



## The Achievements of the Kitakyushu Initiative



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## Historical Background (1)



1986 Brundtland Committee: "Sustainable Development"

1992 Rio Summit: UN Conference on Environment and Development

*Up to 80's*

Addressing Pollution  
Environmental Protection  
Regulatory Approach  
Command and Control

*90's and after*

Multiple Challenges  
Sustainable Development  
Voluntary Measures and Incentives  
Participation and Partnership

1990's UN and Development Banks:  
Emphasis on Institution Building / Capacity Development

## Historical Background (2)



State of Environment in AP 2000:

*Significant Progress in Institution Building / Capacity Development*  
But

*Environmental Quality / Natural Resources Base continued to Degrade*

MCED 2000 discussed:

*Proposal for a special programme bringing tangible improvement in Environmental Quality*

and

*Urban Environment Issues selected based on collaboration with the host City - Kitakyushu*

## Historical Background (3)



Kitakyushu experiences matched such context:

- Significant Improvement - Visible
- Local Initiative - ahead of Govt Action
- Participation / Partnership in combination with Regulatory Efforts (Citizen, Business, Academics)
- Development Strategy Perspective (Eco-Industry, Business Outreach)
- International Cooperation

## Major Progress in Activities

1<sup>st</sup> Cycle (2000 - 2005)



Methodological Development and Expansion

- Identification and collection of successful practices
- Web-based information network established and operated by IGES Kitakyushu, Japan
- Thematic seminars (Air, Water, solid waste, ICT application, etc.)
- Pilot/Demonstration projects and studies, (Solid waste, Water pollution, Water efficiency, Air pollution, Energy, etc.)

## Major Progress in Activities 2nd Cycle (2005 - 2010)

Strengthened Focus on **Environmental and Socio-economic Cobenefits** in the context of **Green Growth**  
Increasing highlights on **Climate Change**

- **Replication Accelerated**
  - Networking / Assistance to Champion Cities
  - Study Tours / Thematic Workshop
- **Promotion of Supportive National Mechanisms**
  - Involvement of Central Govt / National-level Actions, etc.
- **Incubation of Innovative Approaches**
  - CDM Guidebook / Takakura Method Manual, etc.
  - Demonstration Projects (MSW, Energy efficiency, Partnerships etc.)
- **Incentivizing Member Actions**
  - Commitments
  - Monitoring / Assistance by KI Network Secretariat

## Evaluations

- Acknowledged by WSSD (2002) as a major regional initiative in Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI)
- MCED5 (2005) evaluated positively "Practical Approach" and "Significant Progress" and recommended extension up to 2010
- ESCAP Programme Evaluation (2007) "Noting insufficient financial and programme supports, demonstration of policy impacts should be strengthened"
- ESCAP Committee on Environment and Development (Dec 2009) recommended to develop a new Sustainable Urban Development programme based on KI outcomes,
- Final Review Report to be submitted to MCED6 to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, Sept/Oct 2010, with view to establishing a new SUD programme

## Achievements (1)

- Cities agreed to **play key roles in promoting environmental stewardship in their cities, and in fact achieved tangible improvements**
  - Quantitative targets communicated by KI member cities (Solid Waste / Air Pollution / Water Pollution / Socio-Economic Development / International City-to-city Cooperation)
  - Achievement of such targets monitored and assisted by KI Network Secretariat

## Achievement (2)

- **Network of Aware / Motivated Leaders**
  - Regional / National level Champions with exemplar Leadership
  - Momentum of Mutual Cooperation established
  - Evidence in more City-to-City Cooperation cases developed
  - Enthusiasm in inviting other cities for exchanging experiences
  - Interactions amongst Networks enhanced

## Achievement (3)

- **Knowledge Base Established**
  - **Policy / Technical Information collected, compiled and provided for broader use**
    - Website with database / Newsletters / Study Tours > Useful vehicles of information transfer
    - Guidebooks / Manuals / Information Kits on emerging subjects
    - Readiness for policy / practice replication

## Achievement (4)

- **Policy / Programme / Business Models Developed and Replicated**
  - **Incubation of Innovative Approaches**
    - Low cost / low-tech management options
    - Cobenefits and CDM
    - Public Private Partnership
    - Use of ICT
    - Broader Stakeholder Participation through Eco-money, etc.
  - **Tested / proved and Disseminated through Demonstration Project**
  - **Replication through Training, Study Tours, etc.**
  - **Showcased Modality for Upscaling**, e.g. Access to external funds / investment, etc.

## Achievement (5)

- **Supportive National Policies/ Measures identified and promoted**
  - KI Approaches expanded through National Networking, evidences shown in Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, etc.
  - Support of National Government Agencies pioneered in the Philippines and Indonesia
  - Partnerships between National Agencies and LGUs strengthened development of effective support mechanism
  - Collaboration with regional Govt-Govt mechanisms sought (e.g. Asia Cooperation Dialogue, AWGSC under EAS Process, etc.)

## Achievement (6)

- **"KI Approach / Methodologies"** = A basket full of useful ideas of international cooperation on sustainable urban development
  - **Emphasis on the leadership role of Local Governments**
  - **Holistic approach** to sustainable development - Highlighting the role of local government in comprehensively addressing environmental as well as socio-economic aspects of human life
  - **A package / combination of interrelated actions** (Achievements 2-5), altogether resulted in tangible outcome (Achievement 1)
- **Internationally recognized, utilized and replicated** (e.g. UNCRD EST Mayors Forum, Citynet, UNEP/IETC, ESCAP's Energy Forum, ASEAN WG on Sustainable Cities)

## KI for Future

- **A Common Asset** to be shared by Everyone
- ESCAP will take full advantage of the outcome in developing its future programme
- Encourage others to do so
- Sprit of Kitakyushu Initiative - Activities should be, coordinated, interrelated, and interacting so as to be complementary and mutually supportive.

## Thank you for your attention

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