

5th High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities



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- Venue** : Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Surabaya, Indonesia
- Organisers** : Government of Indonesia
Government of Japan
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ASEAN Secretariat
ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities
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The 5th High Level Seminar on Environmental Sustainable Cities (5HLS ESC) sets the stage for networking, knowledge exchange and agenda-setting among the top cities and their supporting stakeholders of ASEAN and East Asia. This year, the seminar proudly announces the extension of the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme – designed based on the recommendations arising from the 1st HLS ESC – the into Year 2 of implementation, funded by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF). In line with this, ASEAN Member States unveil their vision and strategy of the coming phase of the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme building on the achievements of Year 1 activities, as well as the expected outputs and directions established by Year 2 activities. EAS participating countries and supporting organisations are invited to help make the programme an ASEAN-

led and collaboration-driven platform of excellence and practical cooperation for promoting environmentally sustainable cities in this region.

Background

At the East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM) inaugurated in Hanoi, Viet Nam in October 2008, the Ministers agreed that Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) was an immediate priority area as an initial step of EAS environmental cooperation. Following this, it was agreed that the 1st High Level Seminar (HLS) on ESC would be held to formulate concrete collaborative activities on ESC.



1st HLS ESC. The 1st HLS ESC was jointly organised by the Governments of Indonesia, Japan, Australia and Singapore from 2 – 4 March 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia, under the framework of EAS EMM. The seminar produced key messages and recommended five specific practical activities to promote ESC in the region, which were presented to and noted by the 2nd EAS EMM held in Brunei Darussalam in October 2010.



2nd HLS ESC. With the success of the 1st seminar, the 2nd HLS ESC was organised by the Governments of Japan, Australia, Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand on 15 – 16 March 2011 in Kitakyushu, Japan. The seminar welcomed the implementation of the ‘ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme’ in April 2011, which had been designed as an umbrella initiative to realise the five recommended activities arising from the 1st HLS ESC.



3rd HLS ESC. Subsequently, the 3rd HLS ESC was organised by the Governments of Cambodia, Japan, Australia, Thailand and the ASEAN Working Group on ESC (AWGESC) on 6 - 8 March 2012 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Combined with the Regional Seminar of Year 1 of the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme, the seminar showcased the programme’s achievements as well as generated consensus for sustaining the HLS platform and extending the Model Cities Programme into the Year 2.



The **4th HLS ESC** continued the tradition of providing a high-level and inclusive forum to gather East Asian stakeholders for reviewing progress and discussing priority issues on sustainable urban development in the region, as well as welcomed new EAS participating country, United States. It fostered networking for new concrete activities among governments, international organisations, the private sector, research institutes, universities and other key stakeholders, as well as expanding inter-city cooperation for ESC development. In addition, the seminar shared the lessons learnt and

way forward for the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme and generated specific messages to Ministers which were reported to preparatory meetings towards the 4th EAS EMM.

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) of Republic of Indonesia, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MoEJ), and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) will be co-organizing the **Fifth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific from 25 to 27 February 2014 in Surabaya, Indonesia**. Under the overall theme of "**Multilayer Partnerships and Coalition as the Basis for 3Rs Promotion in Asia and the Pacific,**" the Surabaya 3R Forum is expected to address various forms of partnerships and coalition for the implementation of 3Rs policies and programs as well as the Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013-2013). It is expected to have participants from about thirty Asia-Pacific countries. **For details about Regional 3R Forum in Asia, please visit:** <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/env/>

The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Municipal Solid Waste Initiative will be holding an **Asia Regional Meeting during the 23rd and 24th February**. The meeting will bring participating cities and initiative partners together to strengthen international "on-the-ground" action on short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) from the municipal solid waste (MSW) sector. In doing so, **the meeting aims to enhance better understanding of CCAC MSW Initiative, foster city-to-city knowledge sharing, and deliver CCAC-led specific training to support city action**. It is intended that the meeting will foster a supportive network of cities and partners in the Asian region as well as developing an Asian model with a view to near-future "goals". **For further details concerning the meeting and the initiative, please visit:** <http://waste.ccac-knowledge.net/>

Objectives:

1. To formally **announce the extension of the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme** – designed based on the recommendations arising from the 1st HLS ESC – **the into Year 2 of implementation**, funded by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), and explore **specific opportunities for streamlined collaboration** among EAS participating countries and supporting organisations;
2. To highlight **ASEAN member states' and EAS participating countries' strategy and new initiatives** in support of the regional ESC collaboration, including Japan's Joint Credit Mechanism initiative;
3. To discuss and seek inputs on: i) **specific messages to senior officials and Ministers** towards the **4th East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting**; ii) **ASEAN's strategy and direction on ESC collaboration** towards the **2015 ASEAN Community** and **greater engagement with supporting partners** through the **ASEAN Working Group on ESC**;

4. To **highlight** international organisations' **assistance schemes**, the **private sector's technologies and expertise** as well as the importance of **city-to-city cooperation** for ESC development;

Participants:

National and local governments, bilateral and international development agencies, city networks, NGOs, private companies, academia and community groups

Programme (2 days) (see next page):

- **Day 1:** Keynote presentations, progress of ASEAN Model Cities and collaborative opportunities discussions, thematic presentations and discussions by other organisations
- **Day 2:** Discussion on future activities on ESC and Chair's Summary.

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