5TH High Level Seminar on Environmental Sustainable Cities
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In 1987, CITYNET was created in response to the needs of Local Governments and local actors in the Asia-Pacific region (with support from UNESCAP, UNDP and UNHABITAT), with only 24 members (Now there are 130 members with 83 Local Government).

Established in response to the needs of Local Governments and local actors in the Asia-Pacific region, the mission is to create People-Friendly Cities that are socially just, ecologically sustainable, politically participatory, economically productive, culturally vibrant, and globally connected.

Ensuring the best practices are transferred, up scaled at city, regional, and national levels, related Environmental Sustainable Cities with the method of Advocacy, Partnership Development, Capacity Building, Clearing House, including business matching to develop Networking between the members such building the local information based and capacity to access carbon emission locally and help to prepare the Greening Road Map for cities.
1. Building Good Urban Governance

Building trust by doing Transparency, Accountability, and Participation

Some efforts to build trust:

– Encouraging Public Private Participation
– Easy Access to Information (by ICT)
– Empowering Community and Institution
– HRD and Community Capacity Building
– Enhancing Building Education
– Enhancing Urban Health
2. Understanding the Concept of Sustainable Greening City

Need to raise awareness on sustainable consumption – change behaviour;

Need Policy dialogues on Challenges, such financial matters concerning limited funds, Lack of human resources and intuition capacity (Local institutions are not ready to address the issues due to low priority and awareness), Lack of information, Limited policies and regulation, and technical gap

Introducing safe energy into planning practices; Introducing green rating systems; Data inventory on energy and GHG; Compilation of best practices at city and community level; how to reduce of energy consumption in existing buildings; etc
3. Empowering Partnership and Collaboration

Developing a Network, Built a Relationship, Share a Best Practices, and Collaborate for supporting:
Integrating National and Local and Other Stakeholders to Global Challenges
Campaigning the process of change and acceptance
Creating local capability and capacity
harmonizing local efforts to global standards
Creating local awareness and ensuring the next generation is involved
The Involvement of politicians and political means to overcome resistance