

A faint, green-tinted map of Southeast Asia is visible in the background, showing the outlines of the region's countries.

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# Current situation

- **No specific initiatives or well-coordinated actions among concerned government agencies;**
- **In need to catch up with other member states in many aspects;**
- **The 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP 2010-15 earmarked cities:**
  - **development based on risk reduction and climate change adaptation;**
  - **economic growth promotion centers;**
  - **to accommodate rural migration and job opportunities;**

# Current situation

- **National Urban Sector Development Strategies up to 2030:**
  - **Town greenery**
  - **Solid waste management**
  - **Waste water treatment**
  - **Sanitation and hygiene,**
  - **Infrastructure, housing ; and**
  - **Urban administration and services**
- **Establishment of national ESC frameworks under the JICA-LPPO programme, from 2010;**

# JICA-LPPO programme

- **To narrow the development gap toward ASEAN integration;**
- **To strengthen institutional and technical capacity of the national and local government for ESC;**
- **To build community spirit and establish national and local government links;**
- **Consisted of three components:**
  - **Agriculture;**
  - **Environment;**
  - **Tourism**

# LPP Environment component

- **Establishment of ESC national guidelines;**
- **17 provincial capital cities have been trained in creating ESC visions, strategies and action plans;**
- **Assisting 3 cities in improvement of waste collection and disposal:**
  - **Improvement of landfill;**
  - **Installation of healthcare waste incinerator;**
  - **3 R promotion;**
  - **Demonstrative cases in composting, waste separation;**
  - **Exchange visits in ASEAN cities and Japan;**

# **ASEAN ESC model cities programme**

## **Year one :**

- Promotion of sound urban administration and service delivery;**
- Dissemination of simplified household waste water treatment approaches;**
- Demonstrative cases in waste composting , town cleanliness and greenery.**

## **Year two:**

- Demonstrative cases in using Decentralised Waste Water Treatment System;**
- Peer-to-peer exchange among CLMV.**

# Challenges and ways forward

- **Fine-tune the responsibilities and coordination of efforts among government agencies at central and local levels;**
- **ESC visions and strategies shall be shared by all relevant sectors and have a place in NSEDP;**
- **Supports for more ESC concrete result oriented programmes (clean air, clean water, clean land) ;**
- **Support for institutional reforms and community empowerment in ESC ;**
- **Extend city-to-city networking within ASEAN, East Asia and cooperation with other donors.**



*Thank you for listening*

