

# “Asian Mayors’ Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport in Cities” Held

Ministry of the Environment, jointly with United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC), and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) organized the “Asian Mayors’ Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport in Cities” in 23-24 April, in Kyoto Japan.

Ministry of the Environment along with UNCRD has been aiming environmentally sustainable transport in Asian region and had organized “Asian Regional EST Forum” to hold policy dialogue by governmental officials to pursue the nation level involvement.

Expecting synergy effect by strengthening the endeavor regarding EST on both nation level and city level, the policy dialogue was held as a pre-event to the 40th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in May 2007.

In the dialogue, city mayors attending from 14 Asian countries (Japan, 7 ASEAN countries, China, Korea, Mongolia, India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka) have shared best practices and lessons learned, and discussed further promotion of EST on urban transportation in Asia. Through the discussion, the declaration of volition for archiving EST; “Kyoto Declaration” was adopted.

Ministry of the Environment will continue to endeavor to pursue fruition of EST in Asian region on the basis of accomplishment.

## 1. Outline

### (1) Date and Venue

April 23-24, 2007

Kyoto International Conference Center (Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, JAPAN)

### (2) Organizers etc.

Organizer: MOEJ, UNCRD, AWGESC, IGES

Co-organizer: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, Japan (MLITJ), Asian Development Bank (ADB), ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

Supporting organizer: Kyoto Committee for the 40th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank

(3) Participants/ Organizations

14 Countries and 23 City mayors/representatives from Asian countries

(Japan, 7 ASEAN Countries, China, Korea, Mongolia, India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka)

Experts on transport and environment fields

International Organizations: UNESCAP and other international organizations

Total: approx. 100 people

2. Main Agenda and Achievement

(1) City Initiatives

In order to share best practices and lessons learned, each participated mayors have presented their cities' state of involvement regarding EST. Based on the presentation, discussions were held to further promotion of EST on urban transportation in Asia.

(2) Kyoto Declaration

Participated mayors have adopted and signed on "Kyoto Declaration" aiming to declare the key elements to be considered to adopt policies on EST such as initiatives to promote EST and urban transportation infrastructure on people and environmental friendliness.

Link:

Environmentally Sustainable Transport (MOE-J)

[http://www.env.go.jp/air/traffic\\_env/index.html](http://www.env.go.jp/air/traffic_env/index.html)

United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

<http://www.uncrd.or.jp/ja/>

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