

Organisational Note
Second Meeting of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network
15-17 October 2003, Weihai (China)

1. Background

The Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment was adopted at the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific 2000 (MCED 2000) held from 31 August to 5 September 2000, in Kitakyushu, Japan. The Kitakyushu Initiative is a priority implementation mechanism for the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (RAP), 2001-2005, with specific focus on environmental quality and human health in urban areas. The Initiative's mandate is to achieve measurable improvement in the urban environment of cities in Asia and the Pacific, principally through local initiatives aiming at control of air and water pollution, and minimization of all kinds of wastes, using selected technical, institutional, regulatory, and participatory measures. MCED 2000 also recommended the establishment of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network to facilitate the implementation of the Initiative.

Since the conclusion of MCED 2000 in Kitakyushu, ESCAP has been working in collaboration with a number of relevant organizations in the region, and has initiated a range of activities at national, subregional and regional levels for implementation of the Kitakyushu Initiative. The Expert Group Meeting on Implementation of the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment held in Bangkok, Thailand in August 2001 reviewed such preliminary activities and discussed essential elements to link local governments and relevant institutions. The First Meeting of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network was held in November 2001 in Kitakyushu, Japan, at which the Network was inaugurated.

Since November 2001, activities carried out by the Kitakyushu Initiative Network include the collection and analysis of successful practices; implementation of pilot activities, including support and monitoring of ongoing intercity co-operation activities; organization of thematic seminars on critical urban environmental management issues; and dissemination of information through the Kitakyushu Initiative Network website.

2. Objectives

With activities of the Kitakyushu Initiative entering its third year, the **Second Meeting of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network** is being organized to review Network activities and develop a consensus on future actions to further enhance activities. This will be conducted through open discussions on crosscutting issues in urban environmental management to build capacity of local governments and enhanced interaction among local governments, international organizations, the donor community and academia.

3. **Date:** 15-17 October 2003 (Expert Segment: 15-16 October / Mayors' Segment: 17 October)

4. **Venue:** Blue Sky Hotel, Weihai, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China

5. Organizers

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan; Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; in cooperation with the Policy Research Center for Environment and Economy, State Environmental Protection Administration, China

6. Host Organization:

City of Weihai, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China.

7. Participants

Local Governments, National Governments, International Organizations

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**Tentative Programme
Expert Segment 15 – 16 October 2003
Mayors Segment 17 October 2003**

Expert Segment

Objective: To provide a review of activities to date, i.e. (1) indicators; (2) pilot activities; (3) thematic seminars/trainings; (4) successful practices; and develop future course of action. Opinions expressed and concluded at the Expert Segment will be presented at the Mayors' Segment for endorsement of future activities. Attendees: Senior level officials (policy makers) from local governments, representatives from national governments, experts/international initiatives, other.

Day 1, 15 October 2003

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:00	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ravi Sawhney, Director, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific • The Honourable Dr. Song Yuanfang, Mayor, City of Weihai, China • Mr. Ruqi Li, Deputy Director, Comprehensive Department, Pollution Control Division, State Environmental Protection Administration, People's Republic of China • Professor Hidefumi Imura, Director, Kitakyushu Office, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
10:00-10:30	Overview of Network activities (2001-2003) (Dr. M.A. Khan, UNESCAP)
10:30-10:45	Group Photo, Break
10:45-12:00	Review of thematic seminars/training (Facilitators: Dr. M.A. Khan (UNESCAP), Professor Hidefumi Imura (IGES)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Overview of thematic seminars/trainings (Dr. M.A. Khan, UNESCAP) (ii) Discussions
12:00-13:30	Lunch (Blue Sky Hotel)
13:30-15:30	Review of pilot activities (Facilitators: Dr. M.A. Khan (UNESCAP), Professor Hidefumi Imura (IGES)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Overview of pilot activities (Dr. M.A. Khan, UNESCAP) (ii) City presentations (Nonthaburi, Ho Chi Minh, Weihai, Surabaya) (iii) Discussions
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-17:00	Review of successful practices (Facilitators: Dr. M.A. Khan (UNESCAP), Professor Hidefumi Imura (IGES)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Overview of successful practices (Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon, IGES) (ii) Discussions
17:00-18:00	Review of indicators (Facilitators: Dr. M.A. Khan (UNESCAP), Professor Hidefumi Imura (IGES)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Overview of indicators (Mr. Masakazu Ichimura, IGES) (ii) Discussions
18:30-20:00	Reception ("Bihai Hall", 1F, Building 2, Blue Sky Hotel) Hosted by Weihai Municipal Government

Day 2, 16 October 2003

09:00-11:00	Evaluation of future plans —Conclusions and recommendations, Action plan
11:00-12:00	Review of the implementation of outcome of WSSD in human settlements sectors in Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
12:00-13:00	Lunch (Blue Sky Hotel)
13:00-15:00	Review of the implementation of outcome of WSSD in human settlements sectors in Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
15:00-18:00	Field visit (Weihai Municipal Government)
18:30-20:00	Dinner (“Bihai Hall”, 1F, Building 2, Blue Sky Hotel) Hosted by UNESCAP, IGES

Day 3, 17 October 2003: Mayors Segment

Objective: To deliver policy statements and endorse outcome of Expert Segment.

Participants: Mayors, senior level officials from local and national governments, experts/international initiatives

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:00	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ravi Sawhney, Director, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific• Professor Hidefumi Imura, Director, Kitakyushu Office, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies• Dr. Ren Yong, Deputy Director, Policy Research Centre for Environment and Economy, State Environmental Protection Administration, People’s Republic of China• The Honourable Mr. Liu Mingxin, Executive Mayor, City of Weihai, China
09:00-09:30	Overview from Expert Group Segment (Mr. Ravi Sawhney, UNESCAP)
09:30-12:00	Policy statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honourable Mr. Sadeque Hossain Khoka (Mayor, Dhaka, Bangladesh)• The Honourable Mr. Niamatullah Khan (Mayor, Karachi, Pakistan)• The Honourable Mr. Robert Hoi Chew Lau (Mayor, Sibu, Malaysia)• The Honourable Mr. Zagdjav Deleg (Governor, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)• The Honourable Mr. Azath Sanoon Salley (Deputy Mayor, Colombo, Sri Lanka)• The Honourable Mr. Adul Youyou (Deputy Mayor, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand)• The Honourable Mr. Thanapong Thanadechakul (Deputy Mayor, Nonthaburi, Thailand)• The Honourable Mr. Mulas Udin (Deputy Mayor, Surabaya, Indonesia)• The Honourable Mr. U Kyi Win (Joint-Secretary, Yangon, Myanmar)
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Policy statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jurapong Penngglieng (Bangkok, Thailand)• Mr. Nigel Paul Villarete (Cebu, Philippines)• Mr. Liang Hongjun (Dalian, China)• Mr. Shankar Raj Kandel (Kathmandu, Nepal)• Mr. Masaharu Inoue (Kitakyushu, Japan)• Mr. Wang You Fang (Ningbo, China)• Mr. Quan Zhang (Shanghai, China)• Ms. Zhang Xiu Fen (Taiyuan, China)
14:30-15:00	Endorsement of outcome of Expert Group Meeting, issuance of Joint Announcement