

Call for Participation
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Action Project online exchange



Usually a kaleidoscope of entertaining lights on the Minato Mirai 21 landscape, the Cosmo Clock 21 Ferris Wheel went dark during an unseasonal heat wave as governments asked businesses and individuals to lower their electricity usage. Climate change increases the frequency of intense weather events, such as shorter rainy seasons, and cities must both adapt and become more sustainable.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

As a part of CityNet Cluster Grant activity for 2022, Plus Arts, with the support of CityNet Secretariat, will be organizing three consecutive live online sessions on **Japanese Case Studies of Creative Approaches Towards Strengthening Societal Resilience** open to all CityNet members on the following dates and times:

Course 2: Wednesday, July 27 – Enhancing Resilience with the Private Sector

The second course, introducing the private sector involvement in program development, will be shared on July 27, 2022. The second course will showcase how private corporations such as Toyota, Tokyo Metro, MUJI and other large companies in Japan have adopted the program to raise awareness among their employees and clients.

Time: The course will be from **4:00PM – 6:00PM Japan Standard Time**

Please register below:

<https://bit.ly/3yORex4>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CityNet Disaster Cluster End of Term and Annual Survey

CityNet Disaster Cluster has circulated the annual cluster survey which includes the end of term (2017-2021) survey earlier this month. This survey is very important for CityNet to determine the course of disaster cluster activities for the next term (2023-2026) which will start after the CityNet Congress to be held in Kuala Lumpur this year.

The deadline to submit is **July 29, 2022**. If you have questions, please contact **Kendra[at]citynet-yh.org**

CityNet Disaster Cluster Meeting 2022

CityNet Disaster Cluster is currently planning to hold its online cluster meeting in early September to receive your direct input and reflections on the programs and activities of the past four years. Unlike past meetings, due to the upcoming CityNet Congress in September, the cluster will organize the meeting of cluster members instead of the seminar. Further information will be shared shortly.

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University students from CityNet member cities in Nepal and Yokohama, Japan, held their first online exchange on June 29 as part of the **2022 Youth SDGs Action Project**.



First online exchange between students from Kanagawa University and university students in Nepal.

The students introduced issues familiar to their communities. Nepalese students went first and spoke about accessibility hurdles for differently abled people, problems with non-sustainable consumption related to clothing trends and affordability, and stigmatization regarding gender identity. Yokohama students from Kanagawa University spoke about poverty and how climate change has contributed to more frequent extreme weather events, such as the recent heat wave

the country was experiencing. Following the overviews of the issues, students from both sides shared their reactions and exchanged opinions in English.

Launched by the CityNet Yokohama Project Office, this project aims to inspire students to approach the SDGs as an aspect of their daily lives and encourage them to take the lead on sustainable action as future leaders. Students will compile the results of their research, exchange, and outcomes in a short video to demonstrate the issue and related Goal in a public forum around the end of the year. Soon, students from Iloilo, the Philippines will join the project to share what issues students face in their communities.

This one-year project will be supported by the International Affairs Bureau of the City of Yokohama and Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR).



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