

# Summary of First Day Discussion

Fourth Meeting of Kitakyushu  
Initiative Network  
Kitakyushu, Japan



# Significance of Urban Policy

- ◆ Cities as sources of economic opportunity / vitality
- ◆ Unmet basic needs
- ◆ Growing consumption pressure
- ◆ Environmental pollution and economic inefficiency
- ◆ Key to global climate action
- ◆ Improvement in eco-efficiency essential



# Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment

- ◆ ESCAP's primary instrument addressing local initiative / urban environment
- ◆ Adopted by MCED 2000 held in Kitakyushu
- ◆ To achieving tangible improvements in UEQ through local initiatives by Cities
- ◆ Mutual assistance facilitated through Network of more than 60 cities



# KI Progress

- ◆ First Cycle 2000 - 2005
- ◆ Extension recommended with positive evaluation by MCED2005
- ◆ Second Cycle 2006 - 2010
  
- ◆ Momentum of mutual cooperation established
- ◆ Champion Cities emerging with exemplar leadership



# Environmental and Socio-Economic Co-Benefits

- ◆ New Focus in line with Green Growth approach adopted by MCED2005
- ◆ Highlighting win-win synergy between environmental and other challenges faced by local governments in AP region
- ◆ Enhancing political priority + financial feasibility of urban environment actions



# Successful Experiences – Urban Planning

- ◆ Going beyond “Grow first, Clean up later” approach
  - Precautionary Approach - more economical in long term
  - Several best practice to be expanded to City-wide development model
- ◆ Emerging of practical mechanisms / experiences for integration of environment and economy for long term SD



# Successful Experiences – Water Pollution Control

- ◆ Centralized/decentralized approaches for infrastructure development
  - Centralized - PPP scheme applicable in most dynamic part of the region
    - ◆ Price mechanism to promote financial feasibility / eco-efficiency
  - Decentralized - valid for small scale infrastructure / equipments
    - ◆ Institutional / financial mechanisms for local participation incl. Private sector



# Successful Experiences

## – Solid Waste Management

- ◆ 3R measures throughout waste flow
- ◆ Options for self-finance (fee collection, land-related tax, return from material recycling)
- ◆ Securing of market for recycled products
- ◆ Attention to social (poverty) aspects
- ◆ International cooperation - exchange of experiences / information useful





# Successful Experiences

## – Air and Energy

- ◆ Urban Energy Action with Multiple benefits
  - Promised benefits in economic term > high IRR and short payback period
  - GHG emission reduction
  - Mitigation of local air pollution
  - Social impacts, e.g. education
- ◆ Replication ongoing



# Cross cutting issues

- ◆ Political Leadership with Clear Vision
- ◆ Public participation and support
  
- ◆ Needs for Innovative Policy Ideas and Options
  - Successful practices to be shared
  - To be identified, tested and proved via pilot
  
- ◆ Replication approach useful to be followed by scale-up actions
  
- ◆ Synergy amongst relevant international organizations /programmes

