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I. Invitation to the 10th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office is pleased to announce the dates for the 10th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar to be held in Yokohama from August 31 - September 4, 2017.

The seminar will be for the disaster managers in the city governments and will focus on the main DRR topics including prevention, mitigation, disaster education, and response. The seminar this year will also invite experts from the City of Victoria (Canada) to share their practices.

Official invitation will be sent in mid-May along with the program, registration form and survey.

The seminar this year will also initiate the planning and priorities of CITYNET Disaster Cluster for the next four years (2018-2021) which will then be presented during the CITYNET Colombo Congress in November. We will look forward to registrations from all CITYNET Disaster Cluster members.

II. Toshiba International Foundation grants funds for Teacher Training on Primary Education

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office has secured a grant from Toshiba International Foundation for Teacher Training on Primary Education project to be launched in Colombo from May 2017. The grant will enable teachers from both public and private schools in Colombo to undergo practical training to develop lesson plans, techniques and teaching material.

This one-year project will especially contribute to the SDGs goal number 4 Quality Education.

III. CITYNET Secretary General visit Yokohama

Dr. Vijay Jagannathan, Secretary General of CITYNET visited the International Affairs Bureau of the City of Yokohama to formally invite the city to CITYNET Colombo Congress to be held in November. The Secretary General met with Director General Mr. Makoto Sekiyama of the bureau and expressed his appreciation for the continued support of Yokohama to CITYNET Yokohama Project Office. Mr. Sekiyama reiterated that Yokohama will continue to provide support to CITYNET Yokohama Project Office for addressing needs of CITYNET members.

Yokohama will host the Disaster Cluster this year and CITYNET Yokohama Project Office has also been working closely with the Secretariat in preparation for the congress.

During the 2015 Disaster Cluster Seminar participants attended a demonstration by Yokohama Waterworks Bureau on Disaster Countermeasures