

ASIAN NETWORK OF MAJOR CITIES 21 (ANMC21)

Hanoi Declaration

We, the representatives of Bangkok, Hanoi, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Singapore, Tokyo and Tomsk, participated in the 12th Plenary Meeting of the ANMC21, held in Hanoi from November 18 to 19, 2013. We highly appreciate and express our sincere gratitude to Hanoi for successfully hosting the 12th Plenary Meeting.

With recognition of the significant accomplishments achieved by the ANMC21 through diversified joint projects including infectious disease control, crisis management such as emergency drills, environmental measures such as waste treatment, and industrial promotion such as business meetings for companies, formulating cooperation systems at working level and conducting researches on effective solutions in a wide range of areas;

Being aware of the fact that each member city has its own challenges, based on its distinct natural, cultural, historical and socio-economic attributes; will define and create its typical urban image; as well as creating mechanism and policies to encourage and mobilize all sources of investment to ensure urban civilized and sustainable development;

Responding to the world wide climate change and low-carbon economy development;

Recalling the 2010 Tokyo Declaration in association with themes including environment and energy saving;

Acknowledging Hanoi's effort to organize the Asian Conference on Investment, Trade and Tourism Promotion that creates a forum for member cities of the ANMC21 to connect and share experiences of investment, trade and tourism promotion;

Having conducted open and friendly discussion on common issues and challenges confronting Asian major cities and the joint projects of the ANMC21;

Hereby we declare:

1.to further strengthen cooperation and share experiences in planning management in particular and socio-economic development in general based on the common voice reached in the planning and management of planning;

2. to address the energy-related issues for sustainable urban development such as

development of highly qualified human resources for energy management, market development for high-performance equipments, technology and energy-saving label products, development of electricity network in sync with urban infrastructure; in order to promote cooperation in the human resources development and information sharing on various systems in each city toward the sustainable urban development and low-carbon society formation, based on the information about the direction of energy-saving policies;

3. to agree on reviewing joint projects as well as pursuing the following new initiatives and engagement:

- a. new joint project “Platform for Technology and Industry” as the driving forces for further sustainable development/growth in Asia with rapid economic growth. In this scheme, we will convene regular expert meetings, organize cooperative studies and economic exchange such as participation at trade fairs;
- b. new framework “Pilot Program” to deal with common and individual issues of cities in a timely manner and facilitating policy collaborations by time limited and one-off measures. Within this framework, we launch one project “Education for Urban Solutions”, starting information sharing on cooperation between local government and universities among member cities;

4. to connect and share experiences in improving mechanisms and policies to attract investment, trade, and tourism; supporting member cities’ enterprises in search of cooperation opportunities; promoting the information exchange and the establishment of a systematic linkage for the prosperity and development of Asia region;

5. to welcome Tomsk to host the 13th Plenary Meeting of the ANMC21 at an appropriate date in 2014.

On this occasion we would like to congratulate Tokyo, the founder member of the ANMC21 on winning the right to host the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We also would like to congratulate Seoul Mayor for being elected as Chairman of CITYNET.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt sympathy to the people and the city of Manila as well as the country of Philippines for the devastation and loss caused by Typhoon Haiyan. We strongly believe in solidarity, the member cities of ANMC21 will take effort to overcome difficulties and continue to achieve further successes, contributing to the overall development of the ANMC21 and Asia region.