balanced their budget thanks to the successful implementation of recommendations from Suwon City. The year rounded out with the push forward to the **First Technical Meeting on the Future Strengthening of CITYNET** in Makati which is the first in a series of meetings to outline decisive actions for improvement.

Other keywords in our hearts and minds this year are low-carbon economy, green purchasing, disaster resilience, which all address the importance of climate change mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development with CITYNET supporting these areas.

Great hope for the youth of Japan exists with number of successful activities taking place organised by CITYNET Youth Japan including a field trip to Makati and the first CITYNET Youth Workshop on transportation together with the National University of Singapore. The official launching of CITYNET Youth Japan is scheduled for summer 2010.

Overall members can be most proud of the achievements in terms of their consistent willingness to offer their time; wealth of knowledge of both lessons learnt and best practices on common urban challenges to other members. The honesty and completeness of their sharing paves the way for future, sustained and worthwhile collaborations. This further indicates the ability to achieve the unachievable as shown in the record-breaking participation in the Stand-up Millennium Campaign to end poverty. It is clear that a great deal more is yet to be done, however in the history of CITYNET, 2009 will be remembered as a turning point in which a new way forward was taken with terrific thanks to the dedication and remarkable efforts of its members.

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Dear CITYNET Members and Partners,

It is my sincere pleasure to take this opportunity to share with you the highlights of 2009 - this has been a watershed year for Yokohama as well as for CITYNET, and marks a significant time for growth and reflection in our rich history.

This year marked the 150th Anniversary of the Port Opening in Yokohama, and we proudly continued the tradition of welcome by hosting the 2009 CITYNET Yokohama Congress with an estimated 2000 participants including guests from 25 overseas countries and regions. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all members and partners of CITYNET, some of whom I had the good fortune of personally meeting at the Congress.

The level of sharing, networking and information exchange on crucial urban issues on a wide variety of platforms, including the environment, disaster, infrastructure, gender and climate change, made the event this past September a significant and memorable one. The Congress theme of "Harmonious Cities for Our Future" truly represents the vision of Yokohama for CITYNET. The 6th General Council saw the election of Yokohama as President, Mumbai, India as First Vice-President and Makati, the Philippines as Second Vice-President within a new CITYNET Executive Committee, with whom I eagerly look forward to working closely to support CITYNET. This effort to strengthen our future vision of CITYNET is already in motion, with such events as the 1st Technical Meeting held in Makati in December, 2009.

In addition to the Congress, 2009 saw a number of capacity-building programmes and activities in the form of workshops, seminars, technical advisory services, study visits and technical exchanges, which further confirms the benefits and vitality of City-to-City Cooperation.

We are all well aware of the numerous increasing challenges in our cities and for our people. Together we have identified many activities and actions for our better tomorrow - therefore, now is the time for continued hard work and focus on our collective wealth of resources and creativity within our Network for viable, sustainable progress in 2010.

Sincerely,

横浜市長 林 文子

Fumiko Hayashi
Mayor of Yokohama, CITYNET President

WELCOME TO

Full Members

- Galle Municipal Council, Sri Lanka
- Sidoarjo Regency, Indonesia
- Pangkal Pinang Municipality, Indonesia
- Semarang Municipality, Indonesia
- Tarakan Municipality, Indonesia

Associate Members

- Socio-economic & Environmental Research Institute (SERI), Malaysia
- King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand

OUR NEW MEMBERS



It is an honor to have been elected Secretary General for CITYNET for the period 2009-2013 last September 9, 2009 during the 6th General Council Meeting held in Yokohama. I would like to thank the former Secretary General Dato Lakhbir Singh Chahl and the Secretariat staff for putting CITYNET on course, following the policies set by the officers and members of the Executive Committee. Starting with 26 members in 1987 and having 119 members to date has shown the growth of our organisation as we serve the cities in Asia Pacific.

However, expanding cities and membership, growing urbanization especially in our region, and shifting priorities demand innovative approaches. There are, however, some issues which remain the same, such as poverty alleviation, health and education. Despite best efforts, many people in our cities still live below the poverty line, and do not have access to basic

services. I am optimistic, that with the unique nature of CITYNET, with a wide variety of resources of our members, we can offer the right kind of support necessary to confront these issues and to create not only the platform for a dialogue between officials, civil society and the private sector, but also a networking and sharing of best practices among the member cities in Asia Pacific.



There is a great deal to be done. The challenge lies ahead of us and we must rise up to overcome these challenges. We should strengthen membership, share and replicate innovative methods for good governance, achieve the Millennium Development Goals and reach out to non-members to help them realise these. These cannot be done alone. We have to bring in partners and donors, but the first step must come from the members themselves who would willingly share their time as they partake in the responsibility of contributing to the welfare of the least fortunate.

I am proud of all that CITYNET has achieved in the past years since it was founded and I thank Yokohama for having hosted the Secretariat for all these years. As we prepare to move to Seoul who will host the Secretariat in 2013, we hope to make Yokohama the Center of Excellence for Environment; strengthen CIFAL Kuala Lumpur/KLTRC as we build the capacity of our members in integrated urban planning, transport and governance. We will strengthen our cluster system, expanding programmes such as integrating disaster risk reduction in urban development. We received the UN-HABITAT's Scroll of Honour Award for our City-to-City Cooperation, and this will remain our flagship activity in the years to come.

Together, we can leapfrog in achieving our vision of not only having SMART CITIES, but also CITIES WITH GOOD URBAN GOVERNANCE, serving with HEART.

Mary Jane C. Ortega
Secretary General, CITYNET



My Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have had the great honour and pride in serving CITYNET for nearly two decades since my election as Secretary General in 1991. I have looked forward to the publication of each Annual Report as they represent in writing the events and activities which CITYNET carried out during the year.

I was involved in the editing and production of many reports during my tenure, I believe it is no exaggeration to state that the year 2009 has been one of the busiest years in CITYNET's history. Despite the global financial turmoil, CITYNET has managed to expand its membership to some 119 members both within and without the Asia and Pacific Region. Its programmes and outreach services continue to expand and grow in an ever competitive climate. The

success and continuation of advocacy efforts on MDGs, Post-AWAREE activities, training and capacity building through KLRTC, TCDC and C2C co-operations show the indispensable strategic role CITYNET plays for its members, while the need to improve communication and information has led to a revamp in CITYNET publications and web services.

Of course for many members, the highlight of the year was our momentous Congress in Yokohama and the changes that have begun to take place. The year 2010 will be a challenging year but I am confident that CITYNET shall and will continue to persevere and improve the lives of communities not only in the Asia and Pacific Region but universally.

It was a great pleasure for me to serve CITYNET as the Secretary-General for over two decades. I thank all of you for your unrelenting support and your invaluable contributions to CITYNET.

Dato' Lakhbir Singh Chahl,
Honorary Member and Special Advisor
Former Secretary General (1991-2009)



creating sustainable solutions

CITYNET has taken a long journey to make its Cluster system function actively since its formation in 2003. Following its reorganisation in 2007, the Clusters are now in better shape and able to make a difference on the ground. Under the direction of the lead cities, the Clusters have raised ownership of CITYNET's members and provided a platform for innovation.

2009 marked the need for CITYNET to streamline the roles and functions of the Cluster Committees, more Cluster-driven activities as well as budgetary enhancement. It was also agreed that the ENVIRO Cluster would be replaced with the Climate Change Cluster beginning in 2010.

Furthermore, self-assessment of each Cluster's performance was highlighted at the Technical Meeting on the Future Strengthening of CITYNET held in Makati in December 2009. In addition to the production of a bi-annual "Clusters Update," Cluster committees will have the opportunity to determine further strategies and mechanisms for value-added exchanges which clearly communicate the outcomes and challenges of each Cluster.

DISASTER CLUSTER



The advocacy effort of CITYNET and other partners has contributed to the establishment of a "Local Government Alliance for Disaster Risks Reduction (DRR)" by UNISDR and the new Global Campaign on Building Resilient Cities for a two year duration (2010-2011). As a member of the Asia Regional Task Force for Urban Risk Reduction (RTF-URR), CITYNET through the leadership of Makati as the lead city of the Disaster Cluster has been consolidating its activities with partners in the region.

CITYNET is actively promoting climate change adaptation through its Climate Disaster Resilience Initiative (CDRI) supported by Kyoto University, UNISDR and various other partners. To familiarise members with CDRI, the KLRTC XVI training on Climate and Disaster Resilience on Coastal Asian Cities was held in Da Nang, Vietnam in February 2009. The participants also provided feedback to the UNISDR Local Words into Action: A Guide to Localising the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) to be released in the near future.

The school reconstruction project in Pakistan funded by citizens of Yokohama is nearing completion despite facing numerous difficulties throughout 2009. The project was initiated after the school was destroyed by an earthquake in Pakistan in 2005. The multi-functional school is expected to re-open its doors to students and the community in March 2010.

ENVIRO CLUSTER - WATER AND SANITATION SUB-CLUSTER



To celebrate the *Year of Sanitation 2008*, CITYNET partnered with ADB for the first time in addressing "Sanitation for All" by organising a seminar on the issue in 2007. Following the seminar, *The Asian Sanitation Data Book - Achieving Sanitation for All* – a collaborative effort of CITYNET, ADB, UN-HABITAT and Veolia Environnement – a first of its kind, was launched at the 2009 CITYNET Congress in Yokohama.

The Data Book revealed that only 40% of responding cities have a sanitation plan and more than 50% have only informal, inappropriate or out of date plans – confirming the fact that sanitation is often a low priority on the agenda of some city governments.

There is an urgent need to build comprehensive and quality sanitation plans, develop strategies and to invest in the improvement of sanitation in Asian cities in order to meet the MDGs by 2015.

In line with the demand for upgrading urban sanitation, the three-year sanitation project formally known as *C2C Cooperation for Decentralised Sewerage Treatment using Eco Tanks*, in coordination with UNITAR began in 2008 and progressed in 2009 with Palembang and Negombo receiving two tanks each for installation at identified sites. San Fernando is also considering implementation of the Eco Tanks in their city. The project is funded by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Monitoring and evaluation of the benefits and constraints of this low-cost technology is being planned for 2010.

Non-Revenue Water Reduction was the theme of the 2009 Yokohama Waterworks training programme held annually. Presentations of action plans by participants from Dhaka,



From top to bottom: 1. Participants observe the marks left by the floods on the flood meter over the past decade in Da Nang, Vietnam; 2. Study visit during the Yokohama Waterworks International Training



valuable partnerships

Palembang, San Fernando, and Shanghai went beyond infrastructural improvement; they highlighted crucial institutional arrangements especially between water authorities and local governments which are still unclear in many Asian cities. The presentations were made during the 12th CITYNET Japan Forum, a public event regularly organised to promote CITYNET in Japan.

ENVIRO CLUSTER - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB-CLUSTER



The project in Phnom Penh - PURSUE C2C Cooperation (Partners United for Realising Sustainable Urban Environment) on solid waste management concluded in December 2009 and achieved significant results. Phnom Penh prepared a demonstration project at the community-level and initiated implementation of bio-gas plants – the first biogas project undertaken by Phnom Penh Municipality. The project was supported by UNITAR and the French Government to reduce the amount of solid waste in Phnom Penh. It was implemented with technical support from Makati and San Fernando and HELP-O (for the biogas). Under the leadership of the Phnom Penh Governor and proven its sustainability, the project will continue.



INFRA CLUSTER



2 0 0 9 marked the start of Seoul's four-year term as the lead city of the INFRA Cluster, assisted by co-lead AIILSG (All India Institute of Local Self Government), as determined at the CITYNET Yokohama Congress in September. Following the kick-off cooperation between Seoul and Palembang, Palembang has taken bold steps towards public transport improvement, focusing on their bus transport system. As advised by Seoul, a multi-stakeholders task force led by Palembang's mayor was formed to help the city achieve

its transport sustainability and more importantly be a model city in Indonesia and beyond - as both cooperating cities expected.



"Many Asian cities are built for cars, not for human beings. One example is the importance put on making smooth roads and highways while pedestrian walkways are often afterthoughts. I am glad that the CITYNET INFRA Cluster moves in the right direction by advocating cities designed for people. With my direct involvement in transport reform in Seoul, I will do my best to facilitate and help members learn how public transport can be enjoyed by more people and promote a greener environment."

Dr. Gyeng-Chul Kim, Deputy Secretary-General, CITYNET

MDGS CLUSTER



The National Chapters, particularly Nepal and Indonesia, have been significant for the MDGs as they served as the main driving force in advocating and ensuring their progress. CITYNET has been cooperating with the UN Millennium Campaign for its annual "Stand-Up Take Action Campaign," and again contributed to a new Guinness World Record when 173,045,325 people from around the world joined the Campaign, including more than 100 million in the Asia-Pacific region.

CITYNET/UN Millennium Campaign's survey on the status of MDGs was also presented at the 2009 CITYNET Yokohama Congress, highlighting that most responding cities are off track on Goal 1 and 7 and more time is required to achieve these goals. 22 Asian cities participated in the survey. CITYNET is developing comprehensive plans to focus efforts particularly on Goal 7 of the MDGs.

ICT/E-GOVERNANCE CLUSTER



Activities in this Cluster have been undertaken through the optimal usage of ICT which is crucial for a widely distributed network like CITYNET. The initiation of regular web conferencing amongst National Chapters and the Satellite Office contributed to monitoring their progress. In cooperation with the World Bank/TDLC (Tokyo Development Learning Centre), CITYNET activities held in Japan, such as the 12th Japan Forum reached a wider audience and helped reduce CITYNET's costs for dissemination and knowledge sharing. ICT components continue to be implemented through its integration in each Cluster from 2010 onward to improve efficiency and share timely information effectively.

► From top to bottom: 1. Local community farmers in Phnom Penh meet with city officials and CITYNET regarding their biogas project; 2. Memorandum of Cooperation signing ceremony between Seoul and Palembang in July; 3. Over 1000 people in Banda Aceh Indonesia united their voices in the "Stand Up and Take Action Campaign" to end poverty as part of their MDGs initiatives in October of 2009; 4. The CITYNET Video Channel available on the TDLC website showing recent CITYNET events.



taking **networking** and **partnerships** to a higher level



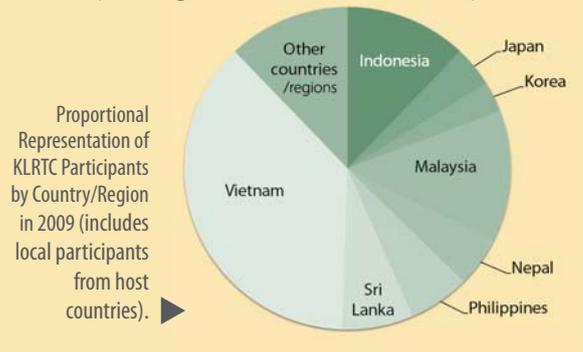
Over the past two decades, the increasingly numerous and important partnerships between local government and civil society groups have been especially strengthened through the medium- and long-term projects and programmes of CITYNET.

C2C: CONNECTING GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY

In 2009, CITYNET demonstrated how community-initiated activities can inspire local governments. The first biogas project undertaken by Phnom Penh Municipality, introduced by CITYNET NGO member HELP-O from Sri Lanka, has underscored to the community that environment and poverty are not separate issues and should be tackled jointly. Under the leadership of the governor, the municipality is planning to expand the project widely. The biogas project was part of the *PURSUE (Partners United for Realising a Sustainable Urban Environment)* through C2C Cooperation on solid waste reduction, which allowed cities including Phnom Penh, San Fernando and Makati to share their expertise and advisory services in this area.

tangible results with lasting effects - not just one-shot training courses. Concrete goal-setting and C2C Cooperation ensure the transformation from "training into action" and have established KLRTC training programmes as a unique regional asset.

In the 2009, KLRTC again addressed the crucial needs of CITYNET members, attracting more than 50 local governments from more than 20 countries covering the topics of disaster resilience, urban planning and sustainable transportation.



JAPAN FORUM

The Japan Forum is CITYNET's signature event which brings the Japanese public together to discuss key urban issues in Asia and the role of Japan in international cooperation. In 2009, Yokohama hosted two public forums - one focusing on human safety and disaster mitigation using examples from Mumbai and Japan and the other on Non-Revenue Water (NRW). Thanks to the TDLC of the World Bank footage is available online.

YOKOHAMA WATERWORKS ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Since 1998, the Yokohama Waterworks Bureau and CITYNET have organised an annual capacity building programme that allows member cities to learn both the technical and non-technical aspects of managing waterworks. Representatives of Dhaka, Palembang, San Fernando and Shanghai participated in the two-week 2009 training on Non-Revenue Water management.

POST-AWAREE

POST-AWAREE (**AWAREness** on **E**nvironmental **E**ducation in Asian Cities) is the follow-up project to the successful AWAREE project supported by JICA. The four participant cities of Colombo, Da Nang, Dhaka, and Makati have learned various strategies to combat climate change and improve environmental education from Yokohama as well as each other. Completed projects range from new environmental policies, improved rainwater harvesting techniques to better waste collections systems and waste markets.

CIFAL KUALA LUMPUR /KLRTC - SUSTAINABLE TRAINING

CIFAL Kuala Lumpur, commonly known as the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre (KLRTC) - hosted by Kuala Lumpur City Hall and sponsored by UNITAR, Veolia Environnement and CITYNET, delivers



From left to right 1. C2C development and discussions during a KLRTC programme; 2. HELP-O, an NGO and CITYNET member in Sri Lanka introduced the biogas project to the community and Phnom Penh Municipality; 3. Post-AWAREE Video Conference in June 2009.



reaching out & connecting with **knowledge**

2009 saw unprecedented expansion of CITYNET publications and materials as the need to communicate CITYNET and its programmes and activities continues to grow along with membership.

CITYNET WEBSITE

www.citynet-ap.org received a long overdue update to the design and function of the site.



The purpose of the website is to keep pace with innovations in technology to best serve the changing needs of members. Flexibility and

providing information that matters to members is at the core of the site. New features include a members-only section, member profiles, a photo gallery, a link to the CITYNET Video Channel (through TDLC/World Bank) a simplified membership application form, news and events, resources and publications. Future plans include expanding the languages available, more resources, networking features and each National Chapter is expected to link their sites to the main website.

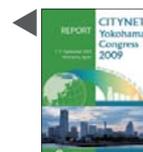
10 years of CityVoice

A compilation of the history of CITYNET.



CITYNET Yokohama Congress Report

This 20-page report covers the proceedings of the forums, roundtables and networking discussions. It also summarises the main outcomes of the Congress.



OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Asian Sanitation Databook 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. It was officially launched at the CITYNET Yokohama Congress in September.



Clusters Update (Summer Issue)

A compilation of activities from CITYNET members undertaken in each Cluster from March to August 2009.



THE 2009 CITYNET CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

CITYNET Anniversary Book

Celebrating more than 20 years of programmes, activities, partnerships and cooperation at CITYNET through pictures, statistics and thoughts from members.



Members Profiles

Up to date profiles, analysis and a database of CITYNET members.



SMART-Cities

Smart-Cities.net is a platform which provides information and resource exchange on sustainable urban environmental solutions. The site is currently being promoted and is planned for expansion.



CityVoice

In 2009, three editions of our Newsletter CityVoice were published to bring members closer to the activities and outcomes of Network events and common topics of concern. In 2010, CityVoice will change to a longer magazine format.

enhancing cooperation between Asian and European cities, climate change in Asia, public-private partnerships, and creating gender-friendly cities. The issue also gave updates on Cluster activities as well as membership focus on Jakarta and their initiatives in good governance and global warming.

e-News



CITYNET's bi-monthly newsletter was released six times in 2009 which covered a wide range of activities undertaken but CITYNET members and the Secretariat.

The e-news supplies information on member and partner news and events making it easy to follow up with these activities. The publication is also a lifeline for members to source calls for papers, upcoming conferences, seminars and international events.



April: The first issue of 2009 discussed how Asian Cities are working towards urban resilience in terms of disaster preparation and progress made on CITYNET's three year project on environmental education known as Post-AWAREE. The member focus was on Yong-in in Korea and Bombay First in India.



December: To round out 2009 this issue welcomed new CITYNET members and introduced some of the outcomes of the First Technical Meeting on the Future Strengthening of CITYNET hosted by Makati. The issue highlighted the sharing of best practices on creative economy in Indonesia in the city of Tomohon and the Indonesia National Chapter. New CITYNET members Sidoarjo in Indonesia and the King Mongkut University of Technology in Thailand were profiled along with Cluster updates and new publications.



August: This special 8-page edition was CITYNET's first colour CityVoice which provided context for the CITYNET Yokohama Congress 2009 including

CITYNET Club



The Japanese newsletter of CITYNET gives updated information of CITYNET to Japanese public. It is distributed to citizens, universities, and other organisations twice a year, as part of our localisation efforts.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MATTERS

In order for any organisation to be successful, issues of transparency are paramount. CITYNET provides the necessary information to partners and donors ensuring the accountability of our programmes. Actions undertaken include being subject to rigorous financial auditing such as from Suwon City in 2009.

Financial Matters

In 2009, CITYNET’s revenue and expenditure increased by about 20%. The administrative budget grew due to the CITYNET Congress, the strong yen as well as subsidies from the city of Yokohama. Programme revenues have increased with major contributions received from various partners. To increase financial stability, the CITYNET Foundation was established in the Philippines, hosted by Makati City.

NATIONAL CHAPTERS

These crucial keystones of CITYNET help to expand the reach and effectiveness of activities and programmes, especially to areas outside of Asian mega-cities. They also play an important role in terms of decentralisation, providing identity and empowerment to members through networking and capacity building. 2009 presented a number of common challenges including government instability and a lack of resources.

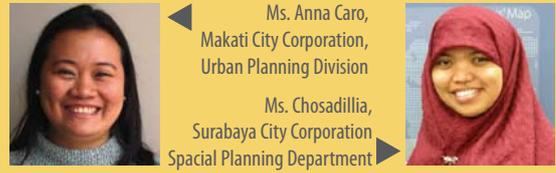
At the CITYNET Yokohama Congress in 2009 the National Chapters presented their progress. They agreed that strategies for member outreach are necessary, as is finding ways of localising and increasing information sharing. As part of efforts to improve communications, a regular web meeting has taken place since June of 2009.

Satellite Office

The CITYNET Satellite Office (SO), established with the support of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), strengthens the presence of CITYNET in South Asia where more than 40% of its members are located, pooling their resources to help achieve the MDGs. In 2009, activities included providing aid relief to Bangladesh following Cyclone Aila and participating in conferences and helping to promote membership within India.

Staff Secondment Programme

This programme provides on-the-job learning for mid-level personnel from member cities to learn and work in an international/regional environment. In 2009, the Secretariat was pleased to welcome two Secondment Staff members:



Ms. Anna Caro,
Makati City Corporation,
Urban Planning Division

Ms. Chosadillia,
Surabaya City Corporation
Special Planning Department

Internships / Volunteers

CITYNET benefits a great deal from the active participation of interns and volunteers. In 2009, interns and volunteers from Japan, France and Indonesia supported CITYNET through countless hours at the CITYNET Congress and at other events.

PROMOTION IN JAPAN

CITYNET actively promotes the Network within Japan. The 11th and 12th Japan Forum highlighted issues on “*Human Security and Disaster Management*” and “*Water Supply & Non-Revenue Water Reduction*”, the latter in conjunction with the Yokohama Water Works training course. Furthermore, CITYNET took part in local multicultural festivals and panel exhibitions in city hall and ward offices. The “*CITYNET Supporters in Yokohama*” was established in June, with funds raised for CITYNET programme activities. “*CITYNET Club*”, CITYNET’s Japanese biannual publication introducing programmes and activities, is distributed to universities, partners and the general public.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

CITYNET Youth Japan is made up of youths committed to urban development, capacity building and networking with youths in other countries to bring about change.

In 2009, the group organised the *1st CITYNET Youth Workshop* focusing on transportation together with the National University of Singapore. Members also visited Makati to learn about the urban poor and share experiences with other youth. CITYNET Youth Japan is due to be officially launched in 2010.

 **Bangladesh**
The Bangladesh National Chapter was established in Dhaka in 1995 and is hosted by Dhaka City Corporation. After the Dhaka Declaration of 2007, the CITYNET Bangladesh National Chapter focused its efforts on solid waste management. Other issues include urban environment and health, poverty alleviation and infrastructure. In 2009, they organised solid waste management conferences despite limited membership and coordination with members.

 **Indonesia**
The CITYNET Indonesia National Chapter was launched in 2007 and is hosted by Sukabumi Municipality, with the support of many cities throughout the country. In 2009, the Chapter provided capacity building to members by providing seminars and workshops on creating gender friendly cities, sharing best practices in creative economy and local government as well as collecting data on and participating in MDG programmes.

 **Nepal**
The National Chapter of Nepal was established in 2001 in Kathmandu and hosted by the Municipality Association of Nepal (MUAN). A major focus is on achieving the MDGs by improving infrastructural, governmental, and civic-empowerment capacities. In 2009, the chapter has actively encouraging local authorities to join CITYNET and currently 30 out of 58 have become members (nine full and 21 associate members).

 **Sri Lanka**
The Sri Lanka National Chapter hosted by Colombo was established in 1998. The Sri Lanka National Chapter has worked closely with CITYNET on activities related to the Post-AWAREE project and on urban issues with the central government. In 2009, it has been active in holding a number of chapter meetings to discuss common issues pertaining to their cities and are working towards developing further programmes and activities.



harmonious cities for our future

Every four years CITYNET members and partners gather to deliberate and decide strategies for the future of our cities. These valuable exchanges leave an indelible mark on the people who share them and it is our hope to continue to facilitate these changes.

Under the theme of "Harmonious Cities for Our Future", more than 2,000 participants from over 30 countries, including key members of local governments, international agencies and leading authorities on urban issues attended the CITYNET Congress hosted by Yokohama.

Many CITYNET partners graciously contributed their kind support, namely ADB, JICA, United Nations University, The World Bank, UNESCAP, UN-HABITAT, UNITAR, UNISDR, UN Millennium Campaign, Kyoto University, Yokohama City University and many other Japanese institutions.

As a direct result of the Congress it was decided to form a Technical Committee to address the Future Strengthening of CITYNET which was held in Makati in December 2009.

Further Congress details are available in the CITYNET Congress Report available for download at: www.citynet-ap.org

MAJOR OUTCOMES

- o The Medium Term Plan 2010-2013 was adopted
- o The City of Yokohama was re-elected at President and the office bearers were selected
- o The Seoul Metropolitan Government will host the Seat of Office (Secretariat) and the CITYNET Congress in Seoul in four years
- o The admission of five new full members and two new associate members

RECOMMENDATIONS

- o Promotion, continuation and expansion of C2C
- o More training in needs assessment and risk profiling

- o Development of e-training modules and short term training courses
- o Strengthening of the National Chapters and Satellite Office
- o Enlistment of technical and financial assistance and mobilisation of critical actors
- o Review examples of successful practices (e.g. ACHR's Urban Poor Fund initiatives)
- o Pilot applications with interested cities (e.g. Disaster Risk Management Master Plan)
- o Formation of an Academic Consortium
- o Committee to address the Future Strengthening of CITYNET which was held in Makati in December 2009.

ELECTION RESULTS:

President: City of Yokohama

First Vice President: Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai

Second Vice President: City Government of Makati

Secretary General: Mary Jane Crisanto Ortega

Auditor: City Government of Naga

Executive Committee Members :

- Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
- Colombo Municipal Council
- Dhaka City Corporation
- Kathmandu Metropolitan City
- Seoul Metropolitan Government
- Surabaya City Government
- Urban Community of Great Lyon
- All India Institute of Local Self-Government
- Society for Development Studies

Election Committee Members:

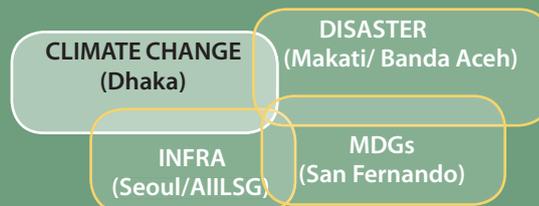
- Jakarta Capital City Government
- Municipal Council of Penang Island
- Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities of India
- Municipal Association of Nepal

Honorary Member:

- Dato' Lakhbir Singh Chahl, former Secretary-General

The ENVIRO sub-clusters will combine to form the new Climate Change Cluster, while gender and ICT issues will be integrated into all clusters, resulting in four final clusters.

 New Cluster  Existing Clusters **(City)** Lead cities



NEW
CLUSTER
SYSTEM

The future direction of CITYNET was the focus of a three day meeting hosted by Makati in December 2009. Representatives from Makati, Seoul, Yokohama, Kathmandu, ACHR, KLRTC, SDS, Special Advisor Dato' Lakhbir Singh Chahl along with members of the CITYNET Secretariat examined membership and institutional matters, the CITYNET Foundation, the expansion and strengthening of the Satellite Office and National Chapters, programmes and communications among others. ASAG/ACHR's Kirtee Shah presented "A Roadmap for Goal Setting and Action" in which recommendations for the restructuring of CITYNET

were outlined which included ideas for establishing a stronger national presence, finding more resources and increasing inclusion of civil society.

In order to enhance capacity building programmes a working agreement between the CITYNET Secretariat and SDS has been established. Other suggestions for increasing the capacity of the Secretariat and promotion of CITYNET in all levels of government for greater impact of activities were made. Further strategic meetings are expected to take place in 2010 to move forward the strategic and sustainable development of CITYNET.

MAKATI STRATEGIC
MEETING

Baguio
 Balikpapan
 Banda Aceh
 Bandung
 Bangkok
 Bharatpur
 Biratnagar
 Birganj
 Busan
 Butwal
 Calbayog
 Changwon
 Colombo
 Da Nang
 Dehiwala - Mt.Lavinia
 Dhaka
 Esfahan
 Galle
 Gorontalo
 Guntur
 Hai Phong
 Hanoi
 Ho Chi Minh
 Hue
 Iloilo
 Incheon
 Indore
 Islamabad
 Jakarta
 Kandy
 Kathmandu
 Khulna
 Kuala Lumpur
 Lalitpur
 Landhi
 Makati
 Marikina
 Moratuwa
 Mumbai
 Muntinlupa
 Naga
 Nanchang
 Nanjing
 Negombo
 Palembang
 Pangkal Pinang
 Penang
 Phnom Penh
 Pokhara
 Rajshahi
 San Fernando
 San Jose
 Semarang
 Seoul
 Shanghai
 Siddharthanagar
 Sidoarjo
 Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte
 Suginami
 Sukabumi
 Surabaya
 Suva
 Suwon
 Sylhet
 Taichung
 Taipei
 Tansen
 Tarakan
 Tomohon
 Visakhapatnam
 Wuhan
 Yangon
 Yokohama
 Yongin
 Ancona
 Lyon
 ACHR
 AIILSG
 AIM
 AMDA
 ASAG
 Association of Cities of Vietnam
 BCAS
 Bombay First
 CAPS
 CDA
 CUS
 DSK
 Freedom to Build
 Habitat for Humanity Japan
 HELP-O
 HUDCO/HSMI
 MaRGG
 MAUC
 MIDFI
 MSSS
 MuAN
 National Municipal League of Thailand
 NWSDB
 OPP
 PASCAL
 PCL
 PIEDAR
 RAJUK
 SDS
 SERI
 SEVANATHA
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 SPARC
 Thailand Environment Institute
 Tirtanadi Water Supply and Drainage
 University of Technology Thonburi
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