Season’s Greetings

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office extends their best wishes to all CITYNET members, partners and friends for the new year. May 2018 be a peaceful and prosperous year.

This month in history: January 17, 1995
At 5:46am this day, 23 years ago, magnitude 7.3 earthquake devastated Kobe and surrounding suburbs where more than 6,400 people lost their lives mostly from collapsed buildings and fire that engulfed the city. Today, Kobe has mostly been rebuilt but the message needs to be passed down to new generations for making better resilient communities. January 17 is now being commemorated as Disaster Prevention and Volunteers Day.
http://www.city.kobe.lg.jp/foreign/english/

I. Soft-launching of Makati DRRM Academy
CITYNET Yokohama Project Office and Plus Arts joined Makati City Government to ceremoniously launch the Makati DRRM Academy office located within the University of Makati.

This is a part of the long-term plan of Makati to establish a formal DRRM Academy where technical trainings for professionals and awareness raising on DRR for the general public can be conducted within the same complex. CITYNET
Yokohama Project Office is expected to coordinate the potential project with the City of Yokohama and Plus Arts who will provide the main resources as well as expertise in establishing the academy. This will be the first initiative for the City of Yokohama to extend support in establishing the DRRM Academy within CITYNET network.

Upcoming programs

II. HELP-O and PIEDAR to present during 22nd CITYNET Japan Forum

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office has been working with HELP-O and PIEDAR on Community Based Solid Waste Management projects in Galle and Islamabad since 2017. While the target groups are different, both projects have introduced various initiatives to raise awareness, reduce, reuse and recycle waste including segregation, profiling waste, and awareness raising activities in the communities and schools. The forum expects to share the details of the project to the public in Yokohama.

III. Training on Structural and Seismic Engineering – VII in Yokohama

The City of Yokohama will host the 7th training on Structural and Seismic Engineering from March 19-23, 2018. Engineers from Kathmandu Metropolitan City will visit Yokohama to work with experts from the Housing and Architecture Bureau to design the final output of the 3-year training. The training in March will focus on building construction inspection process and developing awareness raising material on construction techniques. Two additional trainings are scheduled in Kathmandu later this year.