

Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment
6th Seminar: International Cooperation for Local Initiatives

PROGRAMME

Effective use of multi-lateral, bi-lateral and city-to-city support schemes of international agencies for local initiatives

2 July 2004 (Friday), 13:00-17:00

International Conference Room 2F, Kitakyushu International Conference Centre

12:00-13:00 **Registration**

13:00-13:10 **Seminar Remarks** (Professor Hidefumi Imura, IGES)

13:10-13:20 **Remarks** (Dr M.A. Khan, UNESCAP)

13:20-17:00 **Panel Discussion:** Multi-lateral, bi-lateral and city-to-city support schemes of international agencies for local initiatives

- **Support schemes available (financial, technical, information, other)** to address physical challenges (solid waste, water and wastewater, air quality, other) faced by local governments
- **Process** to seek for international support to address physical challenges

13:20-15:40 **Presentations by international agencies**

13:20-13:30 Introduction to panel (Professor Hidefumi Imura, IGES)

13:30-13:50 Mr. Koichi Omori, World Bank Tokyo Office

13:50-14:10 Mr. Takeo Matsuzawa, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

14:10-14:30 Mr. Satoshi Asano, Kyushu International Centre, Japan International Cooperation Agency

14:30-14:50 Mr. Ken Shimizu, United Nations Centre for Regional Development

14:50-15:00 *Break*

15:00-15:20 Ms. Mariko Sato, United Nations Human Settlements Programme

15:20-15:40 Dr. Hari Srinivas, United Nations Environment Programme, International Environmental Technology Centre

15:40-16:20 **Interventions by local governments**

How to build upon existing collaboration with bilateral agencies

Mr. Hiroshi Mizoguchi, Kitakyushu

Mr. Takuya Ogata, Minamata

How to synthesise existing cooperation activities with bilateral agencies

Mr. Youji Sasao, Ube

Mr. Yasuhiko Fukada, Yokohama

How to create new frameworks for cooperation

Mr. Masatoshi Kaneko, Osaka

Mr. Hiroshi Matsugu, Fukuoka

Ms. Hitomi Takao, Hiroshima

16:20-17:00 **Open Floor, Conclusions**

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Background: The Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment

The Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, a Type I Initiative in the Plan of Implementation at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2002, was adopted at the 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED 2000) as a mechanism for the priority implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (RAP) 2001-2005. The Kitakyushu Initiative mandates the achievement of measurable progress in the improvement of the urban environment in major cities in Asia and the Pacific, mainly through local initiatives aimed at controlling air and water pollution and minimising all kinds of wastes. More specifically, the Initiative involves a three pillared approach of: (a) implementing pilot activities that will identify and review different approaches to urban environmental management in selected cities in the region; (b) conduct of thematic seminars and national training workshops aimed at encouraging the transfer of successful practices and promoting intercity environmental cooperation in country-specific contexts; and (c) establishment of a network for information dissemination and capacity building. These are to be achieved through the application of technical, institutional, regulatory and participatory measures.

Five thematic seminars have been held since September 2002 on solid waste management, public-private partnerships for urban water supply and wastewater treatment, urban air quality management, industrial relocation, and public participation in urban environmental management. The sixth seminar will be held on **international cooperation schemes to support initiatives of local governments.**

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In this region, decentralisation and devolution for local governments is high on the agenda of national governments, as well as international agencies. To achieve the objectives of decentralisation and devolution, it is important to simultaneously strengthen local capacity for urban environmental management. Traditionally, most international agencies are directly involved with the national governments and all activities to strengthen local capacity are controlled by the national governments. Local governments lack direct support from international agencies for their initiatives. Most local governments do not possess the proper information on the role and activities of international agencies. Therefore, it has become crucial for international agencies to redirect their support for local initiatives, as well as to provide relevant information directly to local governments. This may include information on what local governments can expect from international agencies and how local governments can obtain that support, i.e. what is the process?

The Kitakyushu Initiative document endorsed at MCED 2000 proposes “linkages, catalysation and facilitation of internal and external financial support to international cooperation initiatives of local authorities” as one of several measures to assist local governments in carrying out their environmental improvement objectives.¹ Towards this end, this Seminar will target local governments that look to donor agencies to support their outreach activities in urban environmental management, and is being organised as a first step to bring international agencies and local governments together to facilitate understanding of the roles and “processes” of both parties for activities that target the improvement of the environment.

This Seminar is organised concurrently with the Japan Society on International Development (JASID)², which is being held on 3 July 2004, under the theme of “international linkages and cooperation with local governments.” This will provide participants (international agencies, academia, development agencies, local governments, other) with an opportunity to openly meet and discuss issues that they face in obtaining support for local activities, as well as provide an opportunity to identify available international support schemes.

¹ This is one of eleven support measures proposed to assist local governments to conduct the following: promote the strengthening of local initiatives, enhance partnerships, strengthen environmental management capabilities at the local level, improve the environmental technology base, promote public and private sector investment in the environment, promote environmental information and education, and strengthen international environmental cooperation based on local initiatives (Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, endorsed document).

² Participation in the seminar on 3 July (Saturday) requires a registration fee of ¥3,000 for members and ¥6,000 for non-members.

The seminar will be conducted as a panel discussion, with presentations and discussions carried out on the **available funding schemes and processes** (guidelines for different types of support) to address the **physical** (solid waste, water and wastewater, air quality management, other) and **capacity** (urban planning, regulations, institutions, financial mechanisms, appropriate technology, social capital) challenges that local governments face in developing and conducting activities within their cities, as well as their international cooperation activities with local cities in Asia and the Pacific.

The outcomes for this seminar will be reported at the JASID Meeting on 3 July, as well as act as a base for a seminar on linkages with international agencies in the development and implementation of solid waste programmes (both domestic and international) by cities throughout the Asia-Pacific Region during the Third Meeting of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network, which will be held on 2-4 August 2004.

Seminar Objectives

Understanding of the international support schemes—**multi-lateral, bi-lateral, and city-to-city**—that are available in the implementation of programmes and the processes to obtain such support

Expected Output

- (1) Identification of appropriate **schemes** available to local governments in implementation of activities
- (2) Identification of the **process** to seek for international cooperation and support
- (3) Development of a module for use by local governments in application for international support

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Kitakyushu International Conference Centre (2F, International Conference Room)

Organisers:

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
Ministry of Environment, Government of Japan
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
Supported by the City of Kitakyushu

Participants: Local Governments (*alphabetical order*)
Japan: Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Kitakyushu, Minamata, Osaka, Ube, Yokohama

International Agencies (*alphabetical order*)
Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Overseas Environmental Cooperation Centre (OECC), United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), United Nations Environment Programme/International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP/IETC), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), World Bank

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