



*Joint Declaration for Zero Carbon in Asia  
with the presence of 44 global cities and institutions at the 12<sup>th</sup> ASCC*

## **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

### **Save the Date to Attend the 13th Asia Smart City Conference (13th ASCC)**

With the support of the CityNet Secretariat, the next conference will be held by the City of Yokohama in October 2024. This in-person event will be open to all CityNet members. Details will be announced on the website at a later date.

#### **[Overview of the 13th ASCC]**

A dynamic international conference, in collaboration with ASEAN cities as well as the World Bank, Asia Development Bank, academic institutions, and other major stakeholders, for key players to share knowledge on developing economically, socially and environmentally sustainable urban environments.

Dates: October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2024

- Oct. 22: Site visits

- Oct. 23-24: Thematic sessions and networking/business matching events

Venue(Tentative): PACIFICO Yokohama North (Minato Mirai 21 district in Yokohama)

Registration: Pre-registration required. Free to join.

A registration page will be available around summer on the official website.



ASCC Website

In the meantime, check out what you may have missed at [the 12th Asia Smart City Conference](#).

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\***The CityNet SDGs Cluster Seminar** will be held during one of the thematic sessions at the ASCC. We are planning a seminar on topics such as **carbon neutrality and VLR (Voluntary Local Review)**. More information will be provided at a later date.

\*The conference will be held in conjunction with **Y-SHIP 2024**. Y-SHIP (Yokohama Showcasing Highly Innovative Pioneers) is an international convention hosted by the City of Yokohama, inviting highly innovative pioneers from around the world to take center stage as we work to solve global issues. For more information, please refer to [the Y-SHIP Convention website](#).



SDGs Cluster Seminar 2023

## I. Presentation of Yokohama City Initiatives at APFSD Side Event



On February 22, 2024, the CityNet Secretariat hosted the "Urban Engagement Space" as a side event of the **Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)**, held annually by ESCAP in Bangkok to support follow-up and review of the progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region. The City of Yokohama also participated in the event as a speaker. In line with the theme of the 11th APFSD, "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific," the **CityNet side event** was entitled, "**Urban Regeneration for Safe, Resilient, and Inclusive Cities in the Asia Pacific**."

From the City of Yokohama, **Mr. Masafumi Shinagawa, Chief Representative, Office of the City of Yokohama Representative to Southeast and South Asia** based in Bangkok, gave a presentation on **Minato Mirai 21** as a case study of Yokohama's urban revitalization and how the city has regenerated through urban development, including the Minato Mirai 21 project, against the backdrop of urban challenges Yokohama faced from the 1950s to 1970s. He also shared that 'each resident has been educated about waste separation and recycling from an early age, fostering an awareness for keeping the city beautiful and clean. Also, in the Minato Mirai 21 district, utility poles, power lines, highways, etc. are all underground so that they do not disrupt the scenery. This high standard for clean and safe infrastructure is one of the things that makes the city attractive.' Today, the Minato Mirai 21 district has become a city of diverse functions, including corporate headquarters, R&D facilities, music halls, universities, and MICE centers, in addition to offices, commercial facilities, and residences. The City of Yokohama aims to build a decarbonization model through public-private partnerships in collaboration with various companies in the district toward becoming carbon neutral in 2050.

For more information on this session and presentation materials, please visit [this page](#).

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