I. **11th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar to be held in Iloilo, Philippines**

As pledged by Iloilo city during the 10th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar last year in Yokohama, the seminar this year will be hosted by Iloilo City Government from August 2 to 4, 2018.

In order to prepare for the seminar, CITYNET Yokohama Project Office will be sending the annual DRR survey questionnaire to all CITYNET Disaster Cluster members as well as invitation and the program shortly.

II. **Call for Expression of Interests (EOI)**

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office is now calling for Expression of Interests (EOI) for programs and activities that CITYNET members wish to have through CITYNET Yokohama Project Office. The EOIs received will be evaluated for its content for further discussions to develop a full project proposal. The form can be downloaded from CITYNET Yokohama Project Office web site and the **deadline to submit is May 31, 2018.**
III. Request to fill-in annual DRR surveys

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office will electronically distribute DRR surveys to Disaster Cluster members at the end of April, together with the invitation to the 11th Disaster Cluster Seminar to be held in Iloilo in August. Please kindly complete the annual DRR survey and submit it to dcs2018@citynet-yh.org by May 18, 2018.

IV. CYO visits Secretariat for annual meeting

As a part of the annual meeting, Directors from CITYNET Yokohama Project Office visited CITYNET Secretariat to discuss follow-up matters from the CITYNET Congress and to further plan programs and activities for 2018.

Among the matters discussed, the first four-cluster meeting (Strategic Cluster Meeting), Infra and Disaster Cluster meetings and institutional improvements were some of the main topics. Specific dates and program contents will be announced shortly. Members from CYO also paid a courtesy call to Assistant Secretary General Mr. Kang Pil Young at the latter’s office at Seoul Metropolitan Government. Both sides agreed to work more closely to strengthen bilateral relations for better program and services delivery to CITYNET members.

V. CYO Welcomes new Director of Administration

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office welcomes Ms. Yuiko Funaki, Director of Administration seconded from the City of Yokohama from April 1, 2018.

She was engaged in the academic exchange programs for higher education, media liaison and the accounting section of the City of Yokohama before joining CYO. She is looking forward to working closely with CITYNET members to promote international cooperation.