

2nd High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

Under the framework of the East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting

15 – 16 March 2011
Kitakyushu, Japan



1. Background



Nov. 2007 (Singapore) 3rd East Asia Summit (EAS)

'Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment' was adopted



Oct. 2008 (Ha Noi)

Inaugural EAS Environment Ministers Meeting

Environment Sustainable Cities (ESC) was agreed as an immediate priority area for environmental cooperation

Mar. 2010 (Jakarta) 1st High Level Seminar on ESC

12 national governments, 24 local governments, over 120 participants; 5 practical recommendations

Key Outputs of the 1st HLS ESC



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

5 practical recommendations:

- East Asia 'Model Cities' Initiative
- A clearinghouse for ESC-related knowledge management
- ESC Public-Private Sector Forum
- ESC Capacity building
- ESC Awards

Oct. 2010 (Brunei Darussalam)
2nd EAS Environment Ministers Meeting



Outputs of the 1st HLS ESC was appreciated by the ministers; organisation of the 2nd HLS ESC was accepted



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13 national governments, 19 local governments, 11 international and bilateral organisations, 10 academic research institutions; about 150 participants



2. Objectives



- To facilitate **transfer** of good practices and policies for ESC from city to city
- To facilitate **scaling up** of good practices and policies for ESC
- To share information on successful **public-private partnership** projects
- To promote implementation of **country-based model cities programmes**

3. Expected Outputs



- Enhanced networking and partnership among stakeholders
- A **Chair's Summary**
- Agreement on organising the **3rd HLS ESC in 2012** (and on an annual basis subsequently) inviting candidate model cities selected by each **country-based model cities programme**



To be reported to the **3rd East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting**

4. Organisers



- **Japan** (Ministry of the Environment)
- **Cambodia** (Ministry of Environment)
- **Thailand** (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources)
- **Malaysia** (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources)
- **Australia** (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities)
- Supported by the **City of Kitakyushu**, **ESCAP** and **CSIRO**
- In cooperation with **JICA** and Promotion Council for the Low-Carbon Cities (**PCLCC**)

5. Programme



Day 1 [Open to the Public]	
Opening Session	
Plenary Session 1	Key note speeches
Plenary Session 2	Development of country-based model cities programme Environment Commitments by cities
Session A	"Urban Solid Waste Management"
Session B	"Urban Air Quality Management"
Session C	"Sustainable Planning Towards a Liveable City"
Session D	"Adapting Cities to Changing Climate"
Wrap up of Day 1	
Reception	

Day 2 [Closed]



8:00-8:45	Pre-discussion on the Chair's Summary
Plenary Session 3	Discussion on the Chair's Summary
Plenary Session 4	Adoption of the Chair's Summary
Closing Session	
Lunch	
Site Visit	
A Course	Eco-Town (Recycling Facilities)
B Course	Environment Museum and Water Plaza
C Course	Incineration Plant and Moji Port Area