



[Introducing Y-PORT, YUSA, and ASCC at the 9th World Urban Forum]

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World Urban Forum IX held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from February 7 through 13. This biennial international forum is held with the goal of sharing knowledge, experience, and solutions in city management amidst increasingly rapid urban development to implement the New Urban Agenda adopted at Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development. This year's forum welcomed 22,000 participants from 165 countries.



At the forum, Yokohama put up a promotional display booth and took part in a side event to introduce Y-PORT, its international public-private technical cooperation platform; YUSA, the incorporated alliance of private

sector groups offering packaged urban solutions; and the Asia Smart City Conference. In addition, the World Bank's Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC) and its collaboration on programs with Yokohama was discussed, followed by a presentation on projects in Metro Cebu, the Philippines, enabled through intercity cooperation between the city and Yokohama.



22nd CITYNET Japan Forum focuses on urgent garbage issues in Asia

The CITYNET Yokohama Project Office presented the 22nd CITYNET Japan Forum "Tackling Solid Waste Management in Asia" at the Yokohama International Center on February 21.



Dickella Premakumara (Programme Manager of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Thematic Research

Area) of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) served as the keynote speaker of the Forum, which focused on the waste problem in the Asia region.



Speakers from two NPOs, Sri Lanka's HELP-O and Pakistan's PIEDAR, introduced local school programs and regional initiatives realized through collaboration with the CITYNET Yokohama Project Office aimed at reducing waste, while representatives from the Board of Education and the NPO Corporation WE21 Japan Group presented projects being implemented in Yokohama.



The Forum welcomed over 50 attendees, who shared in a stimulating exchange of ideas with the event's speakers following the presentations.