

Prospectus: The Y-PORT Center

Cities in the emerging countries of Asia and elsewhere face urban challenges as a result of their rapid development and growth, including environmental pollution and shortages of infrastructure. The demand for infrastructure is particularly great.

In these circumstances, Yokohama launched its Y-PORT Project in January 2011, an international cooperative partnership making use of its resources and technology, and has been promoting infrastructure-development businesses among the public and private sectors overseas.

Now, in order to more intensively generate infrastructure projects through the Y-PORT Project, the Yokohama Urban Smart Solution Alliance, JGC Corporation, JFE Engineering Corporation, Chiyoda Corporation, Hitachi, Ltd., the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office and the City of Yokohama will establish the Y-PORT Center as a platform for promoting overseas infrastructure businesses through public and private collaboration.

The organizations and bodies participating in the Y-PORT Center will closely cooperate on technologies, share know-how, and work with overseas networks on sustainable urban development, environmental measures and more, seeking also to expand business opportunities using support measures of the national governments, international organizations and the like. They will at the same time endeavor to reduce carbon emissions and improve civic life through development of social infrastructure in cities in emerging countries.

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