

ASCC 2024
Yokohama Declaration

～Asian Cities Together for a Greener Future～

October 24, 2024

On October 23 and 24, 2024, the 13th Asia Smart City Conference convened in Yokohama, Japan, under the unifying theme of "*Asian Cities Together for a Greener Future.*"

1. The Pivotal Role of Cities in the Global Climate Challenge

In close partnership with leading global institutions, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), CITYNET, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), this conference fostered a series of in-depth and forward-thinking discussions enriched by the perspectives of academic leaders and the aspirations of emerging young voices. We have reached a firm consensus on the essential role that cities—being at the forefront of engagement with citizens and businesses—must play in confronting the defining crisis of our time: climate change, namely; Empowering citizens and business sectors in transition toward climate action; Designing and implementing their own initiatives; and Facilitating the innovation and deployment of cutting-edge technologies by creating supportive environments for private-sector ingenuity to thrive, thereby accelerating the transition to a carbon-neutral future.

2. Strengthening Inter-City Solidarity and Cooperation

We acknowledge that the challenges of climate change transcend borders and demand robust inter-city collaboration. Further, through platforms such as the Asia Smart City Conference, we recognize that the exchange of knowledge, innovation, and a vision for the future is essential to achieving lasting urban sustainability. Together, with the backing of international development agencies such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and JICA, and in collaboration with global urban networks, including CITYNET, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, and GCoM, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, we shall strive to accelerate mutual solidarity and cooperation.

3. Elevating Asia's Leadership on the Global Stage

We recognize that the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities will be published in 2027 against a backdrop of growing worldwide interest in the role of cities. By sharing the innovations and strategies developed within Asian cities with the wider world through active participation in the Asia Smart City Conference and international fora and networks, we commit to contributing to a sustainable green future.

This declaration is hereby proposed by the City of Yokohama, Japan on October 24 of 2024, and affirmed by the participating cities and organizations.

Participating cities and organizations

(Cambodia)

Phnom Penh City

(India)

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

(Indonesia)

Ministry of National Development Planning

Special Capital Region of Jakarta

South Sulawesi Province

Balikpapan City

Palu City

(Malaysia)

Kuala Lumpur

(Nepal)

Tilottama Municipality

(Pakistan)

Government of Punjab

Punjab Affordable Housing Program

Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company

(Philippines)

Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority

City of Baguio

City of Balanga

City of Bogo

City of Borongan

City of Butuan

City of Cabadbaran

City of Calamba

City of Cebu

City of Danao

City of Mandaue

City of Pasay

City of Quezon

City of San Carlos

City of San Fernando, La Union

City of San Fernando, Pampanga

City of Santa Rosa

(Singapore)

Centre for Liveable Cities, Ministry of National Development

(South Korea)

Seoul Metropolitan Government

(Sri Lanka)

Colombo Port City Economic Commission

(Thailand)

Bangkok Metropolitan Administration

(Uzbekistan)

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Samarkand Regional Government

Tashkent City Administration

(Vietnam)

Da Nang Department of Natural Resource and Environment

People's Committee of Ha Tinh City