VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are now open for a highly qualified, competent and experienced professional as a Program Assistant at CITYNET Yokohama Project Office starting September 1, 2018. The qualified candidate will have work experience in Asia outside of Japan and has passion for urban development issues in Asia. The bilingual candidate will be proficient in English and Japanese with excellent writing and communication skills. All nationalities meeting the criteria are welcome to apply.

Interested candidates may email careers@citynet-yh.org for further details.

Application deadline is July 19, 2018

This month in history: June 28th, 1948
The 1948 Fukui Earthquake struck close to the City of Fukui, along a fault-line which was at the time unknown. Damage was severe across the Fukui plain, causing more than 60% of the buildings to collapse and destroying much of the road and water infrastructure. Fire was widespread throughout the city, and due to the highly damaged infrastructure some of the fires took up to five days to put out. The earthquake resulted in 3,769 deaths, more than 22,000 injuries, and cost more than 100 billion yen.
I. MOU signed for establishing Makati DRRM Academy

CITYNET Yokohama Project Office and Plus Arts have signed an MOU with Makati City Government to support the establishment of the Makati DRRM Academy, which is expected to include a learning center for the public, a professional training center for first responders and a crisis & command center. The center will also have space for a garage to house emergency vehicles.

The construction of the center is being supported by Plus Arts, who have previous experience developing learning centers in Japan, including in Tokyo and Yokohama, and most recently in Chengdu China.

While the infrastructure construction will be supervised by Plus Arts, Yokohama will provide the necessary training for the first responders as well as other professionals who are in charge of managing disaster related programs and activities. The academy is expected to have practical learning facilities for various hazards through which visitors can understand the mechanisms of the disasters, experience and learn preventive measures. The academy aims to not only raise awareness of the residents in Makati but will cater to visitors from outside of the Philippines to learn about disaster risk reduction.

A detailed feasibility study is expected to start in August 2018 with an expected completion date of December 2021.

II. Side Session at AMCDRR to focus on C2C Cooperation

CITYNET Yokohama Project office will organize a side session at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from July 3-6.

This session will share specific examples of city-to-city cooperation on DRR knowledge exchanges where Japanese practices are being localized to meet the specific and complicated context of developing cities. The examples will include policy making and implementation, participatory planning, formation of crisis management committees, DRR education at schools and community levels, and budgeting for DRR activities.

The session will also look into the specifics of the knowledge localisation process and its impact on the local stakeholders. The session is expected to include local government DRR representatives along with stakeholders who have worked on DRR at the local and community levels who are expected to share their experiences on managing DRR.
This will also be an opportunity for DRR experts at the local governments to network and seek advice from the cities that have successfully implemented activities generating from city-to-city cooperation. Speakers from Iloilo, Kathmandu, Makati, NSET and UCLG-ASPAC are expected to present during the session.

III. 11th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar preparations underway in Iloilo

Final preparations are under way in Iloilo to host the 11th CITYNET Disaster Cluster Seminar. This is the first time Iloilo City Government is hosting a major CITYNET event and will be sharing several initiatives that has helped transform the city into one of the most attractive cities in the Philippines.

CITYNET Disaster Cluster members will also be introduced to the disaster risk reduction programs which Iloilo has developed further following the completion of the CBARAD project in 2017.

IV. CYO welcomes intern from Temple University Japan (TUJ)

Kyra Samuda is a Psychology student from the University of Pittsburgh, currently studying at Temple University Japan, and is excited to work with CYO assisting with communications and marketing. She wants to learn more about sustainable development and what working at a non-profit organization is like. Through this experience, she hopes to gain a better understanding of career options for after graduation. During her 2-month stay, she also intends to study and practice Japanese and woodprint making.