

Seminar Programme
Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment
5th Thematic Seminar: Public Participation for Urban Environmental Management

Background

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* 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.

Four 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, and industrial relocation. The fifth thematic seminar in the thematic seminar series will be held on "public participation" for urban environmental management, with particular focus on the fields of water supply and sanitation, and solid waste management. The Seminar will cover the following areas:

- (1) Public participation and its role in urban environmental management
- (2) Drivers for public participation
- (3) Formal and informal institutional arrangements to facilitate public participation
- (4) Challenges and prospects in Kitakyushu Initiative Network cities
- (5) How lessons learned from successful practices can be transferred to cities with similar challenges

Presentations will be made on successful cases and challenges in the actions and improvement of public participation and awareness of residents in environmental protection through various modes, such as environmental education, as well as cooperation with residents in regard to intermediate treatment and collection of waste. Presentations and discussions will also be carried out by experts on the latest trends in environmental education and activities to improve the environmental awareness of residents. Analysis and development of proposals to extract successful elements and address challenges will be conducted and disseminated through the Kitakyushu Initiative Network.

Seminar Objectives

- (1) Open discussions on successful and unsuccessful practices in public participation with focus on environmental education and public awareness
- (2) Communication with experts with regard to public participation

Expected Output

- (1) Confirmation of the importance of the use of various modes to improve public participation, including environmental education
- (2) Confirmation of the importance of the involvement of NGO groups and other resident groups in environmental activities
- (3) Evaluation of successful and unsuccessful cases in cities in Asia-Pacific region

Date & Venue: 20-21 January 2004
Kitakyushu International Conference Centre (International Conference Room, 2F)

Organisers: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment (Japan), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Supported by: City of Kitakyushu

Participants: Local Governments: Dhaka (Bangladesh), Semarang (Indonesia), Kitakyushu, Minamata, Ube, Yokohama (Japan), Karachi (Pakistan), Cebu (Philippines), Nonthaburi (Thailand) / Academia: University of Kitakyushu (Japan), University of Cebu (Philippines) / International Organisations: JBIC, JICA, KITA, IGES, other

Programme

20 January 2004 (Tuesday)

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:10 Welcoming remarks and overview of seminar
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Public participation in water supply and sanitation

09:10-09:30 **Environmental preservation activities by local citizens in Kitakyushu: The case of the NPO Kitakyushu Biotope Network Research Group**
Prof. Dewancker Bart Julien, The University of Kitakyushu (Japan)

09:30-09:50 **Preparing awareness materials for wetland conservation: An innovative approach to community action**
Dr. Bishnu Bhandari, Environmental Education Project (IGES)

09:50-10:10 **Public participation in environmental improvement and protection programme: Study case in Semarang City**
Mr. Edi Waluyo, Bintari Foundation, Semarang (Indonesia)

10:10-10:30 **NGO activities in the improvement of river quality and environmental education**
Engr. Benilda Q. Gadin, University of Cebu (Philippines)

10:30-10:40 Break

10:40-11:00 **Community Participation in Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes around Hyderabad (Sindh), Pakistan**
Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon, Urban Environmental Management Project (IGES)

11:00-11:20 **Orangi Pilot Project**
Mr. Mir Hussain Ali, City District Government Karachi (Pakistan)

11:20-11:40 **Yokohama Waterworks' environmental activities**
Ms. Yasuko Kume, City of Yokohama (Japan)

11:40-12:10 Discussions

12:10-13:30 Lunch (Kitakyushu International Conference Centre)

13:30-17:00 Field visit (Environment Museum, Environmental Museum of Water)

18:00-19:30 Dinner (Sapphire, 4F, Rihga Royal Hotel Kokura)

21 January 2004 (Wednesday)

09:00-09:10 Summary of Day 1, Outline of Day 2 (*Prof. Hidefumi Imura, IGES*)

Public participation in solid waste management

09:10-09:30 **Solid waste management in Dhaka: A participatory approach**
Mr. Muhammad Abul Hasnat, Dhaka City Corporation (Bangladesh)

09:30-09:50 **Clean Environment in Nonthaburi: Polit project for maximises recycling and minimizes waste**
Mr. Permpong Pumwiset, Nonthaburi Municipality (Thailand)

09:50-10:10 **Cebu experience in public participation in urban environmental management**
Mr. Paul Villarete, Cebu City (Philippines)

10:10-10:30 **Waste reduction with citizens' participation**
Mr. Yoshikazu Nakano, Ube City (Japan)

10:30-10:40 Break

- 10:40-11:00 **The Challenge for an Environmental City Minamata**
Ms. Miho Ishihara, Minamata City (Japan)
- 11:00-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-13:30 *Lunch (Kitakyushu International Conference Centre)*
- Modes to improve public participation**
- 13:30-13:50 **Public Participation and Environmental Education: Japanese experiences and Asian countries' prospects**
Prof. Hiroyuki Miyake, The University of Kitakyushu (Japan)
- 13:50-14:10 **Environmental education in Kitakyushu**
Ms. Misuzu Morimoto, Kitakyushu Environment Museum (Japan)
- 14:10-14:30 **eLearning for public participation**
Ms. Reiko Koyama, Capacity Building Programme (IGES)
- 14:30-14:45 Break
- 14:45-16:00 Open Discussions (*Facilitator: Prof. Hidefumi Imura, IGES*)
Points of focus:
- How useful is community participation in enhancing urban environmental management?
 - Issues and opportunities for community participation
 - Who starts public participation (top-down / bottom-up)?
 - Public participation in solid waste management and water supply/sanitation
 - Role of local government and NGOs (Who is responsible?)
 - Levels of management
 - Ownership of scheme and cooperation
 - Tools for community participation:
 - Environmental education
 - Advanced tools: eLearning
 - Other innovative tools
 - Challenges in using tools