ICLEI EAS Director's Report
to the East Asia Regional Executive Committee
January to July 2017

Dear Members of ICLEI East Asia RexCom,

Over the past months, with your strong support, ICLEI East Asia Secretariat and other ICLEI offices have strengthened ICLEI activities and partnership in the region. Numbers of events on environment and sustainable development are taking place in East Asia. ICLEI offices have actively participated in these events and closely worked with our partners, exchanging knowledge and experiences, and provide opportunities for East Asian cities to learn from each other and develop capacities.

In the second half of 2017, ICLEI will continue to engage in various conferences and events, including UNFCCC COP23 (Bonn, Germany), Mayoral Forum on Climate Change (Seoul, Korea), Cities in Climate Change: International TWINS Conference & ICLEI Urban Transitions Alliance Launch (Essen, Germany), EcoMobility World Festival 2017 (Kaohsiung City), etc. We wish your engagement and participation in all these events.

In addition, I cordially invite you to attend the upcoming East Asia RexCom meeting taking place in New Taipei City on 30 September. Hosted by New Taipei City, it will be the last meeting to convene the incumbent EA RexCom Members as we are in the process of electing new Members for 2018-2021 term. I would like to express my special thank-you to all of Members for your three years support and leadership to promote ICLEI activities.

I look forward to meeting you all on 30 September in New Taipei City.

Sincerely yours,

SHU ZHU
Regional Director
2017 East Asia RexCom Meeting
09:30-11:30, Saturday, 30 September
New Taipei City Hall

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introduction (15 min)

Welcome Speech (9 min)
Mayor Daisaku Kadokawa  Representative of RexCom Chair (3 min)
Shen-hsien Chen  Host & Former Vice Mayor of New Taipei (3 min)
Gino van Begin  Secretary General of ICLEI World Secretariat (3 min)

Introduction and Ice Breaking (6 min)
Shu Zhu  EAS Regional Director

RexCom Members’ Review of ICLEI Works in East Asia (50 min; 7 min each)

2018-2021 East Asia RexCom Election (10 min)

General Report (5 min) | Shu Zhu  EAS Regional Director
Introduction of incoming RexCom Members (5 min)

ICLEI’s Development in East Asia (10 min)

East Asia Secretariat (10 min) | Shu Zhu  EAS Regional Director

Country Operations and Offices (20 min)

China Development (5 min) | Shu Zhu  EAS Regional Director
Japan Office (5 min) | Takashi Otsuka  JO Director
Korea Office (5 min) | Yeonhee Park  KO Director
Kaohsiung Capacity Center (5 min) | KCC Director

2018 ICLEI Work Plan and Priority Activities (10 min)

Closing and Group Photo
Updates from ICLEI East Asia Secretariat, Country Offices and Capacity Center

ICLEI East Asia Secretariat (EAS)

Governance

ICLEI EA RexCom 2017 meeting on 30 September, New Taipei City

The 2016 RexCom meeting will be held on 30 September at New Taipei City Hall along with the Climate Change and City Transformation Forum taking place on 29-30 September.

China development/ membership

Strengthen relations with Chinese Members

On 17 June, the mayor of Guiyang Liu Wen-xin, accompanied by Xu Qin, Vice Mayor of Guiyang, warmly welcomed ICLEI delegation led by Gino van Begin, Secretary General of ICLEI and shared his expectation for ICLEI at the official meeting during the Eco-Forum Global 2017. Guiyang and Foshan New City renewed their membership for 2017-2018.

Welcome Guangming New District as New Member

Guangming New Area submitted membership application form in July 2017. In addition, EAS started discussions with Guangyuan and Huangguoshu District for ICLEI membership.

Projects and Events

Low-carbon City

Launch of Building Efficiency Accelerator (BEA) in East Asia

As the East Asia regional lead of SEforALL's Building Efficiency Accelerator, EAS co-hosted an East Asia Building Efficiency Forum with the East Asia launch of the BEA on 22 March 2017 at the China National Convention Center in Beijing, under the framework of the “Thirteenth International Conference on Green and Energy-Efficient Building & New Technologies and Products Expo”. The BEA regional launch brought together stakeholders for a wide presentation of building efficiency perspectives, focusing in particular on the China context, with 8 local government representatives and over 20 partner organizations in attendance.

Clean Energy Solutions Center

Within the framework of the ‘Ask an Expert’ service provided by the Clean Energy Solutions Center and to which ICLEI is a partner, EAS was requested to offer 40 hours of technical assistance to Ulaanbaatar city on support in relation to clean energy or energy efficiency. EAS has completed the support request, concluded with a report on “Financing the thermo-technical rehabilitation of pre-cast panel buildings in Ulaanbaatar City” in April 2017.

Compact of Mayors Report
The wrap-up work for Compact of Mayors is done by May. A final version of report with the summary of survey results, promotion events, technical workshop and strategy recommendation is produced by EAS and shared with WS to facilitate the implementation of the Compact for the next step.

**Training on Climate Change and Air Quality Co-Control for ICLEI Members in Asia**

Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability East Asia Secretariat (ICLEI EAS) co-hosted the Capacity Building Program on Climate Change and Air Pollution Co-Control from 24 to 28 April 2017 in Seoul, aiming to providing training opportunities on climate change and air pollution co-control to local government officials, and to facilitate sustainable environmental policies exchange between Asian cities. 11 public officials from 9 ICLEI Members in Asia, including Jinan city, Foshan city (China), Kaohsiung city, Tainan city (Chinese Taipei), Balikpapan city (Indonesia), Melaka city (Malaysia), Pasig city (Philippines), Borongan city (Philippines), and Ulaanbaatar city (Mongolia) attended the 5-day training.

**The 7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement**

The 7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement was successfully organized on 1-2 June, 2017 in Seoul, South Korea. EAS is the co-organizer of the forum. Representatives from 13 Northeast Asian cities/provinces - Beijing, Chongqing, Hong Kong, Hunan, Jinan, Jilin, Sichuan, Tongren (China), Seoul (Korea), Kitakyushu, Kyoto, Tokyo (Japan), and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) - researchers, experts, and international organizations gathered at Seoul City Hall to exchange knowledge and experiences on air quality improvement, hoping to gather ideas for future actions. The East Asia Clean Air Cities (EACAC) official website was launched during the forum.

**East Asia Clean Air Cities (EACAC) Training Workshop - Tackling urban air pollution: Best practices in East Asia**

Prior to the 7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement, EAS organized a training with the support of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), closely looking at air improvement policies.

City experiences were presented by Beijing and Seoul, followed by hour-long focused presentations by experts on best practices from waste and transport sectors affecting air quality. These included an expert from the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI), and from two organizations also involved in the CCAC--the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and Clean Air Asia (CAA). Representatives from 8 East Asian local governments - Beijing, Chongqing, Hunan, Jinan, Sichuan (China), Kitakyushu (Japan), Seoul (Korea), and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) - and 9 regional and international partners participated in the workshop.

**ICLEI Low-carbon City session at CASS Forum 2017-International Forum on low carbon and Eco-preservation health, Guangyuan, China**
At the Chinese Academy of Social Science Forum 2017 held on 13 June 2017 in Guangyuan, EAS co-organized a parallel session “Experience sharing of Low Carbon Cities Construction”. Steve Gawler, Regional Director of ICLEI Oceania Secretariat and Zhu Shu made a joint speech on ICLEI’s methodology, integrated approach, tools and on-going thematic programs to support Chinese cities in becoming climate resilient and low-carbon cities. EAS will continue working with Guangyuan on urban mitigation and adaptation.

Resilient City

*Urban Adaptation survey*

EAS has developed and translated the urban adaptation survey to map out the status, needs and challenges of the cities on urban adaptation work, which can be used as the foundation to develop and fundraise for Resilient City agenda in the future. It will be shared with Chinese’s cities, KO and JO, aiming to compile a summary report by the end of this year.

EcoMobile City

*International Forum on Urban Green Mobility*

During the 2017 World Transport Convention in Beijing, China, ICLEI East Asia co-organized the parallel International Forum on Urban Green Mobility with China Highway and Transport Society (CHTS) and Research Institute of Highway, Ministry of Transport of China (RIOH) on 5 June. Chaired by Tuanjie Cai, Deputy Director General of Transportation Services Division of Ministry of Transport of China, the forum was divided into three sessions: overview of global and China’s green mobility development, cities’ cases sharing, and experiences from green enterprises. Topics such as public transport lanes, pricing, bike sharing, to technical topics like new energy vehicles, battery lifetime and charging efficiency were all covered in the forum.

*EcoMobility World Festival and Congress at Kaohsiung in October*

EAS supports the invitation of Chinese cities and Chinese partners to the EcoMobility World Festival and Congress taking place Kaohsiung City from 1 October.

Smart Cities

*Smart and Low-carbon Cities Session at WeGO General Assembly*

Invited by the WeGo Secretariat, ICLEI East Asia co-organized with ICLEI European Secretariat on the session “Smart and Low-carbon Cities: the impact of digitalization on the urban infrastructure”, during the WeGO 4th General Assembly, on 29 June 2017 in Ulyanovsk Region of Russia. The session presented solutions that have been implemented in China and Europe to develop smart and low-carbon urban infrastructure. It also explored the most promising approaches and potential obstacles to be overcome for smart and low-carbon city development. Local government representatives from Bydgoszcz (Poland), Madrid (Spain), Ufa (Russia), Wuhan (China) shared their policies / projects and were engaged in interactive discussions during the session.

Sustainable Local Economy & Procurement

*10YFP on SPP Working Group 1A Project: SPP Tender Implementation and Impact Monitoring*
EAS together with European Secretariat and Korea Office have been implementing the 10YFP on SPP 1A Working Group project: SPP Tender Implementation and Impact Monitoring (10YFP SPP WG1A) since December 2016. This project aims to support 3 local governments of China and Korea in procuring eco-innovative products and monitoring the impact of GPP. From China, Guangming New District, a state-level eco-city and Urumqi Economic and Technological Development Zone confirmed their commitment to this project as of July 2017.

On June 17, 2017, ICLEI EAS officially announced the launch of this project with candidate cities and regional partners: Guangming New Area, Tianjin Binhai District, Suwon City, China United Certification Center (CEC), APEC Tianjin Green Supply China Service Center (TGCC), and Korea Environment Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI) at the GPP session of Eco Forum Global Guiyang Symposium 2017 in Guiyang City, China

**10YFP on SPP Newsletter**

Within the framework of 10YFP on SPP programme, EAS is in charge of the production and dissemination of the 10YFP on SPP newsletter both in English and Korean version in 2017. This quarterly e-newsletter is to keep the 10YFP partners informed of progress and plans of the programme and alert them to events and activities in programme-specific regions and countries. The 8th and 9th issues of the 10YFP on SPP newsletter have been released in April and July 2017.

**Green Public Procurement session at Eco Forum Global Guiyang Symposium 2017**

As the long term strategic partner to Eco-Forum Global (EFG), EAS was invited to host a session on GPP in cooperation with Guiyang Municipal People’s Government at the Eco Forum Global Guiyang Symposium 2017 on June 17. This GPP session has convened cities and partners which have showed their interests in the 10YFP SPP WG1A Project to discuss effective ways to utilize the procurement process to enhance local green growth. The keynote speeches saw two experts sharing the benefits and impacts of GPP for green growth: Oslo city shared its advanced practices for GPP implementation and China United Certification Center (CEC) presented the general trend of GPP implementation in China at national level. City Representatives from Guiyang, Shenzhen Guangming New District, Tianjin Binhai New District (China) and Suwon (Korea) briefly presented the local action for GPP implementation in China and Korea.

**Communications**

ICLEI East Asia has released its 2016 Annual Report in March. Both English and Chinese versions are also available online, and released the 7th Chinese Newsletter in April.

As part of the EACAC project, ICLEI East Asia officially launched the website eacac.net on 1 June, during the 2017 Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement. Publications for other projects such as climate adaptation for Chinese cities and the 10YPF on SPP has also been prepared and shared with cities and partners.
Membership

Welcome 4 new ICLEI Members of Toyota City, Okayama City, Matsuyama City, Shimokawa Town

Members are gradually increasing through a variety of activities through our engagement efforts with local governments, including those of the “Future City” Initiative, a national program operated by the Japanese Cabinet Office. ICLEI Member cities have also contributed to recruiting new Member cities in the way of expressing the importance of international cooperation with cities through the ICLEI network.

Regular Member meeting, “ICLEI Café”

A series of “ICLEI Café,” the Members’ meeting for information exchange, has been held once a month, which has served to be a good opportunity among Members to obtain information and discuss recent ICLEI-related agenda and activities at a practical level in an informal setting.

We set the specific theme every Café based on Members’ interests, such as CBD COP13 (January 18), Household energy-saving measures (April 19), Smart Cities (June 21). We use TV conference facilities to connect Kitakyushu City, who is not able to physically attend the Café in Tokyo. We have been trying to make opportunities to communicate with ICLEI Member cities in various ways.

Programs & Projects

Supports on German-Japan City-to-City exchange on local renewable energy

JO and ES are working together to contribute to German-Japan City-to-City exchange on local renewable energy, which is the follow up of Joint Statement issued by Environmental Ministers of Germany and Japan in May 2016. The second site visit was conducted in Feb. The German City delegation visited several palaces in Japan, including Toyama City, Hiroshima City, Tokyo Metropolitan, Kawasaki City, and learned each other how to develop the policy about local renewable energy.
Special Seminar - Decarbonized Society begins with Cities and Regions

JO and the Renewable Energy Institute co-organized a special seminar regarding local renewable energy on March 9. More than 50 people from local governments and other relevant organizations gathered there. Dr. Stefan Schurig, Director – Climate, Energy and Cities, Member Management Board, World Future Council, showed that decarbonized society had already began with cities and community in the world as a keynote speech.

The leading cities in Japan made presentations to share their experience and knowledge. At the panel discussion, we had an interactive discussion involving attendees. It was a great opportunity to share the latest efforts in local renewable energy and to consider how to accelerate making decarbonized society by each local government in Japan.

Compact of Mayors

JO provided support to 5 Member cities that have committed to the Compact of Mayors in achieving compliance. JO also published a guidebook for Japanese cities on reporting greenhouse gas emissions using GPC.

One Planet City Challenge

In collaboration with WWF Japan, JO launched the One Planet City Challenge for the first time in Japan. JO translated the cCR reporting forms into Japanese and is currently providing support to Member cities that are considering joining the Challenge.

Communications

Japan Office 2016 Annual Report

JO published its Annual Report (in Japanese) in April 2017, which showcases achievements made and services provided to Member cities in fiscal year 2016 (April 2016-March 2017). The report also describes ICLEI's global efforts, including the new 10 Urban Agendas. The report has been distributed to Japanese Member cities, and is also available on JO's website.

Monthly Newsletter

JO continues to publish its monthly e-newsletter, highlighting ICLEI's global initiatives, Japanese Member city activities, and JO’s projects. Subscribers include a broad spectrum of individuals, including Japanese local governments, government agencies, academia, research institutes, and private sector.

As a new action, we are trying to translate the articles of Japanese Member city activities into English with the cooperation of voluntary translators and submitting them to the monthly iNews published by WS. We aim to strengthen disseminating activities in Japan globally.

ICLEI's Magazine Column

JO sets a special column in a bimonthly magazine published by NIPPO CO., LTD. The article features activities by ICLEI Member cities which take a lead in tackling global warming issues.
Membership

Songpa-gu Municipal Government of Seoul has joined ICLEI network.

In the first half of 2017, Songpa-gu Municipal Government of Seoul has become the 58th member in South Korea. Director Park Yeon-hee has visited the Mayor Park Choon-hee and delivered the ICLEI membership certificate on 3 April 2017. Songpa-gu is one of the leading municipality of Seoul on facilitating the use of public transport and bicycle through the provision of quality infrastructures for urban sustainability like underground transfer complex linking to Jamsil Subway Station and dedicated bicycle lanes all over the districts.

2017 ICLEI Korea Annual Membership Assembly (27 Feb. 2017)

Hosted by Suncheon City, 2017 ICLEI Korea Annual Membership Assembly has taken place in Suncheon-Bay International wetland center on 27 February 2017. Around 100 people including local government officials and actors from more than 22 member cities, related organization and institution have gathered at the conference room to share what ICLEI KO has accomplished in cooperation with member cities in last year and what to expect in 2017.

The assembly was opened with the welcome remarks by the Mayor of Suncheon followed by the congratulatory remarks by the vice-mayor of Suwon on behalf of the Mayor Yeom Tae-young who is an active GexCom member of ICLEI Council. ICLEI President Park Won-soon, the mayor of Seoul, also delivered his encouragement through a video clip.

The Assembly was highlighted by the Mayors Roundtable where 5 mayors from Ansan, Dangjin, Jeonju, Siheung and Suncheon City and the vice-mayor of Inje County have shared their efforts and commitments on climate change, low-carbon society, and energy shift towards sustainable urban development. Suncheon declaration on sustainable urban development was adopted by those local leaders representing 58 ICLEI member cities in South Korea.

Programs & Projects

Climate & Energy

Dangjin City and Jeonju city joined the Compact of Mayor (February – March 2017)

The Mayor of Dangjin City (Kim Hong-jang) and Jeonju city (Kim Seung-su) became front-runner cities by strengthening their commitments towards climate change and sustainable development through the Compact of Mayors.

Dangjin City has actively led energy transition by formulating a joint response amongst Korean local governments, as well as by increasing renewable energy generation at difference scales based on analysis of the local environment including Asia’s largest renewable energy complex under construction. The impact of the city’s efforts towards 100% renewable energy is expected to directly affect other Korean local governments, as most of
the energy generated through a 6,020 megawatt (MW) coal-fired power station in the city has been consumed in other cities.

Jeonju city is the first Korean local government that announced the Jeonju Food Plan 2025, a 10-year program aiming to boost the consumption of local food and to promote the self-sufficiency of manufacturers. And the city already participated in the Energy-safe program in 2015 and has worked on energy transition.

2nd Experts meeting on GPC application (11 May 2017)

Ministry of Environment, Korea Environment Corporation (KECO), ICLEI WS and ICLEI KO all met in Bonn to agree on specific technical issues and elaborate further steps towards full GPC application in Korea at the national level. Important issues were shared prior to the meeting, so it was compact with successful outputs. KECO currently works on a technical system. The issue of GPC application in Korea was actively discussed amongst key stakeholders through a year in 2016 and a mutual agreement was drawn.

Biodiversity

Kicking off the preparation process for 2017 Biodiversity Forum in Incheon

As a successive forum series since 2015, ‘Local Biodiversity Forum’ will be held on August 24 in Incheon Metropolitan City this year. 2017 theme is ‘Biodiversity and City, a Companion towards Sustainable Development’. This forum will consist of 3 sessions, the first will cover Local governments’ biodiversity policies and main implementation issues while the second take a deeper look at various biodiversity local issues with civil societies. The final session will be a form of a group working on Incheon’s current issue on biodiversity and finding innovative solutions and ideas. Especially East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), located in Songdo, Incheon will be joining as a speaker at one of the sessions to share their cross-boundary partnership experience.

EcoMobility

Cooperation process with Ministry of Environment on European Mobility Week 2017

Since 2015, KO has worked as a National Coordinator of European Mobility Week, its main job is to distribute campaign material in Korean and to support local governments’ active participation including on-line registration. In Korea, EMW is running in the form of close cooperation with a national campaign called Eco-Friendly Mobility Week Korea hosted by MoE. Early this year KO visited MoE to negotiate the expansion of the collaboration between MoE and ICLEI KO such as a pre-event and archiving method.

Sustainable Public Procurement

SPP 10YFP program – Pilot project with Suwon City

Through several consultations with Suwon city on GPP performance, “the Recycled Asphalt Concrete (RAC)” has been identified as the main item in priority to advance. On the basis of the analysis on Suwon GPP Performances, ICLEI KO developed “Suwon GPP Goals and Plans” with a focus on RAC as of April 2017. The 10YFP signing ceremony was held in Suwon City on June 1, 2017. Lee Han-gyu, Senior deputy mayor of Suwon, Kim Young-jin, Executive Director of KEITI and Park Yeon-hee, Director of ICLEI Korea Office signed the letter of intent on the 10YFP program in the Republic of Korea. Three institutions will
cooperate with one another in order to improve Suwon’s GPP activities. A training session also took place targeting public officers who purchase the RAC. At the end of the training, attendees were advised to submit RAC purchasing plans to the Department of Environment, Suwon. Through all of these activities, it is expected to successfully increase in green purchases on the RAC in Suwon city.

SDGs & the New Urban Agenda

*On-going preparation process for 2017 Suwon Forum on Asian Human City*

In cooperation with Suwon Sustainable City Foundation, ICLEI Korea Office is organizing 2017 Suwon Forum on Asian Human City taking place on 25-26 September 2017. The forum is aiming to convene the experts and local leaders who are leading sustainable urban development under the concept of the progressive human city. On a common ground of mutual understanding, the forum is also aiming to establish the fundamental ground for an Asian human city network to promote and internationally spread the concept of the human city. ICLEI Korea Office is organizing the overall concept of the forum and mobilizing featured leaders from ICLEI member cities and experts in Asia region in close cooperation with ICLEI EAS, SEAS, SAS, KCC, and JO.

Communication & Knowledge Sharing

*Newsletter*

ICLEI Korea Office’s 2017 monthly e-news (No. 2017-1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been released. It clearly captures featured activities of ICLEI Korea Office and the members in Korea and worldwide, current trends of sustainable development and related issues at both local and global levels, and important announcement worth spreading. Currently, more than 4,000 people have subscribed the ICLEI Korea newsletters and are receiving regularly.

*Advocacy & SNS*

KO has worked on advocacy and SNS activities since January 2017. Under these performances via ICLEI KO’s SNS channels including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, KO has greater opportunities to publicize and promote KO’s activities, events, and advocacies for local governments. In particular, KO has weekly posted plenty of interesting contents on urgent issues including SDGs, air pollution, and climate change. With these vigorous performances, more than 6,000 people visited KO’s SNS websites within five months.

*ICLEI Global Impact Survey*

ICLEI KO members have actively participated in the ICLEI Global Impact Survey and KO has been constantly encouraging members to complete the survey’s questions as of April 2017. Thus far, only Jeju Special Self-Governing Provincial Government has completed all of the survey questions and 4 local governments including Buyeo County Government, Gangdong-gu Municipal Government, Nowon-gu Municipal Government of Seoul, and Seoul Metropolitan Government have started to answer the questions.

Publications

*ICLEI KO Policy Brief. No.5 – The New Urban Agenda and Local Governments (Electric version only)*
For the purpose of following up Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda (NUA), KO has published 5th ICLEI KO Policy Brief on the New Urban Agenda and its implication to local governments. This policy brief includes the general background of global discussions on sustainable development and its linkage to urban sustainability in history. And the global process for following up the implementation of SDGs and urban SDG is also highlighted. In searching for the most effective form of communication with local government on the global sustainability issues, KO is trying a new form of the publication with a fluent diagram and images rather than text dominant version.

**Carbon Climate Registry 2015-2016 Digest (Korean translated version in PDF format)**

Originally published by ICLEI World Secretariat, the report ‘carbon Climate Registry 2015-2016 Digest’ explores the reported trends in local and subnational climate action in a new global context. Each year, ICLEI take stock of what local and subnational governments are doing to tackle climate change. This year, the report looks at not only reporting trends but also show the potential for local and subnational action to keep nations and the world on track towards national and global goals, if properly and formally supported and engaged as part of the Paris Agreement implementation process. Meanwhile, local and subnational governments reporting to the cCR have committed to reducing their emissions by more than 1 gigaton of CO$_2$ equivalent (GtCO$_2$e) by 2020.

**ICLEI Korea 5-Year Progress Report (Printed in Korean / PDF in English)**

Since the relocation of ICLEI Korea Office to Suwon in November 2012, ICLEI Korea Office has been dedicated to providing the global trends and news of sustainable development and engaging with local governments in South Korea. In this 5-Year Progress Report, ICLEI KO’s activities and services provided to member cities and various events co-organized with supportive member cities in last 5 years are highlighted with pictures and visualized figures. The report is celebrating the ICLEI KO’s past 5 years in Suwon with the expectation and bright forecast on another successful coming 5 years in Suwon.

**ICLEI KO Case Study Series: No.11 Suncheon City (Printed in Korean, to be electrically published in English)**

Suncheon City is internationally well-known for its comprehensive urban planning closely considering the conservation and restoration of its natural wetland, Suncheon-Bay. At the end of the 1990s, once abandoned and heavily polluted Suncheon-Bay started being spotlighted with the recognition of the crucial value that is served by nature well-preserved.

Although the strong voices of NGOs based in Suncheon area have initiated the restoration and conservation movement, its success story was able to be written when the local government has closely engaged with its citizens through effective governance structure and participatory process. Currently, Suncheon’s story is available only in Korean, but its English version will be available within the 3rd quarter of 2017.
Membership

Consultation services on sustainability and resilience to Chinese Taipei cities

KCC serves as a consultant on projects for a number of Chinese Taipei local governments including Pingtung County, New Taipei City and Kaohsiung City. KCC also encourages and coordinates Chinese Taipei cities to attend ICLEI events such as the ICLEI Resilient Cities 2017 and annual COP side events.

Assisting with Pingtung’s Follow-up Visit of 100%RE Project

Pingtung has joined ICLEI 100% Renewable Energy Cities Network on June 14, 2016, which is the first local government in Chinese Taipei made such commitment. Currently, KCC assists Pingtung to complete the status report and survey on Pingtung’s progress in renewable energy development. As a follow-up development, KCC assists Pingtung government to complete the survey of 100% RE Building Blocks to conduct initial scoping of her target in renewable energy and gather opinions regarding her future role in the network.

Actively Approaching Taitung County to Join as New Member of ICLEI

Currently there are 11 member cities in Chinese Taipei and KCC plans to actively approach Taitung County that has learnt from other member cities about ICLEI and called to inquire about membership in November by arranging a visit to Taitung in near future, pending upon Taitung’s availability.

Program & Projects

Supporting Kaohsiung’s Participation and EcoMobility Promotion in RC2017 Bonn

KCC continues supporting Kaohsiung City to participate international events to promote Eco-Mobility World Festival 2017. In Resilient Cities 2017 in Bonn, Kaohsiung representatives advocated the resilient infrastructure and adaptation policies in the city as well as EcoMobility as transformative action of city. Kaohsiung also invited other ICLEI member cities to participate Ecomobility World Festival taking place at Kaohsiung in October.

Co-organizing the 2017 ICLEI Chinese Taipei Member Cities Workshop @ New Taipei City

KCC co-hosted the Chinese Taipei Member Cities Workshop with New Taipei City government targeting the current and potential Member cities. Mr. Emani Kumar (ICLEI Deputy SG) and Mr. Roman Mendle (Smart City Manager) also joined this workshop to share ICLEI’s global visions.

The workshop contained experience sharing and group discussions focusing on mitigation and adaptation strategies to achieve urban resilience. KCC presented city’s role in the UN sustainable-related framework and introduced ICLEI’s 10 global initiatives to call for participation of Chinese Taipei cities in international platform.
Co-hosting “I Car I City Forum 2017” and “Driverless Transport System Forum 2017” @ Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung city is a member of ICLEI EcoMobility Alliance and Mayor Chen Chu is the now the Chairperson. Kaohsiung will host the EcoMobility World Festival in 2017 which aims to increase energy efficiency, improve public health and reduce GHG emission.

In line with this, the transport forum was held on June 6-8, 2017, co-hosted by KCC and the Transportation Bureau of Kaohsiung. The forum invited experts and city representatives from Korea, Europe and Australia to share their solutions in transforming toward livable and low-carbon cities. Kaohsiung also showcased her efforts in building an EcoMobility city.

Upcoming events in 2017

2017 is going to be a special fruitful year for KCC as KCC is serving as a consultant on projects for a number of Chinese Taipei local governments and also actively co-hosting various events with these cities.

September
- Chinese Taipei Cities delegation of “Smart Cities Mission to India @ New Delhi and 2 other Indian cities
- 2017 New Taipei City International Forum on Climate Change and City Transformation @ New Taipei City

October
- ICLEI Resilient Cities series workshops during 2017 EcoMobility World Festival @ Kaohsiung
- Taichung Forum 2017 @ Taichung City

December
- COP23 experience sharing workshop @ Kaohsiung City

Communications & Publications

Monthly Newsletter
KCC continues to issue monthly newsletters to member cities in Chinese Taipei highlighting ICLEI global initiative and major international events related with sustainable environment, resilient cities and more.

Social Media
KCC regularly updates news and information regarding members activities, international innovations and best practices in sustainable development and environmental conservation on Facebook and Twitter for more visibility of our engagement.
UPCOMING EVENTS

**International Forum on Climate Change and City Transformation**
9.29 • 9.30 New Taipei City

The International Forum on Climate Change and City Transformation will focus on actions taken in achieving the priorities of the Paris Agreement. It will also serve as a platform for city leaders to share their experiences regarding climate actions and city transformation.

**EcoMobility World Festival 2017**
10.1 • 10.30 Kaohsiung City

The EcoMobility World Festival is a month-long experiment of urban mobility and transport with temporary transformation of infrastructure and traffic regulations to make citizens switch from private cars to walking, cycling and using public transport.

**2017 Mayoral Forum on Climate Change**
10.19 • 10.20 Seoul, South Korea

Seoul city and ICLEI will co-organize the Mayoral Forum on Climate Change to convene local governments who have been seeking innovative solutions to tackle climate change while promoting inclusive growth.

**Cities in Climate Change - International TWINS conference & ICLEI Urban Transitions Alliance Launch**
11.6 • 11.8 Essen, Germany

The TWINS conference will gather cities from the Ruhr Metropolitan Area, their twin cities, and others to discuss the urban challenges associated with climate change. During the conference, the Urban Transitions Alliance, an initiative led by ICLEI to support cities transforming into a sustainable future, will be launched.

**UNFCCC COP23**
11.6 • 11.17 Bonn, Germany

ICLEI will participate in COP23 with high level representatives from cities to help accelerating implementation of the Paris Agreement. ICLEI supports cities in positioning themselves as vital partners in shaping and implementing the international architecture and the coordinated efforts of committed non-Party actors.

**2017 Bonn Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders**
11.12 Bonn, Germany

Alongside the 2017 UN COP23, ICLEI as LGMA Focal point to UNFCCC, on behalf of the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments will organize 2017 Bonn Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, with a focus on Partnerships for raising ambition and action at all levels.

**ICLEI WORLD CONGRESS 2018**
Montréal, Canada 6.19 • 6.23