

## 5th Asia Smart City Conference “Yokohama Declaration”

For the past 5 years, the Asia Smart City Conference has been held with an aim to enhance city to city collaborations and partnerships among cities and related international institutions with the purpose of achieving smart and sustainable growth in Asia.

In order to reinforce the outcomes of the past four conferences and based on the spirit of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Smart City Conference Declarations, we have agreed upon the following:

1. At the 5th Asia Smart City Conference, over 40 cities, international institutions and specialized institutions came together, bringing various issues and expertise to the table, and held practical discussions aimed at realizing livable inclusive sustainable and resilient cities and communities. Specifically, opinions from various specialized and technical points of view were exchanged on the following four themes:

- 1) City to city cooperation towards sustainable urban development
- 2) Roles of city leaders to attract high quality involvement of private sector and co-create urban solutions through smart technologies
- 3) Mobilize further financing to achieve smart urban development
- 4) Effective modalities for knowledge sharing and capacity building towards smart urban development

2. The participants observed current international frameworks such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), New Urban Agenda under HABITAT III, and the Paris Agreement under Conference of the Parties (COP21) that acknowledge key roles of sub-national and local governments. Participants reconfirmed that for each city to righteously evolve further, it is essential for each city leader to exhibit strong leadership, in cooperation with citizens and business entities, to ensure successful urban transformation through sustainable smart city management.

3. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Smart City Conference, the cities and the other supporting agencies participated in the Conference declared to form the Asia Smart City Alliance (ASCA). The participants were pleased to observe that alliance enabled members to link with one another to play active roles in contributing to smart sustainable development in Asia. It was further agreed to enhance the knowledge sharing activities of ASCA.

4. We will report the content of this Yokohama declaration to Conference of the Parties 22 (COP22) which is being concluded in Marrakesh, Morocco today.