

Yokohama Declaration: Asian Cities Together Towards Zero Carbon

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We, the cities of Asia, commend each other for overcoming the challenges of city management amidst the COVID pandemic. We have once again gathered at the Asia Smart City Conference in Yokohama. Here, we declare our solidarity to co-create a sustainable and resilient zero-carbon future. This commitment stems from the valuable experiences of each city overcoming urban issues such as environmental pollution and transportation problems. Through diverse policy approaches, we improve the quality of life for our citizens. Participating cities will share, learn from one another, innovate with the private sector, and grow together.

Cities are at the forefront of experiencing and addressing the impacts of climate change, witnessing an increase in flooding and energy issues. Achieving zero carbon is essential for building sustainable and resilient cities that prioritize the well-being of all citizens, including those with disabilities, and celebrate diversity.

The City of Yokohama declared its goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 in 2018. Bangkok Metropolitan Administration announced its goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 in 2021.

These cities are frontrunners in their respective countries, having declared their goals early on, and are working together towards the realization of carbon neutrality.

The Asia Smart City Conference is a universal platform to share knowledge, innovative technologies, and future visions for a carbon neutral society.

We call upon all cities, municipalities, the private sector, and international partners to join us in this platform, the Asia Smart City Conference. Together, we will continue to adapt, learn, and grow, pursuing higher sustainability, inclusivity, and resilience in the face of a rapidly changing world.

This declaration is hereby proposed in Yokohama city, Japan on November 15 of 2023, by the representatives of Yokohama and Bangkok and is endorsed by the participating cities.

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Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure

(Azerbaijan)

The State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture

(Bangladesh)

Khulna City Corporation

(Cambodia)

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction

(Cook Islands)

Ministry of Finance and Economic Management

(Georgia)

Ministry of Finance

Tbilisi

Tbilisi Development Fund

(Indonesia)

Ministry of National Development Planning / National Development Planning Agency,

Ministry of Public Works and Housing

Balikpapan

Jakarta

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Samarinda

(Kyrgyz Republic)

Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic

(Lao PDR)

Ministry of Public Works and Transport

(Malaysia)

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(Maldives)

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology

(Mongolia)

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Department of Science and Technology

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Note: This joint declaration is a commitment by participating cities at the 12th Asia Smart City Conference to work together towards a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future based on the following key concepts and themes discussed:

1. Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development:

Cities will integrate green infrastructure and renewable energy, enhancing resilience and reducing carbon footprint for current and future generations.

2. Community Engagement and Capacity Building:

Cities will emphasize community involvement and capacity building, nurturing a sense of shared responsibility and fostering corporations and individuals for a zero-carbon urban future.

3. Inclusive and Citizen-centric Approach:

Cities will ensure inclusivity, respect diversity, and focus on the well-being of all citizens in the design, planning, and management of our cities.