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The Kitakyushu Initiative Network Secretariat: Facilitation of inter-city cooperation and replication of good practices

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What is IGES Kitakyushu?

- Established in October 1998.
- To analyse and assess environmental policies of local governments in Asia and the Pacific.
- To provide policy models
What is IGES Kitakyushu?

- To strengthen local initiatives and promote inter-city cooperation,

in order to achieve urban environmental improvement
What is the Kitakyushu Initiative?

- The 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED2000) was held in 2000 in the City of Kitakyushu, Japan.

- “The Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment” was adopted at MCED 2000.
What is the Kitakyushu Initiative?

- IGES Kitakyushu functions as Secretariat for the Kitakyushu Initiative Network under the supervision of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Government of Japan.
What can the Network Secretariat offer?

- Collection and Analysis of Successful Policies & Practices
- Replication of good practices through demonstration projects & study tours
- Development of collaborative mechanisms through Kitakyushu Initiative Network
Collection and Analysis of Successful Policies & Practices

- Why urban environmental problems have occurred.
- What can be done to overcome these problems.
- How other cities have addressed these issues.
Collection and Analysis of Successful Policies & Practices

- Areas of the Environmental Practices: air, water, solid waste and urban planning.


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Replication of Good Practices Through Demonstration Projects & Study Tours

- Mechanism to improve the urban environment in the cities in the region.

- To transfer and promote successful urban environmental management policies.

- To set targets using quantitative indicators.
Nonthaburi (Thailand) TURNING TRASH INTO CASH!

SHARING the achievements of their demonstration project with other cities in Thailand...Come join them!

Decreasing waste

Before

After

Increasing recycling rates

Courtesy: Nonthaburi Municipality
Replication of Good Practices Through Demonstration Projects & Study Tours

- In order to verify the successful practices, 11 pilot projects have been conducted.

- Provide support such as:
  - Preliminary research for project formulation
  - Advice by experts
  - Sharing information
  - Organization of study tours
Study tour: Community activities to decrease waste generation in households and promote separation at source (Nonthaburi, Thailand)
Development of collaborative mechanisms through Kitakyushu Initiative Network

- A forum to strengthen inter-city cooperation.

- The Network meetings organized to review and formulate activities of the Network. Between 2001 and 2004, 3 meetings held.

- As of April 2006, 62 cities from 18 countries are members of the Network.
Development of collaborative mechanisms through Kitakyushu Initiative Network

- Thematic seminars held:
  - to obtain an understanding of the current state of the environment in local governments and
  - to build the capacity of local governments in the area of urban environmental management.
Development of collaborative mechanisms through Kitakyushu Initiative Network

- 7 different themes in the Seminars:
  - (1) Solid Waste Management
  - (2) Public-Private Partnerships in Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Management
  - (3) Urban Air Quality Management
  - (4) Industrial Relocation
  - (5) Public Participation for Urban Environmental Management
  - (6) International Cooperation for Local Initiatives
  - (7) Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Urban Environmental Management
Development of collaborative mechanisms through Kitakyushu Initiative Network

- **Information dissemination:**
  1. Development of pamphlet updated to reflect the new focus on “Green Growth”
  2. Development of a newsletter
  3. Kitakyushu Initiative Network website
Focus for 2006-2010

- With the shift in focus to “Green Growth,”
  - the Kitakyushu Initiative will target win-win approaches to urban environmental management and promotion of socio-economic livelihoods.