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Dear Beloved Members and Partners,

Ten years have passed and the UCLG ASPAC family is getting bigger than ever.

Our growing membership is a testament of the dynamic and innovative nature of UCLG ASPAC.

It is with great pleasure to celebrate our anniversary through this book to remember together the accomplishments of the past years as well as to cherish the present and the days to come.

It is a great pleasure for me to get the opportunity to be able to look at the collection of the most important occurrences since the formation of UCLG ASPAC. The publication contains also comments and testimonials from members and partners.

Views and opinions of our beloved members are the moving force for UCLG ASPAC to grow and develop.

I express gratitude towards the Secretariat for the publications produced during all these years as well as to all our members for their continuous contributions.

May this celebration also be an occasion to hope for an even brighter future of UCLG ASPAC.

Let’s stick together and support the promotion of the economic, social, cultural and environmental development of cities and local governments around Asia-Pacific and actively promote people-to-people communication dedicated to tolerance, understanding and peace in our region and the World.

Cooperation of the members in UCLG ASPAC has been very remarkable. We hope this will keep developing in the future. We will continue to help one another and go through all the issues, difficulties together among local governments, countries and communities.

Syed Muhammad Asghar Shah Gillani
President, UCLG ASPAC
This year UCLG ASPAC is proud to celebrate its 10th Anniversary. I would like to thank all the founding members and individuals who have been involved in making UCLG ASPAC such a great platform for the cooperation of cities and local governments. I am grateful to our committed members and partners for their progressive work and achievements in the past decade.

We are also proud to see the research, information and activities facilitated by UCLG ASPAC being transformed into various actions. The breadth of issues tackled by UCLG ASPAC is wide ranging - including good governance initiatives (under the scheme of DELGOSEA), decentralization, local economic development, women leadership promotion, stronger environmental policy and sustainable transportation. These are just some activities that make UCLG ASPAC a unique organization.

Our members are dedicated to creating positive change within their communities and securing a better future. We strive to see real change in people’s lives and the dynamic members in our network facilitate this.

Despite solid efforts and seeing great change, unequal development, environmental degradation, unsafe transportation, and natural and manmade disasters, are just some of the issues that we, as a region, currently face. However, these issues will not stop us from pursuing our cause.

The 10th Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC is just the start of our journey in making the Asia-Pacific region the most prosperous and sustainable region it can be. We shall take advantage of the wide-ranging differences and diversity that we have in our region and see this as a unique learning opportunity that is not available anywhere else. I am optimistic that UCLG ASPAC will grow into an even stronger organization with you as a key player in our mission.

Happy 10th Anniversary to our beloved UCLG ASPAC!
2005
Date: October
Venue: Makati
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
- Training Workshop on “Urban Emergency Management.”

2006
Date: October
Venue: Vadodara
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
- International Seminar on “Good Governance.”

2007
Date: October
Venue: Jeju
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
- UCLG World Congress on “Changing Cities are Driving our World.”

Date: April
Venue: Batam
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC Council and ExBu Meetings.
- Training Forum on “Liveable Cities.”

2008
Date: October
Venue: Sydney
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
- Metropolis Congress on “Connecting Cities.”

Date: July
Venue: Pattaya
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC 2nd Congress on “Sustainable Cities and Local Governments for a Sustainable World.”
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu, Council and General Assembly Meetings.

2009
Date: October
Venue: Changwon
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting: “Creating Livable Cities: Linking Plans to Projects.”

Date: April
Venue: Kathmandu
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu and Council Meetings.
- Seminar on “Impact of Global Economy Crisis in Asia-Pacific.”

2010
Date: October
Venue: Hamamatsu
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC 3rd Congress on “Responding to Globalization.”
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu, Council and General Assembly Meetings.

Date: June
Venue: Singapore
Event:
- UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
CHRONOLOGY OF UCLG ASPAC
STATUTORY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2011
Date: October
Venue: Melbourne
Event:
• UCLG ASPAC ExBu and Council Meetings.
• Conference on “Culture as the 4th Pillar of Sustainable Development.”

Date: April
Venue: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Event:
• UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
• International Conference on “People, Places & Opportunities towards Sustainable Cities 2030.”

2012
Date: October
Venue: Jakarta
Event:
• UCLG ASPAC 4th Congress on “Resilient Cities: Rethink, Rebuild, Revitalise.”
• UCLG ASPAC ExBu, Council and General Assembly Meetings.

2013
Date: November
Venue: Colombo
Event:
• UCLG ASPAC ExBu & Council Meetings.

2014
Date: September
Venue: Taipei
Event:
• UCLG ASPAC 5th Congress on “An Adaptive City: Embedding Design into City Governance.”
• UCLG ASPAC ExBu, Council and General Assembly Meetings.

Date: June
Venue: Hamamatsu
Event:
• UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting.
• International Conference on “Local Government’s International Strategy in the Global Age.”
**CURRENT PRESIDENCY**

**President**

(2013-2014)

Syed Asghar Shah Gillani

President of Local Councils Association of the Punjab-Pakistan (LCAP)

Representing South & Southwest Asia Sub-region

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**Co-Presidents**

(2013-2014)

Krishna Prasad Jaishi

Spokesperson of Association of District Development Committee of Nepal (ADDCN)

Representing South & Southwest Asia Sub-region (2012-2013)

Representing Associate & International Organization members (2013-2014)

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Felicity-Ann Lewis

(Statutory Affairs)

President of Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) | Mayor of Marion City

Representing Pacific Sub-region

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Song Young-Gil

(Finance)

Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City

Representing East & Northeast Asia Sub-region

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Jokowi Widodo

(Host) Capacity Development & Research

Governor of Jakarta Capital City Government

Representing Southeast Asia Sub-region

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Jatin V. Modi

(Immediate Past President 2013-2014)

President of All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG)

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Chen Haosu

(Founding President, International Relations & Networking)

President of Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
Chen Haosu (2004-2008)
President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
Representing East & Northeast Asia Sub-region

Kim Bumil (2008-2010)
Mayor of Daegu City
Representing East & Northeast Asia Sub-region

Jatin V. Modi (2012-2013)
President of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG)
Representing Associate & International Organization members

Fauzi Bowo (2010-2012)
Governor of the Jakarta Capital City Government
Representing Southeast Asia Sub-region
Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
2013-Present

Dr. Rudolf Hauter (deceased)
2010-2013

Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods OAM
2006-2010

Datuk Khalid Bin Hj. Husin
2004-2006
UCLG ASPAC is the united voice and advocate of democratic local self-government which promotes its values, objectives and interests through cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international communities in the Asia-Pacific region.

As UCLG’s biggest section, the Asia-Pacific region is in linkage with more than 7000 local governments spreading over one fifth of the earth’s land surface. It incorporates the most dynamic emerging and growth-leading economies as well as some developed countries and it represents over 50 percent of the world’s population, with hundreds of different ethnic groups.

The Asia-Pacific region is the melting pot of multiple civilizations and the confluence of tradition and modernity. The cultural diversity characterizes the region and it can be an asset for its sustainable development. It contributes to peace by fostering local exchange and it improves the territorial image by preserving its cultural identity and at the same time it stimulates the economic growth through cultural and creative industries.

Sustainable development and good governance has been the key element for UCLG ASPAC since its establishment. As a milestone of our activities, UCLG and UCLG ASPAC have bestowed a higher strategic position on culture by incorporating cultural diversity as the fourth pillar of sustainable development.

On the starting point of the second decade of UCLG ASPAC, we wish for a prosperous Asia-Pacific region with balanced economic feasibility, social equity, environmental responsibility and cultural vitality.

- To promote strong and effective democratic local self-government throughout the region/world through promoting unity and cooperation among members;
- To ensure the effective political representation of local government to the UN and other international communities;
- To be the worldwide source of key information on local government, learning, exchange, and capacity building to support democratic local governments and their associations;
- To promote economic, social, cultural, vocational and environmental development in enhancing the services to the citizens based on good governance principles;
- To promote race and gender equality, combating discrimination, promoting decentralized cooperation and international cooperation between local governments and their associations in strong democratic organization;
- To promote twinning and partnership between local governments and peoples.
Over the past decade, UCLG ASPAC has embraced key areas prioritized by cities and local governments in Asia and the Pacific. Achievements amongst others include the enhanced local economic development, implementation of good governance principles, especially in cities and local governments of ASEAN member states, inclusion of culture as the engine of growth and the fourth pillar of sustainable development, mitigating and adapting the climate change, zero waste and sustainable transport promotions, and women in local governments. Members have contributed to the decade of achievement. Guangzhou through its urban innovation awards, Jakarta as the host of the Secretariat, pro-active Local Government Associations (LGAs), dynamic and active members, are several reasons that contributed to the achievement. Below are outcomes of UCLG ASPAC’s activities carried out by members in cooperation with our strategic partners.

Be the United Voice of Cities and Local Governments
The last Executive Meeting of the International Union of Local Authorities Asia Pacific (IULA ASPAC) took place in Taipei in 2004 and the first General Meeting followed and heralded the decision to form UCLG ASPAC. This was salutory in two ways. Firstly UCLG ASPAC was to be the Regional section of the World Organisation that came about as a result of much negotiation over many years to form one united body of local governments around the world that would be officially recognised as the legitimate voice of United Local Government by the United Nations (UN). Over the ten years much work has been done to facilitate this through the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA) and other strategic alliances with UN agencies and our continuing actions to obtain political official status in the General Assembly of the UN.

Secondly the President of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) was elected the founding President and the Mayor of Taipei was elected to the Executive Bureau and World Council.
Local Finance and Economic Development

Often infrastructure investment does not match the needs of population due to numerous reasons. Limited finance gives hindrance for cities and local governments to provide basic infrastructure and services. UCLG ASPAC has been working on its advocacy effort to lobby for systematic change and public finance reform by improving access to valuable local finance information. Tangible results of activities related to local finance include, for example, the fiscal improvement of Pakret of Thailand by revitalising the traditional markets in which taxes have provided better revenue system for the Municipality. They have adopted the lessons learnt from Surakarta (Solo) on local finance enhancement.

Local finance and decentralization in relation to basic services have been implemented under the Global Observatory of Local Democracy and Decentralization (GOLD) programme from 2006 until 2013.

Good Governance in ASEAN

Good governance and decentralization is the centre of UCLG ASPAC’s activities. UCLG ASPAC has been promoting and applying the good governance’s principles in cities and local governments from the ASEAN member states under the framework of Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA). DELGOSEA has worked in more than 24 cities and local governments, by identifying good practices and transferring them elsewhere. People participation, transparency, resource efficiency, decentralization, collaborative governance are good governance principles that have been applied in the work of UCLG ASPAC.

DELGOSEA was highly evaluated by the donor agency (EU) that funded the first phase of the programme carried out from 2010 to 2012. Sustainability of the programme, local actions orientated activities and a needs-based demand approach, are among major reasons for its success.

UCLG ASPAC has mainstreamed the programme by forming the DELGOSEA Standing Committee within its Executive structure. DELGOSEA was jointly initiated by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and UCLG ASPAC.
Working Towards Resilient Cities and Local Governments

The Asia-Pacific region is the most disaster-prone area. Figures have shown that this region hosts the highest number of calamities, with the highest human and economic losses in South-East Asia. UCLG ASPAC has been advocating the crucial role of cities and local governments towards building resilient communities. Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) of UCLG ASPAC released in 2012 in Jakarta, resulted to our continuous efforts to promote DRR, regional consultancy and capacity development on Local Government Self-Assessment Tool (LG-SAT). UCLG ASPAC was given the key role by United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) as the coordinator of the Stakeholder Group of Mayors and Local Governments for DRR in Asia-Pacific region towards a Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2 to be carried out for 2016-2020.

UCLG ASPAC will also join the Task Force (Working Group) on Local Government Disaster Management to be created under the Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy Committee of UCLG which will be the constituency of UCLG on local government disaster management affairs.

Strengthened Decentralisation and Local Diplomacy for National and Regional Transformation

UCLG ASPAC highlights the importance of local diplomacy at national, regional and international levels. As part of its mandate in strengthening cities and local governments, UCLG ASPAC has been empowering the existing Local Government Associations (LGAs) and encouraging the creation of LGAs in countries that do not have any. UCLG ASPAC has given Cambodia considerable advice in their desire to set up the best sub-national structure in the country. UCLG ASPAC now has two active LGAs from Cambodia, namely the National Association of Capital and Provincial Councils, Cambodia (NACPC), and the National League of Association of Commune or Sangkat Councils (NLCS).

Activities of UCLG ASPAC on decentralisation was captured within its project entitled “Support to Decentralization in Developing Countries (SDDC)” undertaken from 2010 to 2012.

Enhanced Women in Local Governments

UCLG ASPAC has made a concrete action of appointing its first female Secretary General in July 2013. Further actions include the formation of a Standing Committee on Women in Local Government and the new Co-Presidency on Women in Local Government. The need for the enhancement of women is critical. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and
UCLG ASPAC have reviewed the status of women’s participation and leadership in governments at the local level for Asia and the Pacific for 2013. Although women’s representation in the national parliaments (lower house) has increased, there has been a three percent reduction in the number of elected women councilors since 2010, this is 81 percent below the level achieved by their male counterparts as in 2013. Women representation across rural, district and provincial councils has continued to slide since 2010. Two of the three sub-regions reflect a rather negative scenario. There has been 4.7 percent and 7.5 per cent decrease in the number of elected women in South Asia and in the Pacific (excluding Australia and New Zealand) respectively. Based on the survey and in cooperation with relevant partners, UCLG ASPAC will focus on tangible programmes for raising the number of women in local governments, developing leadership capacities in women, promoting south-south cooperation, twinning arrangements for peer learning of lessons on women’s political participation and so on. UCLG ASPAC will work through its Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments.

United in Differences
UCLG ASPAC seeks to have an inclusive framework of its members no matter how big or small the entity may be. It also recognises that central politicians may have sharp differences of opinion on policy matters but local governments share similar problems and issues and are fundamentally dedicated to serving the people. UCLG ASPAC has always urged its members to concentrate on the things that unite us rather than dwelling on the things that divide us. In the 2012-2014 term of the Presidency, there was a candidate from India and one from Pakistan. Rather than going to election where there would be a winner and a loser and thereby exacerbating the differences the two candidates demonstrated a high degree of maturity and agreed to share the two year term by taking a one year term each.

Localising the Post-2015 Development Agenda
UCLG ASPAC as part of the Global Task Force on Localising the Post 2015 Development Agenda conducts the consultation amongst members to explore the means of implementation of the new development agenda at local level. Post-2015 Agenda should have more ownerships especially amongst local leaders and governments. UCLG ASPAC wishes all members to not only actively participating in the consultation processes, but help ensure that strong local partnerships with all local stakeholders – civil society, private sector, academe, etc and inclusive development planning and implementation is the prerequisite condition to make the Post-2015 Agenda achievable.
In the late 1990’s, it was decided to work towards an amalgamated single organization, which was supported by IULA ASPAC. After a decade’s hard work, in 2004, we successfully launched UCLG at a world level and had our inaugural Congress in Paris. In the same year, UCLG ASPAC, as one of its regional section, finished its transition from IULA ASPAC during the sections in Taipei.

Very important decisions were made in the first few years of existence such as replacing Vice Presidents with Co-Presidents, rotating the Presidency on a two yearly cycle within the four sub-regions of ASPAC to ensure cultural diversity and representation and to make it a less hierarchical and a democratic structure.

Meetings were held across the Region and specific workshops were introduced associated with the Statutory Meetings. The Secretariat was consolidated with Jakarta Capital City. A joint agreement was negotiated to ensure METROPOLIS membership gave full joint membership to UCLG ASPAC with shared fees. We also have asserted that we should use our Local Government names and not assert national identification.
as we want UCLG ASPAC to be inclusive and be about people-to-people sharing their experiences and culture and not introduce the national dimensions that often exacerbates conflict and negativity. This has brought about the interaction of our most diverse Region in a very positive manner.

The first UCLG ASPAC Congress was held in Daegu followed by Pattaya, Hamamatsu, Jakarta and now Taipei. Our advocacy role was implemented at every opportunity and we forged alliances with Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Vereniging van Nederlandse Gemeenten – Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), KAS, PLATFORMA (The European Voice of Local and Regional Authorities for Development), and many UN agencies.

UCLG ASPAC played a substantial role in establishing the concept of Co-Presidents at the World level to ensure that not one culture could dominate the organization and worked to ensure that UCLG was seen to be a culturally diverse and representative organization. The World Congresses have been held in Paris, Jeju, Mexico City and Rabat. The two Presidents have been the Mayor of Paris and the Mayor of Istanbul. The new organization has enjoyed very close ties with the UN, the European Union and important Regional inter-governmental organizations.

Many have worked hard over the years to establish UCLG ASPAC. With its consolidation phase we need to further develop projects, carry out research and activities, as well as capacity building for our members and our future will be forever bright.

Happy Tenth Anniversary!!

Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods OAM
Ambassador
Honorary Member UCLG; Honorary Member UCLG ASPAC;
President IULA ASPAC 1997-2004;
Secretary General UCLG ASPAC 2006-2010
TESTIMONIALS FROM UCLG ASPAC MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

Joko Widodo
Governor of Jakarta Capital City and Host of the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat
President-elect of the Republic of Indonesia

As the Governor of Jakarta Capital City and Host of the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, as well as the next President of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to convey my deepest congratulations on this 10th Anniversary. We are honored to be the host of UCLG ASPAC and this tenth year celebration is a motivation for us to establish further friendship and development of local governments in Asia-Pacific.

We are pleased to have the Secretariat in our city. I would like to thank each one of the members for all the trust and support towards Asia-Pacific. Members are at the heart of UCLG ASPAC.

Congratulations UCLG ASPAC on your Tenth Anniversary!

Chen Haosu
Founding President, UCLG ASPAC

Dear fellow members,

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of UCLG and UCLG ASPAC. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express my congratulations and gratitude to my dear friends.

I would like to express my three wishes for UCLG ASPAC on this occasion. Firstly, we should enhance the cooperation mechanism of UCLG ASPAC so as to establish good cooperative relations among members. Secondly, we should...

Syed Muhammad Asghar Shah Gillani
President, UCLG ASPAC

I’m really happy to give my feelings to all members, to all the partners for joining us. We hope soon many other members will join us to enhance our relations among members, countries and communities. We welcome all of them to join us.
design more and better programs to advance the development of economies and culture in the cities and to stimulate international cooperation of cities. Thirdly, we should seek harmonious coexistence in the family of UCLG and its peaceful development so as to create a favorable environment for solving problems through pragmatic contact.

I wish to conclude by sharing with you a poem I wrote for the cooperation between cities and local governments, which is also a good wish at the turn of the century.

The 20th century has been smoothly gone, The new chapter of 21st will be written down. Cities and local government has formed a marching procession, To embrace the brighter dawn of civilization.

Li Xiaolin
President, Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC. On behalf of CPAFFC, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations.

UCLG and UCLG ASPAC were founded in 2004 following the merger of IULA, Metropolis and UTO. The past decade saw a steady increase of members and growth of strength of ASPAC. Under the leadership of each generation of the presidency, ASPAC members have been working closely together and making concerted effort to advance regional exchanges and cooperation.

In 2007, ASPAC hosted the 2nd UCLG Congress in Jeju, and in 2005 and 2009 the World Council Meetings in Beijing and Guangzhou. This year the World Council will meet again in our region. These world events hosted by ASPAC members is a reflection of how active and vigorous our region is and of our commitment to promoting local government cooperation all around the world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the ASPAC Secretariat for doing an excellent job of serving and supporting the members over the past decade.

CPAFFC will continue to join hands with our fellow members to work for the solidarity and development of UCLG ASPAC in the days to come.
Chen Jianhua  
Mayor of Guangzhou, Co-President of UCLG

On behalf of the Guangzhou Municipal Government and its people, and on my own behalf, I would like to extend heartiest congratulations on the Tenth Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC.

Cities represent the greatest achievement of human civilization and scientific innovation. As the manager of cities and local communities, local governments bear inescapable responsibilities in socio-economic development and people’s wellbeing.

Over the past decade since its establishment, UCLG ASPAC has striven to be a bond among cities and local governments in the region, and serves as a platform for us to strengthen friendship and cooperation. With the world center shifting to the Asia-Pacific region, we are subject to new challenges and opportunities in our efforts to boost regional cooperation and prosperity. In face of the new tide, we, cities in the Asia-Pacific region, should assume the common responsibilities to advance regional cooperation and development. I’m fully convinced that by pooling wisdom and strengths of its member cities, the UCLG ASPAC will play an active role in this aspect.

For years, Guangzhou, as the Co-President city of UCLG, has been committed to fulfilling its duties and supporting the work of UCLG ASPAC. By taking an active part in regional activities, we join hands with other members to strive for regional prosperity and people’s wellbeing. The past decade is marked with brilliant achievements, and the upcoming one will be a new chapter in the history. Hereby, on behalf of the city of Guangzhou, I would like to renew our willingness to join hands with all members in the region in creating a brighter future for all of us.
Dr. Jatin V. Modi  
President, All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AILSG)

UCLG ASPAC started small with great hopes and it developed. For the last two or three years the name of UCLG ASPAC has started to be known, more than ever before. People are becoming more and more interested. For example many in my country (India) have shown interest in becoming members. UCLG ASPAC has a great future. The participation is good. For its Tenth Anniversary, I wish that each and every member who has contributed, including the past presidents and the governors will always be remembered for the great contribution. For the new members, I would like to send them a message that they should take up the responsibility in a meaningful way so that their visions and missions are always carried.

Throughout my involvement in UCLG ASPAC, meetings have been memorable, from China, to Korea, to the most recent one in Hamamatsu, Japan. Meetings have been great opportunities. We have had great chances to meet policy makers and mayors. Good governance has been discussed. To that extent, I have been able to implement what I have learned when I was Mayor in Vadodara. I was in the position of applying basic things, like for example techniques on solid waste management, preservation and conservation of harvesting. Those are all things I have learned during the past ten years with UCLG ASPAC. It’s a great achievement to meet each other and interact to find out about good practices and to see those things being implemented in your city. Historical events have also happened throughout the years. Now UCLG ASPAC is stable than ever and stronger than before and it has a great future.
Dr. Felicity-Ann Lewis  
President, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice for around 560 local councils, providing representation on local government issues at a national level. ALGA’s strategic priorities include strengthening local government finances, sustaining local roads, transport and other infrastructure and improving natural and built environmental outcomes.

ALGA has been involved with UCLG ASPAC since its inception 10 years ago. The organisation plays an important role in facilitating international dialogue and bringing together local government representatives in the region to exchange ideas and support each other in the delivery of local governance, service and infrastructure to our communities.

It is important all participants are able to devise meaningful benefits from this international participation.

Congratulations on your 10th Anniversary.

Yasutomo Suzuki  
Mayor of Hamamatsu City

I believe UCLG ASPAC is a very significant organization. Hamamatsu through the activities of UCLG ASPAC was able to have a friendly relationship with citizens such as with Jakarta and Taipei. Also through UCLG ASPAC we were able to have many useful initiatives for us, through sharing ideas and initiatives with other cities and organizations. Another point to take into consideration is that within the Asia-Pacific region, there are some countries that are not getting along very well. For example at a national level, there are issues when it comes to lands and borders. Because of these small problems, there are frictions among countries. As for cities, we don’t have these kinds of border issues, so it’s easier for us to maintain friendly relationships and to contribute to the causes of UCLG ASPAC as well. By maintaining a friendly relationship among cities, we are able to contribute to peace within the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world.
Krishna Prasad Jaishi  
Spokesperson, Association of District Development Committee of Nepal (ADDCN)

UCLG ASPAC is an umbrella organization and it looks at a better wellbeing of citizens and at the prosperity of local governments. UCLG ASPAC invites every member to play a positive role to strengthen local good governance.

ADDCN, connects cities and local governments through UCLG ASPAC. With UCLG ASPAC you see that you can play a role in involving citizens.

I have been with ADDCN for six years now. Members are increasing and the interest of the various cities about UCLG ASPAC is also increasing.

We have to link Asia-Pacific, as well as being involved with the rest of the world. Asia-Pacific is the biggest region in the world and we have to play an active role internationally, we can share valuable lessons for development, cities prosperity and citizens wellbeing. Our Tenth Anniversary should lead towards good governance.

Yoshinobu Fukasawa  
Director, UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)

From my point of view, I really appreciate the important role of UCLG ASPAC, particularly in its function as a channel through which we can communicate between the UN system and local governments. I sincerely invite local governments to make use of this excellent mechanism to position themselves in a better way.
TESTIMONIALS FROM UCLG ASPAC MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

Maria Kim
Manager, Governors Association of Korea (GAOK)

As one of the members, I can say that UCLG ASPAC has and continues to serve as a platform where local government members of Asia and the Pacific can gather to exchange mutual cooperation and ideas. The body allowed me to meet so many wonderful people from all over Asia-Pacific and I believe it is the most representative local government association in the area. Congratulations on the 10th Anniversary to UCLG ASPAC and dedicated staff who have been carrying on the excellent works in functioning the body.

Hemanthi Goonasekera
National Coordinator/CEO, Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA)

Greetings from Sri Lanka!

It is with great pleasure, I recall the first interactive meeting UCLG ASPAC and Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government had five years ago in Phuket, Thailand, immediately after our organization was established. Since then we held hands very strongly, while supporting each other in each and every step forward. I cherish the fond memories of working with Emeritus Mayor Mr. Woods, followed by Dr. Rudi Hauter, who helped Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities to network and grow alongside with peer networks in the region. I take this opportunity to congratulate UCLG ASPAC and especially the dedicated staff who made it possible for every one of us to be a part of their family.
**Yogyakarta City**

**UCLG ASPAC, congratulations on this 10th Anniversary!**

We sincerely hope that in the years to come, the institution will be more successful, can be a better facilitator, mediator, motivator and the best partner for all its members in achieving better local governments.

Yogyakarta is well known as an education, artistic and cultural city. It’s also one of the main touristic destinations in the country. The city is continually visited by local and foreign tourists. The business of hotels and restaurants are the major local revenues for the city. Yogyakarta community consists of dynamic people who have a high sense of creativity in bringing a better life for their surroundings. It is easy to find people getting together around the city to discuss about various issues, from health, to poverty reduction, from family related issues, to people’s participation in the development of the city.

We welcome you to Yogyakarta.

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**Daegu Metropolitan City**

**Congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC!**

We have been through the ups and downs, and achieved great development since its birth.

Indeed, UCLG ASPAC has provided a platform for local governments with different cultures and various political systems to gather together to tackle a variety of issues we are facing and to raise a united voice to enhance the welfare of our citizens. Wishing a continuous prosperity of UCLG ASPAC and all the members. We look forward to seeing more intertwined and beneficial cooperation among members in the future.

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**Yogyakarta City**

UCLG ASPAC, congratulations on this 10th Anniversary! We sincerely hope that in the years to come, the institution will be more successful, can be a better facilitator, mediator, motivator and the best partner for all its members in achieving better local governments.

Yogyakarta is well known as an education, artistic and cultural city. It’s also one of the main touristic destinations in the country. The city is continually visited by local and foreign tourists. The business of hotels and restaurants are the major local revenues for the city. Yogyakarta community consists of dynamic people who have a high sense of creativity in bringing a better life for their surroundings. It is easy to find people getting together around the city to discuss about various issues, from health, to poverty reduction, from family related issues, to people’s participation in the development of the city.

We welcome you to Yogyakarta.
We, all 430,000 Gumi citizens would like to extend our heartiest congratulations on the UCLG ASPAC’S 10th Anniversary.

Gumi City is home to Korea’s largest inland industrial complexes and its export is 36.7 billion USD. Approximately 3,000 companies are operating in 43 km² Gumi’s industrial complexes including top global companies. In 2010, Gumi city declared itself to be “Carbon Zero City” and has made efforts to establish an “Eco-friendly City” by implementing a “10 million trees planting campaign”. It built more green places such as parks and city forests in several places in the city and it has been chosen as one of the 10 bicycle hub cities.

Also, in Gumi City is operating the world’s first wireless charging electric bus. A Carbon Zero Education Centre has also been opened.

Happy 10th Anniversary!
I am pleased to convey, together with the people of Jeju Province, my hearty congratulations on the Tenth Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC.

In our commitment to the work of UCLG ASPAC since its launch in 2004, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province has been an advocate for the organization’s vision and objectives. As a host of the second World Congress in 2007—the first in Asia—more than a thousand heads and leaders of local governments and government associations from around the world, as well as local experts, gathered in Jeju to learn, share their experience, and discuss how UCLG may further represent local and regional governments.

On this anniversary, I wish to express my hope that the successful achievement of UCLG ASPAC will lead to more active roles for ASPAC in representing the voices of local people and, furthermore, in becoming a knowledge center for major issues and matters initiated by the United Nations. I wish UCLG ASPAC and the Secretariat continued success. Jeju Province will always remain a stimulating partner and advocate for UCLG ASPAC.

Once again, congratulations on this Tenth Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC!

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**Highlights from Jeju: Jeju’s Underground Water Can Become Industry**

Jeju Island is surrounded by water, an unknown and unlimited treasure to explore.

The Province of Jeju has worked on a project of desalinating saline water for four years with the investment of 14.5 million USD. Many think that the project uses seawater to produce drinking water, but Jeju Province uses salty underground water for water production and other purposes. In local language the salty underground water is called “lava water.” It was formed between 60,000 and 30,000 years ago when the coastal area of the island was shaped by volcanic eruptions.
TESTIMONIALS FROM UCLG ASPAC MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

Changwon City

It is our great pleasure to congratulate UCLG ASPAC on its 10th Anniversary.

This year is very meaningful for Changwon City, for being one of the winners of this year’s UNPSA (United Nations Public Service Award) thanks to the important support of UCLG ASPAC. We will never forget your sincere support for being part of a prestigious international recognition of excellency in public service.

We appreciate UCLG ASPAC’s efforts in involving each and every member to take up challenging issues from environment to sustainable development, from good governance to international networking.

For the last 10 years, UCLG ASPAC has been playing a fundamental role in bringing together local governments of Asia-Pacific.

Md. Ahsan Habib Kamal
Mayor of Barisal City

Happy 10th Anniversary UCLG ASPAC!

In Barisal city we are facing crucial challenges like sustainable planning, infrastructure development, conservation of urban environment, municipal solid waste management and finally, in the making of an adaptive city. UCLG ASPAC can work as a resource center for green development of Asian cities and it can build up more linkage and alliances with institutions for the capacity development of local government personals. I believe this year’s Congress topic “Adaptive City: Embedding Design in City Governance” is perfect in driving us to meet the future needs of our cities.
through the establishment of friendship. In doing so, it contributed significantly in the effort of unifying local government voices in the world.

There is an old Korean saying: “10 years can change even the rivers and the mountains.” It means that things can be changed over the period of ten years, even where it seemed there was no possibility for change. In these 10 years, UCLG ASPAC has evolved to become a first-row player in bringing the voice of local governments to the international stage. It brought together members and it encouraged sustainable development and positive changes.

We are confident that UCLG ASPAC will continue playing its vital role in strengthening our cooperation and we look forward to seeing UCLG ASPAC embark on its second decade for taking a leap forward.

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**Haikou City**

On behalf of Mayor Ni Qiang of Haikou City, we send our best wishes to UCLG ASPAC for its 10th Anniversary.

UCLG ASPAC has done a great job in the past decade in bringing closer member cities in this region and speaking for them with a strong ASPAC voice.

We hope that UCLG ASPAC will continue to build up a stronger link within and beyond the region in the years to come.

Haikou is proud to hold, on behalf of the ASPAC, the 2014 UCLG World Council from 24-26 November this year. For the sake of the unity and harmony in this region, we invite and welcome all ASPAC members to come and join us in Haikou.

Written by Han Bin
Director-General of Haikou Foreign Affairs Office
Dear Members of UCLG ASPAC,

Congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of United Cities & Local Governments Asia-Pacific!

Ten years has passed since UCLG ASPAC was launched to promote human values and purposes of cities and local governments. I truly respect and admire the responsibility of United Cities & Local Governments Asia-Pacific.

I am well aware that the members of UCLG ASPAC have discussed various issues on sustainable growth and encouraged one another to strengthen our capabilities and suggest guidelines for good governance. I would like to attribute our success to all members who have devoted themselves to support each other.

I hope that the positive change that UCLG ASPAC will bring, will be able to contribute to world peace.

Hangzhou City

We would like to extend our warm wishes and congratulations to UCLG ASPAC on the 10th Anniversary of its foundation.

During the past decade, UCLG ASPAC has played an important role as a facilitator, mediator and advisor for territorial development and regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific. Remarkable success has been achieved and its influence continues to expand.

Hangzhou, as Metropolis’s active member and UCLG ASPAC’s joint member, is one of China’s “Famous Historical and Cultural
Wang Anshun
Mayor of the People's Government of Beijing Municipality

Congratulations on the Tenth Anniversary of UCLG ASPAC! We are deeply inspired by the achievements of UCLG ASPAC over the past decade, and would like to wish the organization a brighter future.

As the international exchange center of China, Beijing aims to build itself as a world-class harmonious and livable city. We sincerely look forward to more support from UCLG ASPAC and are willing to work for common development and prosperity together with all its members.

Hangzhou has been recognized as the capital of e-commerce in China and for several years it has ranked first in the World Bank’s list of Best Investment Environment Cities of China. The city is also in a favorable condition for the thriving of financial service, new generation information technology, creative industry, biological medicine, new energy, energy-conservation and environmental protection industries.

We sincerely expect to advance our cooperation with UCLG ASPAC and all members in the years to come.

Once again, we wish you a flourishing future with the effort of all of us. Happy Anniversary!

Cities”. It is also the “Happiest City” in China since 2004. After the West Lake Cultural Landscape being registered in UNESCO’s World Heritage List in 2011, Hangzhou was enrolled as “UNESCO Creative City for Crafts and Folk Art” in 2012. On May 15-17 2013, Hangzhou hosted the UNESCO International Congress “Culture: Key to Sustainable Development”, with the presence of a delegation from UCLG.

We highly appreciate the advocacy of UCLG ASPAC and we have kept playing actively in sustainable local development programs. Having entered a new development stage dominated by service industry,
Moon Dongshin
Mayor of Gunsan City

On behalf of Gunsan citizens, it is my great pleasure to congratulate UCLG ASPAC for its Tenth Anniversary. Gunsan City became a member city of UCLG ASPAC in 2010 and since then, it has actively participated in building partnerships and sharing good practices with other member cities through UCLG ASPAC.

Gunsan lies at the heart of the West Coast of Korea. It is home to the Saemangeum Project, one of the largest reclamation projects in the world and the one that will transform the map of Northeast Asia. Major enterprises such as Hyundai Heavy Industry, GM Korea, Tata Daewoo Commercial Vehicles, Toray are located in the Gunsan industrial complex near the Saemangeum area and Gunsan is also known for its rich cultural heritage. Taking advantage of its location and the Saemangeum project, Gunsan strives to become an economic hub of North East Asia. Together with UCLG ASPAC, I hope all local governments and cities advance toward a richer, safer, and happier future.
It is our great pleasure to congratulate UCLG ASPAC on its 10th Anniversary.

UCLG ASPAC helps local governments in the Asia-Pacific region foster meaningful ties that can lead to mutually beneficial exchange and cooperation. It affords local governments in the Asia-Pacific Region, the chance to meet and interact with their peers in other countries, and learn about all the wonderful projects they are implementing. We look forward to future exchange with fellow UCLG ASPAC members!

We are confident that UCLG ASPAC will continue playing its vital role in strengthening our cooperation and we look forward to seeing UCLG ASPAC embark on its second decade for taking a leap forward.

Yoo Jeong-bok
Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City

Four billion Asians will be immersed in the sports of Incheon. For 16 days from Sept. 19 to Oct. 4, a total of 28 Olympic sports will be held.

About 23,000 people from 45 counties, including athletes and officials, will compete for 36 sports and 439 events in 49 competition venues. Three seals, the mascots of the 2014 Incheon Asian which are named Vichuon, Barame, and Chumeon, represent light, wind, and dance. Incheon will celebrate diverse histories, cultures, traditions and religions of Asia under the slogan of “Diversity Shines Here.”

Along with 3 million Incheon citizens, I would like to warmly welcome the athletes, staff and citizens from 45 nations who have come to Incheon for the 17th Asian Games Incheon 2014. We congratulate UCLG ASPAC on its Tenth Anniversary.
Benedikt Seeman
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), The Philippines

On behalf of KAS I would like to extend my congratulations to UCLG ASPAC. What UCLG ASPAC does is very important for the spectrum of local governments all over Asia-Pacific and I believe that when local governments and people are ok, the countries are ok too. So in that sense you contribute to the wellbeing of so many countries. Keep up the good work.

Dr. Peter Koeppinger

I have been working with local government associations in Europe before I came to the Philippines five years ago. So I knew about the important role of local governments in developing their countries and in improving the situation of the people. Governance has to be local governance otherwise is not real. So I was really pleased to have the opportunity to work with UCLG ASPAC. It really has an impact on the life of people in their countries. It’s needed for development. UCLG ASPAC has also a wonderful partnership with other foundations. I really hope that UCLG ASPAC will expand its coverage in the region. I wish UCLG ASPAC good luck in disseminating their message for the development of countries across the Asia-Pacific region.
Taipei City Government
Welcome to Taipei!

UCLG ASPAC offers a platform to enhance understanding and cooperation among local governments and it also enables key knowledge management on local government issues. Taipei and UCLG ASPAC have always been the staunchest allies. As the host city for both the UCLG ASPAC Founding Meeting and the Fifth Congress, Taipei has had the opportunity to promote itself and create associated spin-off benefits for local businesses and tourist attractions, and we expect to grow alongside UCLG ASPAC in years to come.

Congratulations to UCLG ASPAC on their Tenth Anniversary!

Sarwo Handayani
Deputy Governor for Spatial Planning and Environment, Jakarta Capital City Government

Jakarta is holding an important role. We are the host of the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC. We need to take good care of it and do a regular self-evaluation. This can be used to keep getting better in the future. We have to keep doing our best in finding ways in contributing to the development and growth of cities and local governments. We can do that by being open internationally. Jakarta is happy to play a big part in this.

Happy Anniversary UCLG ASPAC, I hope in this Tenth Year Anniversary, we can all improve ourselves to help each other, so that we can prosper together.
OUR MEMBERS

Local Government Associations
Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN)
Association of District Development Committee of Nepal (ADDCN)
Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)
Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum (BUPF)
Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA)
Governors' Association of Korea (GAOK)
Indonesian City Councils Association (ADEKSI)
Indonesian Municipalities Association (APEKSI)
Indonesian Provincial Government Association (APPSI)
Indonesian Regency Councils Association (ADKASI)
Indonesian Regencies Government Association (APKASI)
Local Council Association of the Punjab Pakistan (LCAP)
Local Councils Association of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan (LCA-KPK)
Korean City Federation (KCF)
League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)
League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP)
Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)
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Individual Local Governments
Ahmedabad
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Riau Island Provincial Council
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The Regional Secretariat in Jakarta consists of five divisions: Members Services, Capacity Development, Office Administration and Finance, Communications and Information and Strategic Services.

In addition to those divisions, there are also the Secondment Program and the Internship Program.

UCLG ASPAC has received interns from all over the world.
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UCLG ASPAC would like to express its great appreciation to members and partners. A number of staff sent from our members has been seconded to the Secretariat over the last decade and they have made a positive impact. Representatives from Changwon, Seoul, Guangzhou and New South Local Government Association (now called Local Government NSW) have worked with the Secretariat staff in various functional areas. Thank you always for your significant contributions that have made our cooperation stronger.