

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Asian Partnership Programme towards Shared Prosperity (ASPRO)

Expected date of initiation: 2002 October

Expected date of completion: 2010

Partners Involved:

Governments: National Governments in Asia and the Pacific

Intergovernmental organizations: Japan International Cooperation Agency
Japan Bank for International Cooperation, etc.

Major groups: Stakeholders in Kitakyushu such as

-Citizens & NGOs: Kitakyushu Forum for Asian Women (KFAW)

Kitakyushu International Techno-Cooperative Association (KITA)

-Private Companies: Kitakyushu Interdependent Business Consortium for
Sustainable Development (KICS)

-Academes: The University of Kitakyushu

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Ube City, Minamata City

Cities in Asia

-City of Surabaya (Indonesia);

Surabaya City

The Surabaya Institute of Technology (ITS)

Citizens in Kampongs

-Metro Cebu (Philippines);

Cebu City, Mandaue City,

Private companies (Cleaner Production Model Factories), San Carlos

University, Citizens League for Ecological Awareness and

Responsibility (CLEAR), Pollution Control Association of the

Philippines Inc. (PCAPI), Citizens in Barangays

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

- a) To achieve environmental conservation and sustainable development in Asian Region by inter-city environmental partnership beyond border.
- b) For the goal described above, appropriate governance will be established based on agreement of all stakeholders in communities and new participatory scheme by multi-stakeholders such as citizens will be established in cooperation with international communities.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nations Millennium Declaration:

Relationship with Agenda 21

The ASPRO is for achieving "Responsibilities and capabilities of local governments", which is emphasized in the Chapter 28 of Agenda 21 and implementing practical activities by participation and cooperation of multi-stakeholders.

Relationship with the UN Millennium Declaration

The ASPRO is a practical action plan led by local communities for realization of “poverty eradication and sustainable development” and “Protecting our common environment” in UN millennium Declaration. Information to be required will be shared with local communities beyond the border through promotion of bottom-up style and face-to face cooperation. It not only encourages democracy and good governance but also contribute to world peace and stability through deepening mutual understanding.

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

- a) Steady improvement of urban environment in Asian Region
- b) Achieving better local society and local-based sustainable development
- c) Strengthening local governance capabilities
- d) Contribution to realization of global sustainable development through spreading local-to-local cooperation model to the Asian Region

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

Targets: Realization of sustainable development and environmental improvement in Surabaya City and Cebu City

2002: Launch of model projects in Cebu and Surabaya

2003: Mid-term review at international conferences

2004: Completion of model projects

2005: Dissemination of final report at international conferences and establishment of new strategies

2010: with 5 years evaluation and the subject to be considered after 2010

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

The ASPRO will be implemented after WSSD as following steps:

- (1) Citizens seminars will be held in Surabaya, Indonesia and in Cebu, Philippines, They will be good opportunities for launching new cooperation projects by multi-stakeholders as well as doing concrete action of agreed common goals.
- (2) The experiences of Kitakyushu, which has achieved environmental improvement successfully by partnerships among multi-stakeholders, will be realigned into more transferable and appropriate for partner cities. At the same time, community based cooperation will be promoted.
- (3) As one of practical actions, Environmental Partner Cities will be signed. Based on it, cooperative projects such as human resource development will be implemented.
- (4) In local-to-local cooperation, new frameworks with participation of national governments, JICA and JBIC as well as other multi-stakeholders will be discussed for further promotion of partnership
- (5) Kitakyushu will play an active role of catalyst or facilitator in the framework

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

After WSSD, frameworks of funds provided by donor communities would be contemplated for activities led by citizens in order to further enhance capability of arranging funding. ESCAP “Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment” is also having a mechanism of allocation of financial resources from donor community/agencies by priority. We will promote that this financial allocation mechanism would be applied to ASPRO.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

Policy tools to be required for sustainable development for cities in Asia will be realigned

systematically in cooperation with IGES who have that expertise on environmental policy making. They will be also disseminated as models of urban environmental improvement through JICA's scheme and etc.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Because necessary technologies for developing countries are accumulated in many sectors and stakeholders. The ASPRO will be promoting participatory international cooperation by multi-stakeholders to share such resources one another. A new framework will be developed for most appropriate matching of demands i.e. technology required in partner cities and supplies i.e. accumulated technology.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

Through the linkage with ESCAP "Kitakyushu Initiative Network for a Clean Environment (KIN)", which has been implementing pilot projects, case study and other projects since 2000, both KIN and the ASPRO will be promoted effectively. The City of Kitakyushu has been accepted more than 3000 participants from about 140 countries in the training course in Cooperation with JICA. Additionally, Kitakyushu has the experience of implementation of ODA projects, Dalian Environmental Demonstration Zone.

Kitakyushu has cooperation with Cebu and Surabaya in the Environmental Cooperation Network of Asian Cities. The ASPRO will have linkage with those existed networks.

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

The outcome and progress will be presented at international conferences in 2005. Before that, mid-term review will be conducted towards the international meeting in 2003. The City of Kitakyushu is going to disseminate concerned information through the Inter-net every year.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available):

<http://www.city.kitakyushu.jp/~k2602050/indexe>

<http://www.unescap.org/mced2000/kitakyushu.pdf>

<http://www.iges.or.jp/kitakyushu>

http://www.partnerships.stockholm.se/search_view.asp?Id=51

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