I. 11th CITYNET Disaster Cluster

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

The deadline to register is May 30, 2018.

II. Call For Expression of Interests (EOI)

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office is calling for Expression of Interests (EOI) for programs and activities that CITYNET members wish to participate in with the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office. The EOIs received will be evaluated for their content, and further discussions will be held to develop a full project proposal. The form can be downloaded from CITYNET Yokohama Project Office website and the deadline to submit is May 31, 2018.
III. CITYNET Youth Japan Completes Field Trip to Nepal

Members of CITYNET Youth Japan (CYJ) organized a field trip to Nepal in April 2018 to study disaster risk reduction activities in Nepal and to hold discussions with the local youth association.

The members of CYJ assisted in a disaster prevention event organized at Hindu Vidyapith School, located in Lalitpur. The school is also one of the target schools of the ongoing project through Plus Arts, Disaster Prevention Education and Material Development Project. The objective of the event was to share disaster prevention ideas and knowledge among the school students and other participants. The event was a game-based knowledge exchange practical event where students split into groups and explored several booths set up to teach specific skills and knowledge for disaster prevention. CYJ also set up two booths where they demonstrated how victims can be carried using a bed sheet. Another game taught the correct order of handling equipment such as fire extinguishers, which was illustrated on cards. The members of the CYJ had undergone training in Japan on the activities prior to their visit to Nepal.

CYJ members also held a discussion forum with the local youth association where they discussed post-disaster progress as well as the SDGs. Both sides presented their own findings before engaging in a general discussion.
IV. CYO Welcomes New Interns

CITYNET Yokohama is happy to welcome two new interns to the office. Liam Marshall, and Sarah Kim will be working with CYO and learning about CITYNET’s work over the next four months.

Liam Marshall is a Philosophy student from the University of Victoria. He is very excited to work with CYO and help promote CITYNET’s many initiatives. He hopes that he will learn much about Disaster Risk Reduction and international cooperation, and that he will be able to use this experience later in his career. During his four-month stay in Yokohama, he also intends to continue studying and practicing Japanese.

Sarah Kim, Urban Social Management student from Yokohama National University, is happy to join CITYNET as she have had a special interest in what CITYNET is working for. She wants to learn how the cities cooperate each other to build better cities and Yokohama contributes to the global community. For her internship for 2 months, she would like to contribute to CYO through the given tasks and actively working together. Through this great chance, she hopes to explore the field with her curiosities and expand her understanding for her future career.