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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 7th 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:
  o Town greenery
  o Solid waste management
  o Waste water treatment
  o Sanitation and hygiene,
  o Infrastructure, housing ; and
  o 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