

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

“Kanagawa Declaration on Asian Local Government Initiatives for Sustainable Development” Network

Expected date of initiation: October 2002

Expected date of completion: September 2007

Partners Involved:

Governments: **Japanese Government, Phnom Penh Municipality (Cambodia), Liaoning Province (China), Shenyang City (China), West Java province (Indonesia), Kyonggi Province (Republic of Korea), Yangpyeong-gun Ward (Republic of Korea), Penang State (Malaysia), Ulaanbaatar City (Mongolia), Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City (Nepal), Marikina City (The Philippines), Ratnapura City (Sri Lanka), Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (Thailand), Lampang Municipality (Thailand), Nonthaburi Municipality (Thailand), Hokkaido Prefecture (Japan), Kanagawa Prefecture (Japan), Kawasaki City (Japan), Kitakyushu City (Japan), Kyoto Prefecture (Japan), Sendai City (Japan), Yokosuka City (Japan).**

Intergovernmental organizations:

United Nations Environment Programme International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP/IETC), United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU/IAS)

Major groups: **The Participative Dialogue Committee on Conserved Area of West Java Province 2010 (Indonesia), Korean Council of Local Agenda 21 (Republic of Korea), Green Kyonggi 21 (Republic of Korea), Yangpyeong Environmental Agriculture Movement 21 (Republic of Korea)**

Other: **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

Leading Partner/ **Kanagawa Prefectural Government**

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

Since the United Nations Conference on Earth and Development, or Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, many local governments, including those in the Asia-Pacific Region, have been making various efforts including local actors and ratifying and putting into practice Local Agenda 21. However, in spite of the fact that there has been considerable effort on local initiatives by local governments in various countries in Asia over the past ten years, the environment and sustainable development have not improved, and in many respects have got worse.

Taking this situation into account, the local authorities in the Kanagawa Declaration Network aim, through their participation in the network, to steadily advance local initiatives through the exchange of information and experience such as excellent examples of innovative policy.

Furthermore, in order to achieve this aim, they are endeavoring to preserve as much as possible the cumulative effect of international cooperative efforts through local initiatives and actions carried out through the ODA network at the national level.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

- **Compatibility with Agenda 21**

The local initiatives being carried out by the local authorities of the Kanagawa Declaration Network are based on Local Agenda 21, and are carried out in consultation with local actors such as citizens, NGOs and businesses.

- **Compatibility with UN Millennium Declaration**

The advancing of local initiatives in Asian countries through the Kanagawa Declaration Network is directly connected to regulations ‘III Development and poverty eradication’, ‘IV Protecting our common environment’ and ‘V Human rights, democracy and good governance’ of the UN Millennium Declaration. The participating local authorities support

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

- a) Effective implementation of local initiatives in the Kanagawa Declaration Network.
- b) Formation of firm partnerships between the local governments and NGOs in the Kanagawa Declaration Network.
- c) To widen the actions being taken through local initiatives in all regions of Asia through increasing the number of groups taking part in the Kanagawa Declaration Network and through collaboration with initiatives between local authorities and cities.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

Target: To realize sustainable development in the Asian region through the advancing of local initiatives, as well as the environmental protection and improvement, reduction of poverty, and capacity building which will accompany this.

Timeframe for Achievement: The progress made by local initiatives which are part of the Network will be assessed within five years, and taking this into account, fulfillment and strengthening of the initiative will be investigated.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

Kanagawa Prefectural Government, host of the International Environmental Symposium for Asian Local Governments: Local Initiatives for Sustainable Development where the Kanagawa Declaration was adopted, has opened a website which contains summaries and information on the progress of Local Initiatives in the Kanagawa Declaration Network.

This site allows the exchange of information and experiences, as information is posted by the various Local Initiatives themselves.

In addition, as well as each actor posting its experiences on the web, a capacity building program will be carried out where necessary.

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

The fee for carrying out the Local Initiatives in the Kanagawa Declaration Network will be organized by the various actors.

The cost of the website will be borne by the participants from Japan, centering on Kanagawa Prefectural Government.

It is also planned to make active use of the ODA framework at the national level by obtaining support from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and others wherever possible in the international co-operation activities of the Kanagawa Declaration Initiative.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

Support for the Kanagawa Declaration Network will, on principle, be carried out on the website

In particular it is planned to carry out capacity building and improve the knowledge of Local Initiatives by using the eLearning system developed by the Capacity Building Program of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Technology transfer will, as far as possible, be carried out using information exchange and the sharing of experiences on the website. In addition, where necessary, technology experts will be seconded and trainees will be accepted with the support of JBIC and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

It is planned to strengthen and expand the Network in co-operation with the activities of the Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) and the Asia-Pacific Environment Innovation Strategy (APEIS), both of which have the deep involvement of the Japanese Government.

In addition, mutually beneficial activities will be carried out in cooperation with networks of local authorities and cities, such as The Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (CITYNET).

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

Those carrying out the Local Initiatives in the Kanagawa Declaration Network will post progress reports on the website opened by Kanagawa Prefectural Government. Thus, information on implementation of the initiatives and issues arising from this can be shared among all local governments etc. participating in the network, and changes can be made to the development of the projects through feedback.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available):

A website which will manage progress reports of the Kanagawa Declaration as well as carry out information exchange and sharing of experiences between participants is scheduled to be opened in October 2002.

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