A Proposal: Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) in ASEAN Countries

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High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

A High- Level Seminar (HLS) on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) was held in Jakarta, Indonesia in March 2010.

Under the framework of the East Asia Summit (EAS) Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM), which was inaugurated in Hanoi, Vietnam, in October 2008.

Four Thematic Sessions (Day 1)

- Cities and Resource Efficiency and 3Rs (Indonesia)
- Cities and Biodiversity (Singapore)
- Cities and Adaptation and Sustainable Urban Development (Australia)
- Low Carbon and Low Polluting Cities (Japan)

Four Plenary Sessions (Day 2)

- Environment Commitments by Local Governments
- Financing and Capacity Development
- Regional Frameworks and Inter-city Networks
- Chair's Summary



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Participants of the HLS ESC

More than 120 participants

- 15 Countries: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia (3), China (2), India (1), Indonesia (8), Japan (2), R. O. Korea (3), Laos, Malaysia (1), Myanmar, New Zealand (2), Philippines (2), Singapore, and Viet Nam *(number of local governments: 24)
- ASEAN Secretariat
- Development partners: World Bank, ADB, ESCAP, UNCRD, AusAID, GTZ, JICA, USAID
- Inter-city Networks: CITYNET, ICLEI, CAI-Asia, CDIA, Kitakyushu Asian Center for LCS (former Kitakyushu Initiative)
- Research Institutes: ERIA, NEAT, CSIRO, IGES

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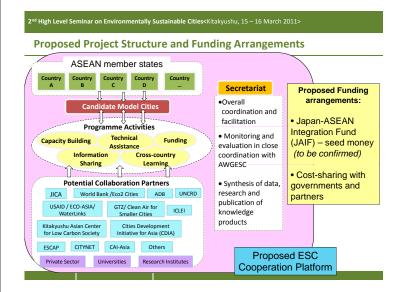
Key Outputs of the ESC HLS

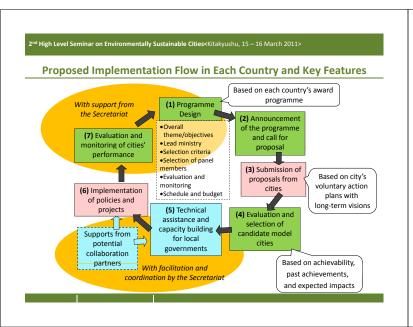
Key messages:

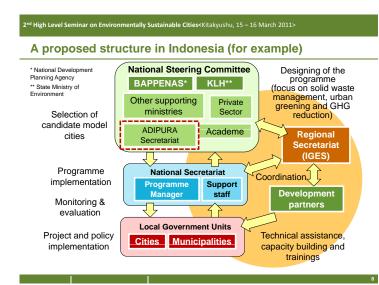
- Long-term city planning is the basis for realizing ESC.
- Necessity to mainstream ESC in the national agenda.
- Effective governance.
- Knowledge sharing.
- Financing systems.
- Meaningful participation.Supports from others.
- Chair's Summary
 - Recommendations:
- East Asia 'Model Cities' Initiative
- ESC Awards
- ESC Capacity building
- Clearinghouse for ESC-related knowledge management
- ESC Public-Private Forum

ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation < Ha Noi, 5 August 2010>



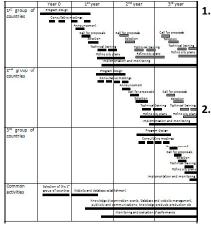






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Indicative Work Plan



1. Phased approach

- Start in some countries in the 1st year and expand to all countries in 3 years
- Select the first group of countries based on criteria and readiness

2. Budget (USD1.5m/3 yrs)

- Training for LGs (48%)
- Consultative meetings and dissemination seminars, monitoring and evaluation etc. (12%)
- Coordination (10%)
- Publication, website (10%)
- Personnel (20%)

