This fiscal year, beginning in March 2014, was filled with excitement and encouragement as CITYNET Yokohama Project Office (CYO) embarked on new projects related to education and the environment. New projects in Nepal and Sri Lanka focused on building the capacity of local educators. Both projects have had positive impacts in the beneficiary cities and the details are included in this report.

The preliminary results of the final survey for the CBARAD project in Iloilo indicate clear and measurable outcomes. As a result, the project will be entering a new phase starting in April 2015 with a new set of goals and objectives. The outcomes of CBARAD-I have been widely recognised by the members of CITYNET, particularly from members in the Philippines. Furthermore, the best practices from CBARAD-I were shared with a global audience during the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai in March 2015.

We are very grateful to our partners, in particular JICA, CLAIR and Toshiba International Foundation for supporting our projects. CYO will continue to seek partnerships with various agencies and organisations in order to respond to member needs and to strengthen their capacity to build strong and sustainable programmes.

To address urban challenges in our member cities, we plan to continue delivering useful and need-based services with the support of the City of Yokohama and our partners in the coming years as well.

We look forward to welcoming you in Yokohama.

Sincerely,

Yoichi Ishii
Head of Office
CITYNET Yokohama Project Office
I. Introduction
CITYNET Yokohama Project Office (CYO) acts as an integral part in addressing services for CITYNET members in the context of urban solutions for various issues faced by cities in the Asia-Pacific region. CYO focuses on services that can be provided from Japan, in particular with support from the City of Yokohama.

ii. Objectives
CYO has the following objectives:
- a. Continue transfer of expertise and experience particularly from Japan to the members of CITYNET
- b. Improve communications and networking amongst Japanese cities, organisations and private sectors
- c. Decentralise operations of CITYNET for better outreach and strategic support

iii. Focus Areas
CYO has three main focus areas:

Project Planning & Implementation
- To work with the City of Yokohama and other Japanese partners in order to develop meaningful projects and viable solutions for the members of CITYNET

Field Visits & Training
- To share technical expertise, experience and knowledge in order to ensure appropriate and sustainable improvements to member cities
- To gain direct access to some examples of best practices in addressing urban issues in Japan

Outreach
- Obtain information on relevant programmes and share with members
- Facilitate better knowledge exchanges
- Connect with reliable partners
- Secure support for new programme developments

Participants in the Disaster Cluster Seminar visit the Tsurumi River Basin Center in order to learn about their comprehensive flood management project.
# Activity Reports

## i. Community Based Adaptation and Resiliency Against Disasters (CBARAD) Project

- **Children learn Disaster Risk Reduction education through practical exercises.**
- **Making a stretcher out of a blanket can be a useful skill.**
- **A barangay staff member explains community DRR activities to a representative from Makati City.**

### Project Term:
August 2012 – March 2015

### Location:
Iloilo, Philippines

### Funding Agency:
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

### Partners:
- Association of Disabled Persons-Iloilo (ADP-I),
- Association of Barangay Captains, Central Philippine University (CPU), City of Yokohama, Iloilo City Government, Office of Civil Defense, Open Yokohama, Plus Arts, Tsurumi River Networking (TRnet),
- United Architects of the Philippines, World Food Program, Yokohama City University (YCU)

### Profile:
Five pilot barangays (districts) were selected to implement community activities to help residents become more disaster resilient through this project. These include Balabago, Buntatala, Calubihan, Dungon A, and San Isidro. These five barangays are the most flood-prone communities in Iloilo.

### Goal:
To devise effective community-level adaptation and resiliency schemes in the City of Iloilo and increase awareness on the citizens’ part to create a self-sustaining community in the event of a disaster, particularly in relation to floods.

### Achievements:
The CBARAD project consists of more than 128 activities completed since August 2012, which include training, seminars, drills, workshops, facility improvements, and study visits. Through these activities CBARAD has provided orientation on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) to over 4,000 people, supplied over 675 pieces of DRR equipment, and facilitated 12 local and international partnerships. Another key component has been addressing the needs of senior citizens and people with disabilities (PWDs), who face greater risks during disasters. To ensure inclusive DRR, ADP-I coordinated Disability Equality Training and Access Audit Training, and accessible toilets were constructed in each of the five barangays.

The super typhoons, which devastated regions of the Philippines in 2014, also affected Iloilo with very strong winds, heavy rains and flooding. Remarkably no lives were lost even though the typhoons were as strong as in the past. One key lesson learnt was that pre-emptive evacuation procedures work well as demonstrated among residents who led the call to evacuate during the 2014 disaster. Captains of the pilot barangays were also ready with their personnel and equipment to respond to any emergencies as they were needed. The procedures at the evacuation centre for the registration of evacuees and supply management also ran smoothly. The outcomes of the many workshops and seminars of CBARAD are now being shared with other barangays in Iloilo as well as in cities outside of the region.
1. Technical Advisory Visit (TAV) IV – As phase one of CBARAD progressed through its final year, the fourth TAV to Iloilo (July 21-27, 2014), focused on supporting strategic planning for the remaining months of the project. Representatives from Japan included the CYO, as well as technical experts and partners from the City of Yokohama, TRnet, Plus Arts, YCU, and CITYNET Youth Japan.

This visit coincided with Iloilo’s Disaster Consciousness Month (July 21-28) awareness-raising activities and its Stakeholder’s Project Development Matrix (PDM) Review and Plan Adjustment Workshop with the JICA Philippine Office (July 20-22). Iloilo’s DRRM Office organised a Disaster Consciousness Camp (July 27) led by facilitators trained by Plus Arts through the CBARAD project. A total of 156 children aged 5-13 years old participated in the camp.

“Indeed, this training is really of great help to me, especially in our daily activities in our barangay. I’ve learned a lot with this training that added to my knowledge and I can be proud of that. I’ve already used MS Excel during Typhoon Hagupit in preparing our evacuation list for the possible affected residents.”

Christine Jopson, Barangay Secretary, Balagbago

The Stakeholder’s PDM Review and Plan Adjustment Workshop involved 45 participants in the task of planning the remainder of the CBARAD project to secure completion of the proposed activities by March 2015. At the Stakeholder’s Meeting on Dungon Creek Development (July 23) CYO and TRnet provided technical assistance and coordinated with CPU on the initiation of the Dungon Creek pollution control campaign. Thirty-two stakeholders attended the meeting and as a result CPU committed to organising a working committee to kick-start the project.

During this visit, the following activities took place in Barangay Calubihan: Symposium on Disaster Preparedness (July 25-26), CBARAD Project Partners Meeting (July 23-24), and Orientation on Fire Prevention and Mitigation in Barangay Calubihan (July 25). These activities involved many participants in DRR capacity building. For example, 91 people attended the Symposium on Disaster Preparedness on July 26.

2. PWD and Senior Citizens Disaster Evacuation Profiling - A PWD Profiling Workshop held on April 23, kick-started a survey on PWDs and senior citizens in the CBARAD project barangays. The survey allowed administrators to collect information on the location, condition, and number of vulnerable individuals in the area in order to accurately assess needs, ensure their safety during evacuations, and make disaster resilience initiatives inclusive.

The following actions resulted from the information collected in the survey:

- Provision of medical examinations, livelihood and educational assistance to PWDs
- Education of PWDs, families, and communities on their condition, legal rights, relevant government services, and social inclusion
- Presentation of survey results to barangay councils
- Mapping the locations of PWDs and senior citizens in order to inform evacuation planning

As well, CBARAD project members offered Disability-Inclusive DRR Training (Oct. 9-10, 2014).

3. Barangay Evacuation Map and Early Warning System (EWS) – To form a clear, comprehensive, and coordinated plan to prepare citizens for disasters, CBARAD barangays mapped out evacuation routes and evacuation centres. CPU also created a GIS-based fire hazard map for Barangay San Isidro and plans to create similar maps for the other four barangays. GIS mapping of disaster hazards offers an important tool for overlaying data on different hazards and community compositions in order to identify populations facing the greatest risk.

Towards the objective of efficiently providing communities with disaster alert and evacuation information, CBARAD members held an EWS workshop on Sept. 29 and established communication protocols for an EWS. On Oct. 27 an EWS drill simulated the planned flow of disaster alert communications.

4. Basic Computer Training – More than 25 people participated in basic computer skills upgrading and training. This training supports the growing demand for barangay leaders to improve data management, processing, sharing,
and presentation. The six sessions combined lecture and hands-on training on email writing, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet use. This was held in partnership with the CPU Outreach Centre and College of Computer Studies.

**NEXT STEPS:**
The first phase of the CBARAD project wrapped-up in the five pilot barangays in March 2015. This will create an ongoing legacy of disaster resilience as the DRR training and resources fostered in Iloilo are transmitted to other communities. Throughout the project, barangay leaders received training to take on the role of DRR facilitators and trainers and to replicate the project in other communities in the Philippines and abroad. The second phase of the project has been approved by JICA, and will run from March 2015 – 2017.

"Thanks to CBARAD and CITYNET for giving us the opportunity to learn about computers. This is my first time, I find it interesting and educational."

**Virginita Santoloma,**
**Barangay staff, Iloilo City**

**5. CBARAD Closing Ceremony**
- Starting in August 2012, the CBARAD project completed over 125 activities and trained over 4,000 people on disaster risk reduction, which included catering programmes to multiple stakeholders ranging from environmental profiling to disaster education for children and evacuation drills.

In February 2015, CBARAD officially concluded its activities in Iloilo with representatives from JICA Yokohama, JICA Philippines, the City of Yokohama, and CYO attending the closing ceremony. On the occasion, Mayor Jed Mabilog of Iloilo expressed his appreciation for the project, which not only enhanced the capacities of the pilot barangays but also allowed DRR to be more widely accepted throughout Iloilo. The practices initiated by the pilot barangays have also been recognised by other cities in the Philippines and study visits to the pilot barangays have been requested by many of those who wish to learn from Iloilo.

**6. CBARAD at the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**
- CYO in conjunction with the City of Yokohama organised a public forum during the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai held from March 14-18, 2015.

The first part of the forum highlighted speakers from all key Japanese stakeholders for the CBARAD Project as well as Mayor Mabilog, they shared the project’s achievements and their commitments for an additional two years. A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed by JICA Yokohama, City of Yokohama, Iloilo City Government, and CYO to officially launch CBARAD-II starting in April 2015. CBARAD-II will focus more on the capacity building of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) and local government departments in order to enhance partnership-based DRR approaches.

The second part of the forum included speakers from Bangkok, Makati, GIZ, and Yokohama City University. The forum, facilitated by the National Society for Earthquake Technology (INSET) was intended to share best practices on how partnerships among various stakeholders can benefit from DRR programmes and how to increase the resiliency of cities.
This online course facilitated knowledge exchange of best practices and a better understanding of disaster-related risks to various Asian cities.

**PROJECT TERM:** 2013 onwards

**LOCATION:** Online

**FUNDING AGENCIES:** Council for Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)*, and the City of Yokohama

**PARTNERS:** Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Colombo Municipal Council, Makati City Government, City of Yokohama, Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative

**PROFILE:** Four resource cities and two institutions developed this platform to provide training and share resources related to urban DRR and its practices. The platform is open to all CITYNET members and non-members and is a space where specific case studies, trainings, workshops, and toolkits can be shared. The platform will also provide opportunities for potential city-to-city cooperation related to DRRM, as well as study visits.

**GOAL:**

The platform will ensure direct access to information on innovative DRR practices for better learning and sharing, effective policy framework development, citizen participation encouragement, community-based activities, and training for DRRM experts from local governments.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:**

The CPDR online course began in May 2014 and provided training to DRR practitioners from 16 participating cities and organisations. During the final evaluation, participants rated the course very highly. Nearly 75% of participants found the content and presentations easy to understand, informative, and interesting.

More than half of the participants indicated that the course excels in all aspects. Responses to the course also revealed the needs and challenges facing participating CITYNET members, which will be beneficial for identifying future projects.

**NEXT STEPS:**

Over the long term the CPDR course will provide a database of various practices and initiatives related to DRR in member cities, organisations, and institutions. The online course will also be improved based on feedback from the final evaluation. It will be available in the future for interested DRR personnel.

*For the initial setup of the platform*
### iii. Teacher Training on Early Childhood Education Project

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<td>PROFILE:</td>
<td>Since 2010, the government of Nepal prioritised education reforms to improve formal education. In order to achieve the objectives outlined in Policies for Early Childhood Education drafted by the government of Nepal, CITYNET selected nine public and private schools from four municipalities in Nepal as a pilot group for training-based workshops directed at primary education teachers.</td>
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<td>GOAL:</td>
<td>The aim of this project is to build the capacity of teachers in Nepal by introducing child-friendly education methods for young students through training focused on curriculum development, child psychology, and parenting. Another goal of the project is to introduce teachers in Nepal to Japanese culture in order to familiarise them with the educational system of Japan and to promote inter-cultural understanding.</td>
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<td>ACHIEVEMENTS:</td>
<td>Seventeen teachers from the municipalities of Madhyapur, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City, and Kirtipur successfully completed a series of workshops lead by an expert on elementary education from Japan. During the course, participants demonstrated their capacity to produce high-quality, creative, and engaging teaching material. The project also established an avenue for cultural exchange between schools in Hiroshima and the participating municipalities in Nepal. Children from Ekiya Nishi Elementary school in Hiroshima and Bikash Secondary School in Bhaktapur exchanged drawings, and representatives of the MuAN visited Hiroshima in September 2014.</td>
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<td>NEXT STEPS:</td>
<td>Next year, CITYNET will select another group of schools, and provide similar teacher training workshops to spread the benefit of the programme to an even wider audience.</td>
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iv. Student-based Proactive & Sustainable Environmental Education Project

Children observe and draw insects found in their school yard as part of a profiling exercise. Practical education is becoming essential for better understanding of science.

**PROJECT TERM:** 2014 onwards

**LOCATION:** Colombo and Galle, Sri Lanka

**FUNDING AGENCY:** CITYNET Yokohama Office

**PARTNERS:** Human & Environment Links Progressive Organization (HELP-O), Open Yokohama, SEVANATHA, and Tsurumi River Networking (TRnet)

**PROFILE:** Through this programme, students from schools in populous, urbanised locations engage with natural areas and the concepts of biodiversity and sustainability using a variety of mediums. These include field excursions, hands-on school projects, and educational workshops, which foster a healthy, well-rounded educational experience.

**GOAL:** The objective of the project is to empower students to learn about and develop an appreciation for their natural surroundings, as well as provide a basis for understanding environmental issues. The project also aims to promote students’ overall development through workshops and organised activities that encourage participants to advance their creativity, leadership, public speaking, and other abilities.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Two field-based workshops for students were conducted through the Sustainable Education project: Introductory Workshop (June 22nd) and the Field Study Workshop on Crow Island (September 6th), and led by local environment expert Ms. Ruvini Perera. Participants learned practical skills for environmental study including: species identification, temperature, wind rate, and humidity measurement, conducting interviews, and presenting observations. Teachers and the parents expressed their support for the project and delight that it fosters learning in the children’s natural surroundings, an opportunity which they otherwise would not have.

**NEXT STEPS:** Along with future field excursion workshops, participants in the Sri Lanka Environmental Education project will engage in a variety of other beneficial learning activities.

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<td>Education on waste management and recycling</td>
<td>Learn to practice proper waste separation and improve attitudes towards environmental conservation</td>
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<td>Cultivate a school biodiversity garden</td>
<td>Build understanding of biodiversity and ecosystem functions</td>
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<td>Maintain an environmental display chart</td>
<td>Inspire thought, expression, writing, drawing, and environmental observation through creative displays</td>
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DRR command centres are essential for smooth coordination.

Disaster Cluster participants pose with personnel from the Super Ranger Team of Yokohama.

**PROJECT TERM:** August 28-30  
**LOCATION:** Yokohama, Japan  
**FUNDING AGENCIES:** CLAIR, CYO, CITYNET Secretariat, and the City of Yokohama

**PARTNERS:** Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Bharatpur Municipality, City of Iloilo, City of Makati, City of Yokohama, Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Hue, Marikina, MuAn, Surabaya

**PROFILE:** CITYNET’s Disaster Cluster is a group of pro-active cities in the Asia-Pacific concerned with reducing the risks associated with disasters in the region. During the seminar, representatives of local governments, associations, and institutions from both Japan and abroad participated in sharing information on DRR initiatives through presentations, discussions, and site visits to Yokohama and Tokyo’s disaster-related facilities over the course of three days.

**GOAL:** As the increasing frequency and intensity of disasters threatens more communities, expanding awareness, city-to-city cooperation, and strategic planning are key factors in addressing risks and establishing disaster resilience. The seminar was organised with the intention of providing a venue for this kind of cooperation, featuring direct knowledge-sharing on DRR initiatives and engaging in-person learning through site visits.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Over 35 participants from nine cities, one association, and two institutions engaged with one another at the Disaster Cluster meeting. Staff from the City of Yokohama’s Crisis Management Office, Fire Department, and Waterworks Bureau also attended in order to share their best practices.

**NEXT STEPS:** Members proposed seven specific Disaster Cluster activities for 2015-2017:
1. Publication of a compendium of DRR best practices for urban resilience
2. Promotion of the “Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient,” a local government self-assessment checklist developed in partnership with the UN International Strategy for DRR
3. Identification of five high-risk pilot cities to receive technical assistance through the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery City-to-City programme
4. Capacity-building through training on recovery and reconstruction, damage needs assessment, and DRR and climate change adaptation planning
5. Dispatch of experts to member cities requesting assistance
6. Inclusion of CITYNET members in CBARAD Project-II
7. Next CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar to take place during the 3rd World Conference on DRR in Sendai (March 14-18, 2015)
CITYNET Youth Japan continue to work with CYO to not only promote CYO activities to the public but also to raise awareness on urban issues to high school and university students in Japan. The group comprises university students in Japan interested in development issues. CYO members develop their own programmes and study visits in addition to supporting CYO events organised in Yokohama.

2014 Yokohama International Festa
During the 2014 fiscal year, CYO supported CYJ members’ participation in the 2014 Yokohama International Festa (Oct.18-19). Students from universities in Japan operated a booth, shared CYO’s activities and sold fair-trade coffee to visitors attending the Festa.

Study Visit to Nepal
Three students from CYJ planned and participated in a study visit to Nepal in order to learn about, as well as share knowledge on waste management. The visit was coordinated with the support of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) as well as Population, Women and Environment Development Organisation (PWEDO), a local NGO based in Kathmandu. PWEDO focuses on women’s development and income generating programmes through small scale farming, composting and other activities.

CYJ members also visited two local schools in Lalitpur where they interviewed teachers and talked with children about their perception of waste and associated matters.

vii. Other Activities
CITYNET Yokohama Office regularly contributes to the activities organised by the Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges (YOKE) and includes presentations of CITYNET and its activities to students interested in international development. Career counseling sessions on international development work, sharing of challenges faced by Asian cities and dissemination of general information on CITYNET Yokohama Project Office are also organised.

The Office also participates in international forums or seminars organised through the City of Yokohama and/or related organisations to further promote CITYNET.
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<td>March 15</td>
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<td>Public Forum – Strengthening Disaster Resilience with Local Governments and Stakeholder Partnerships (as a part of the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction)</td>
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A Nepalese delegation composed of national and local government officials led by the National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) visit Yokohama to learn about disaster prevention programmes.

The City of Yokohama and Iloilo City Government sign a MOU with JICA Yokohama and CITYNET Yokohama Project Office for the CBARAD-II project during the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) held in Sendai in March 2014.

CBARAD stakeholders report activity updates to Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog of Iloilo City.
FINANCIAL REPORT

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office operates its finances based on the Japanese fiscal year starting in April and ending in March the following year.

For fiscal 2014, the total budget allocations were as follows:

The office allocated 58.5 per cent of the budget (approx. USD $166,910) to support programme activities. Programme budget for the year was funded through various sources including the City of Yokohama, JICA, CLAIR and Toshiba International Foundation.

The administrative budget is being supported by the City of Yokohama in addition to the allocation of office space, utilities and necessary equipment for daily operation.

CYO is audited annually by the City of Yokohama.

TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

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*Amount until March 2015

PUBLIC RELATIONS

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office consistently disseminates information through its website, social media, publications, and e-News articles. Project-related brochures and posters have also been produced for awareness-raising purposes.

2014-2015 Publications

- CITYNET Disaster Cluster Brochure: Reducing the Risks Associated with Disaster in the Asia-Pacific Region
- CITYNET Yokohama Project Office Annual Report April 2013-March 2014
- Completion Report on the Introductory Course on DRR in Urban Settings
- Student-based Sustainable and Proactive Environmental Education Project Activity Progress Report
- Teacher Training on Early Childhood Education Progress Report
- 7th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar Summary Report
- CITYNET Platform for Disaster Resiliency-Final Report
- Teacher Training on Early Childhood Education-Final Report

Interested parties can view published material online at www.citynet-yh.org or send their feedback and requests regarding any of our public relations material to info@citynet-yh.org.
i. Project Partnerships

CYO has been working with several Japanese and international partners throughout the year on various projects. The Office continues to strengthen relations with existing partners and welcomes other interested parties.

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ii. Internships

Over the past year, CYO renewed its partnership with Temple University Japan (TUJ) for the continuation of the internship programme. Interns have played a very important role in CYO in terms of assisting project-related work including research, database creation as well as information dissemination.

CYO also signed a new partnership with the University of Victoria, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CApI). The programme began in May 2014, and since that time two interns have contributed to the CYO through this partnership. This is the first time for CYO to partner with a Canadian institution.

Both TUJ and CAPI also joined CITYNET as associate members this year.

CYO also has a continuing partnership with YOKE to receive Japanese interns throughout the year.
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