



7th High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

Redesigning toward the 2030 Agenda

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Agenda Setting

Opening Session

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How did the HLS begin?



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Nov
2007

3rd East Asia Summit (EAS)

- Adopted the **Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment.**
- Viet Nam agreed to host the **Inaugural East Asia Summit Environment Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM)**

Oct
2008

East Asia Summit
Environment
Minister's Meeting
(EAS EMM) was
inaugurated.

Env. Ministers agreed
that **'ESC' shall be an
immediate priority
area for initial
collaboration.**

Mar
2010



1st HLS ESC was organised as
an annual seminar for
networking key stakeholders
(not only national
governments).

Held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Chair's Summary
recommended to create the
**ASEAN ESC Model Cities
Programme**, to achieve ground
impacts.



Past seminars and where we are today

**MAR
2011**

**2nd
HLS**

Welcomed the implementation of the **ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme (Year 1)** (2011/12).



**MAR
2012**

**3rd
HLS**

Shared the achievements, analysis of lessons learnt of Model Cities Year 1 and preparation for Year 2 activities.



**MAR
2013**

**4th
HLS**

Welcomed the implementation of the **ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme Year 2** (2014/15).



**FEB
2014**

**5th
HLS**

Shared the achievements of ASEAN ESC Model Cities Year 2 and future directions.



**FEB
2015**

**6th
HLS**

Discuss how to re-design of HLS ('new HLS'), in line with the 2030 Agenda and other global trends (including the SDGs) for implementation in 2017.



**MAR
2016**

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‘Value added’ by the HLS and ASEAN ESC initiatives



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- 1. Provide the platform to reflect ‘real’ city priorities and interests, linked to national policy and global agenda.**
- 2. Access to a pool of ‘Good Cities’ (key criteria: high motivation and track record of concrete results)**
 - These cities are recognised by others for new opportunities
 - More requests to participate (beyond the present capacity)

Way forward



Issues requiring more attention based on cities' voices:

1. City-to-city learning

- Study visits with quality arrangements and practical projects ('classroom' + 'site visits/projects') to address traditional environmental issues (waste, water, air, traffic congestion etc.)

2. Emerging issues needing more support

- Long term and transformative education
 - Large-scale public environmental education, engaging the youths, educational institutes and highly cooperative actors (all ages).
- Marketing Green Tourism
 - 'Being green, clean and beautiful' as a core 'city brand' for income generation and citizen well-being. Model green facilities (i.e. buildings, homes/villages and public markets/parks) are attractive destinations to both tourists/visitors and citizens

Please keep in mind throughout this seminar



1. Cities want to learn from each other. How can we better facilitate it?
2. Cities want to learn how to effectively engage multiple stakeholders (including the private sector, youths, academia, civil society etc.), including for environmental education and city branding. How can we help them?
3. How can (1) and (2) be streamlined with the global agenda, including the SDGs?
4. We will redesign the 'new HLS' in 2017 to address the above issues. How can we cooperate to make it better?