I. E-learning in Lalitpur public schools reveal positive results

As a part of project monitoring representatives from KDDI Foundation and CYO visited three target schools in Lalitpur Metropolitan City (Nepal) to understand how introduction of computers with e-learning material has made impact on the learning process.

Lalitpur Metropolitan City, through its Education Department has been taking surveys and conducting regular supervision to ensure teacher trainings on the usage of the e-learning material has been completed and proper timetable for the students has been set at each school. The city
has also been receiving feedback from the teachers as well as students on the newly introduced facility.

KDDI Foundation provided a total of 60 computers to three public schools in Lalitpur earlier this year to help support the learning process. The digital contents as well as teacher training of the learning material have been provided by OLE-Nepal, a local organisation which converts textbook material into digital learning material including adding graphical illustrations. There have been over 8,000 books digitised as well as over 2,000 videos as learning material.

The e-learning material is provided free of cost to all schools and the teachers are also able to take home a copy of the material for their lesson preparations.

KDDI Foundation along with OLE-Nepal and CITYNET Yokohama Project Office plans to extend the education project in Nepal for the next couple of years.

II. Public Elementary School students visit CYO as a part of “Visit Yokohama International Organization Centre”

CityNet Yokohama Project Office welcomed a total of 89 children and their teachers from 6 public elementary schools in Yokohama city from the end of September to the beginning of October. At CYO the students were introduced activities and quiz games related to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) as this is one of the main works for the office, demonstrations on using daily household items for disaster prevention were also conducted during the visit.

The purpose of the program is to introduce international organisations located inside Pacifico Yokohama and their work to the public elementary students from Yokohama.

This program is being organised by Yokohama Association for International Cooperation and Exchanges (YOKE).
III. CityNet Youth Japan introduces field activity during Yokohama International Festa 2018

In commemoration of the participation in the "Colombo Plan" on October 6, 1954, Japan has established "International Cooperation Day". In this context, "Yokohama International Festa" is held every year in Minato Mirai district in October.

CITYNET Youth Japan (CYJ) introduced activities related to disaster prevention which they conducted during their field visit to Nepal earlier this year. As the activity is geared towards the general public and the children, many found the contents useful and enjoyed the practical learning aspect of DRR education.

At CityNet, DRR education is being supported by Plus Arts, a Kobe based organisation specialising in DRR education and conducting projects in 21 countries around the world. The simplicity and practical aspects of utilising daily household items for disaster prevention has attracted many city governments and public alike to practice preparedness.

CityNet Youth Japan conducts their annual field trip to CityNet member cities to learn about urban challenges and work with youths in Asia to promote capacity building at youth levels.

This year, around 90 booths were set-up by various departments of the City of Yokohama, international organisations, NGOs/NPOs and other civic organisations for the Festa.