

ASCC

Asia
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2025

Towards a Circular Society



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Archive of the 13th ASCC (2024) :
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Announcement of upcoming 14th Asia Smart City Conference (ASCC) 2025

We look forward to your active participation in this valuable opportunity
for diverse stakeholders to discuss sustainable urban development in Asia!

[Overview of ASCC 2025]

Date: November 25(Tuesday), 26 (Wednesday) and 27 (Thursday),2025

Nov. 25 and 26: Plenary session, Thematic sessions, Networking/Business Matching Events

Nov. 27: Technical Tour for Overseas Invited Cities

Venue: PACIFICO Yokohama North (exclusively in-person)

Program: Please visit the [website](#) for more details.

*For information on how to register, please see the notice sent to CityNet members.

*The **CityNet Cluster Seminar** will be held during one of the afternoon sessions at ASCC on Nov. 25 (Tue.) on the theme of **climate change resilience**.



ASCC 2025
Website in English

[What to Expect]

This 14th ASCC is a multicultural event bringing together Asian cities, government agencies, academic institutions, private companies and international organizations such as the World Bank (WB) and Asia Development Bank (ADB), aiming to discuss on the achievement of decarbonization and sustainable development in Asia, while also seeking to create overseas business opportunities towards Japanese local companies in the city. Under the theme of ***“Towards a Circular Society - Promoting the Circular Economy and Carbon Neutrality -”***, the conference will feature an exciting lineup of keynote speakers, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities to share knowledge and solutions for promoting circular cities and sustainable urban development in Asia.

Call for Respondents: Questionnaire on SDGs

The City of Yokohama is conducting a questionnaire survey to identify initiatives and challenges related to promoting SDGs. The survey results will be shared with CITYNET members through newsletters to strengthen partnerships among members, examine the possibility of inter-city collaboration, improve SDGs cluster activities, and seek other opportunities for international assistance. All CITYNET full members and SDGs Cluster Members (full, associate and corporate members) are kindly requested to respond to the questionnaire fully or as much as possible and submit to CITYNET Yokohama Project Office (CYO) **by Friday, September 5, 2025.**

URL: Questionnaire for “SDGs” is [here](#).

Contact: CITYNET Yokohama Project Office ki-citynet@city.yokohama.lg.jp



SDGs
Questionnaire
Form

New Head Appointed to CityNet Yokohama Project Office (CYO)

On July 1, 2025, **Mr. Tadahiro Saegusa** succeeded Ms. Rumi Kurita as the head of CYO. Since joining the City of Yokohama in 1987, he has been in charge of international affairs and international cooperation projects for more than a decade. He served as Director General of International Affairs Bureau from April 2024 to March 2025. Subsequently, was appointed as Chairperson & CEO of Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges (YOKE), a public interest incorporated foundation, in April 2025. Has been working on developing Yokohama as a multicultural coexistence city. Leveraging on his experience of more than 35 years in local government, he was appointed as the head of CYO and while at CityNet, wishes to contribute to the further prosperity of member cities and organizations by deepening connections and collaborations.

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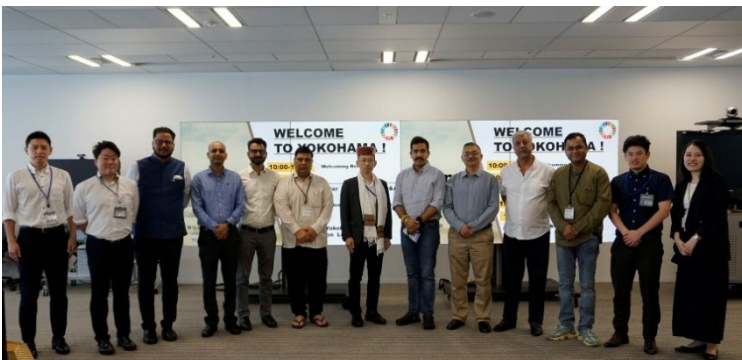
Mr. Saegusa (right) and Ms. Yamakoshi of Director of Administration (left) in front of the office

I. Visit of delegation from Himachal Pradesh, India to Yokohama

On July 23, at the request of the **All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG)**, a **delegation of nine members, including the Minister of Urban Development Department of the Himachal Pradesh State Government**, visited Yokohama City. The purpose of the visit was to learn about Yokohama's urban development concepts, the situation and challenges before and after the implementation of urban planning, and to identify issues for comprehensive action in Himachal Pradesh, as well as to study best practices from other cities. Himachal Pradesh is located in the Himalayan Mountains in northern India and faces disaster risks such as earthquakes, landslides, floods, and fires. As “disaster prevention strategy” was listed as a priority concern, the program focused on lectures and inspections related to disaster prevention and crisis management in Yokohama City.

In the lecture by the **Yokohama City Crisis Management Office**, the officials were introduced to the main points and structure of Yokohama City Disaster Prevention Plan, the damage caused by past earthquakes and the lessons learned from them, the **“Yokohama City Earthquake Disaster Prevention Strategy”** revised in March 2025 to strengthen earthquake disaster prevention measures, and **the strengthening of local community disaster preparedness centers. The importance of promoting self-help and mutual assistance**, such as efforts to improve the disaster prevention capabilities of citizens and local communities, and **the promotion of disaster-resistant city development** were emphasized. Participants actively asked questions about earthquake-resistant building regulations, stockpile management, training methods at local community disaster preparedness centers, and disaster prevention measures for each region. In the afternoon, the delegation visited **the Yokohama Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center** and participated in an earthquake and fire experience tour. They enjoyed learning about how to protect themselves and evacuate in the event of a disaster by experiencing the shaking of a magnitude 7 earthquake, initial firefighting, and evacuation from smoke. The inspection team expressed strong interest in introducing similar facilities in their state to allow citizens to experience disaster preparedness in a more accessible manner.

Going forward, CYO will continue to collaborate with Yokohama City, disseminate information about Yokohama City's initiatives in response to the needs of CityNet members, and promote discussions on strategies to address urban issues in CityNet member cities.



Group Photo with the delegation



Site visit to the Yokohama Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center

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