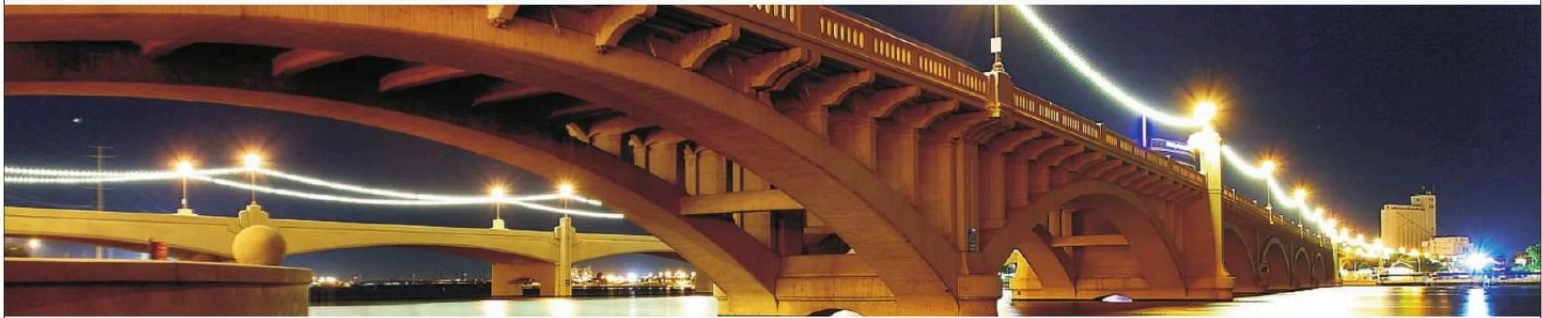




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Message from The President

Dear Members and Local Government Supporters,

I am pleased to present the UCLG ASPAC 2011 Annual Report which captures key achievements and highlights of programs and activities of UCLG ASPAC as well as those from regional offices and other strategic partners.

Through this publication, we can see that building and strengthening capacity of a local government is one of the ways to establish Asia Pacific as an economic and social powerhouse. We should not forget that full and continuous supports from various parties including local government associations, donor agencies and other international organizations will enable local governments to fully explore their potential, increasing the wealth in communities and support the development of a country.

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you, local government supporters, who have made 2011 a year of achievements and improvement for UCLG ASPAC. I hope we can continue this fruitful collaboration in the years to come.

Dr. Fauzi Bowo
President



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Message from the Secretary General

Members and Partners,

This UCLG ASPAC Annual Report 2011 covers a year of significant success and contains our highlights as well as those of our member initiatives from respective countries.

On this occasion, I would like to welcome four new UCLG ASPAC members, namely City of Surakarta and Wakatobi Regency from Indonesia, Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening of Solomon Islands and City of Shenzhen from China whose membership applications were approved at the UCLG ASPAC meeting in Kerala, India and UCLG World meeting in Rabat, Morocco.

We are also delighted to inform you that in 2011, UCLG ASPAC has successfully increased its representation at high-level forums such as UNACLA and Rio+20 preparatory meetings, a progress that enables us to carry the voice of Asia Pacific at international level.

The year 2011 saw also impressive results of UCLG ASPAC collaborative projects, such as the EU-funded Support for Decentralization in Developing Countries and Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA) which continue to bring benefits for its participants in Southeast Asia.

In terms of capacity building and development, we are glad to inform you about an increase in the number of members' representatives who received sponsorship to attend training and workshops from our international training center partners, such as CIFAL JEJU and IUTC in South Korea.

With these and other achievements and challenges during the last year we are determined to broaden services to our members and to continue contributing vigorously to the development of local governments and border crossing cooperation among our members in 2012.

Dr. Rudolf Hauter
Secretary General

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Dr. Fauzi Bowo
President
Jakarta Capital City

Co-Presidents



Cr. Genia McCaffery
(Pacific Sub-Region)
Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)
Co-President for Statutory Affairs
Responsible for oversight of constitutional matters at regional and global level of the organization.



Krishna Prasad Jaishi
(South and Southwest Asia Sub-Region)
Association of District Development Committees of Nepal (ADDCN)
Co-President Spokesperson for Membership
Responsible to oversee membership development and servicing matters, particularly membership drive and campaign and provision of services to members.



Mayor Kang Un Tae
(East and Northeast Asia Sub-Region)
Gwangju Metropolitan City
Co-President for Finance
Responsible to oversee the financial strategy, accounting and management of UCLG ASPAC finances.



Dr. Jatin V. Modi
All-India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG)
Co-President Representing Associate Members and International Local Government Organization Members.



Mayor Kim Bumil
Daegu Metropolitan City
Immediate Past President
and Co-President for Capacity Development & Research
Responsible to oversee the capacity development and research activities as part services to members.

SECRETARIAT

The UCLG ASPAC Secretariat has one regional office in Jakarta and two sub regional offices in India and Thailand. The regional office secretariat in Jakarta is supported by five divisions, Member Services, Capacity Development and Training, Office and Administration, Communication, and Strategic Services as well as one general assistant. The function of the regional office is to support the day to day activities of UCLG ASPAC, and as focal point for coordination with members and partners. The structure of the secretariat can be seen in the Annex. UCLG ASPAC Regional Office Jakarta, Indonesia UCLG



UCLG ASPAC Regional Office Jakarta, Indonesia



UCLG ASPAC Regional Office Team

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Natalis, Agus
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Desira, Yenny,
Andang, Tias

UCLG ASPAC OVERVIEW

The history of UCLG ASPAC started from the establishment of Institutional Union of Local Authorities (IULA). IULA was established in 1913 in Belgium with headquarters in The Hague while IULA ASPAC was established in September 1989 during the 29th IULA World Congress in Perth with Jakarta as its headquarters.

The United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Section (UCLG ASPAC) is one of the eight Regional Sections of The United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), an amalgamation of International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) and United Towns Organisation (UTO) starting 1 January 2004 with its Headquarters in Barcelona, Spain. UCLG ASPAC is the new entity of IULA-ASPAC, established in Taipei on 14 April 2004 during the 28th IULA-ASPAC Executive Committee meeting and Extraordinary Council meeting, following the unification of IULA and UTO at World level. United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) is the key knowledge management hub on local government issues in the region.

UCLG is a worldwide association of local government organizations that dates back to 1913. UCLG is the only local government organization recognized by the United Nations, and nominates 14 out of 35 members of UNACLA, the first advisory body of local authorities with the UN.

The Asia and Pacific region is the biggest of the eight sections in UCLG with linkages to more than 7,000 local governments. It represents well over 3.76 billion people – more than half of the world population – and incorporates economically fast developing countries such as China, India and Indonesia.

UCLG ASPAC is the united voice and advocate of democratic local self-government which promotes cooperation between governments and within the wider international communities in the Asia-Pacific region.

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SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Participants of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting and Council Meeting in Melbourne, Australia in October 2011

In 2011, UCLG ASPAC and its strategic partners and sub-regional offices have made numerous achievements, and has successfully implemented programs and activities as mandated in UCLG ASPAC Work Plan 2011-2013 which was presented at the Executive Bureau Meeting on 21 October 2010 in Hamamatsu, Japan.

Executive Bureau Meeting and Council Meeting - In 2011, UCLG ASPAC conducted two Executive Bureau Meetings and one Council Meeting.

The Meetings were complimented by successful international seminars namely "People, Places and Opportunities Towards Sustainable Cities – 2030" in Kerala and "Culture: A New Way of Thinking for Local Government" in Melbourne. Both were a success, featuring a list of distinguished speakers and attended by hundreds of participants.

Membership - One of the highlight achievements in Membership area is our ability to increase Asia Pacific representation at the *United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA)* (High Level Forum) from 7 to 14 representatives out of a total of 35 representatives worldwide. In an effort to reach more new members, UCLG ASPAC has opened two additional sub regional offices in Bangkok, Thailand, and New Delhi, India. Furthermore, four new members have joined UCLG ASPAC this year, Surakarta and Wakatobi from Indonesia, the Ministry of Solomon Islands and Shenzhen.

Capacity Development & Training - This year, the Capacity Development & Training has been successful in increasing the number of sponsorships provided for members to attend international workshops, training and forums organized by reputable organizations including CIFAL Jeju and International Urban Training Center (IUTC). The sponsorships allowed UCLG ASPAC members to participate in events such as Global City Forum in Abu Dhabi, International Congress for Political Participation and Women Leadership in Mexico, Workshop "Enhancing Human Security: Developing Local Government Capacities to Combat Child Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region", and IUTC "Training Course on Solid Waste Management", both in Korea.

Communications and Information - In 2011, a bi-monthly electronic newsletter to provide members and partners with fresh updates on local government activities in the regions was launched. In order to provide broader exposure to UCLG ASPAC programs and achievements, UCLG ASPAC also took part in international exhibitions and events including the 5th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF5) in Bangkok, Thailand.

Finance—The public accountant office "Drs Abdulrahman Hasan Salipu" has certified the UCLG ASPAC financial report as accountable and transparent. UCLG ASPAC has consolidated its finances and has been able to improve its financial base over the year. Compared to 2010, the cash and account receivable balance in 2011 increased by 17%. The increased balance in liabilities in 2011 is related to the recognition of unearned revenue from multi years projects. The membership contribution for the Asia Pacific portion in 2011 increased by 7%. The increase balance in net assets in 2011 is Rp. 760.195.304 (Equivalent to USD 83.832). Total savings/training fund in 2011 is increasing USD. 1.941,71. As per end of December 2011 the training fund balance is USD 155,460.97 whereas in Dec 2010 the training fund balance was USD 153,543,56.



K2H Fellowship by GADK Korea is among capacity building activities that draw participants from the region

Sub-Regions and Partners - Throughout 2011, UCLG ASPAC strategic partners and sub-regional offices continue to play a pivotal role in support of local government and international relationship in their countries. In addition, local government associations continue to collaborate with international organizations such as donor agencies and NGOs to develop programs and activities with excellent results.

Projects - In 2011, UCLG ASPAC collaborative projects continued to meet their goals and objectives:

- The highlight of the **Global Reports on Local Democracy and Decentralization (GOLD)** project was an international conference in June in which participants agreed to focus on "Governance of essential local public services" in the 3rd Global Report to be completed in 2014. The report will cover 15 countries in the region.
- The EU-funded "Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia" project or **DELGOSEA** has successfully conducted a midterm conference in Batam, Indonesia from 27-28 September. Nearly 140 representatives of both pilot and best practice cities, local government associations (LGAs), local governments, ministries, European Union and ASEAN were engaged in intensive dialogue, both in plenary sessions and working groups.
- In addition to the completion of "A Regional Report on Decentralization" in 7 (seven) ASEAN countries, the EU supported initiative "**Supporting Decentralization in Developing Countries**" has initiated a collaboration with ASEAN Secretariat which is expected to strengthen the project networking and benefit project stakeholders.
- For the ongoing **Country Profile** activity which is published at the Global Observatory on Local Democracy of UCLG, UCLG ASPAC has successfully elaborated 5 (five) new country profiles for Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kiribati, Nepal and Sri Lanka as well as updated or revised 7 (seven) existing country profiles for China, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines and Vietnam.
- In March 2011, UCLG ASPAC received a grant from Tetra Tech ARD to organize **Mayors Round Table of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security** as part of the project's multilateral partnership of the six countries of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. Held in May in Wakatobi, Indonesia, the event was a success and achieved its objective to bring the Mayors and their associates from the six countries together as to show their commitment by signing a Joint Communiqué.

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

STATUTORY MEETINGS

UCLG ASPAC holds two statutory meetings every year. The Executive Bureau Meeting is held twice a year while the Executive Council Meeting once a year. The Executive Bureau Meeting initiates proposals and carries out decisions of Regional Council. It is in-charge to approve matters such as annual budget and accounts, appoint membership committee and Financial Management Committee. The Executive Council Meeting attended by members of Regional Council. It decides matters such as the election of the President and the seven co-presidents, appointment of members of the Executive Bureau and the level of membership fees.

15th Executive Bureau Meeting, 24 April 2011, Kerala, India

The 15th Executive Bureau Meeting of UCLG ASPAC was held on 24 April 2011 in Kerala, India, hosted by the All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG). The meeting was chaired by Co-President Dr. Jatin V. Modi in the absence of the UCLG ASPAC President Dr. Fauzi Bowo. Mayor of Mumbai Shradha Jadhav, and Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Adov K. Chandrika attended the opening of the Meeting as well. 80 member representatives and partners participated in the meeting.



The 15th UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting in Kerala, India

Highlights of the meeting:

Nominations for UNACLA

UNACLA expanded its membership to 35 members with 14 members to represent Asia and Pacific region. The meeting suggested immediate nomination of the seven official UNACLA members and seven alternates representing UCLG ASPAC. The representatives should be elected members, representing either local governments or associations. President Fauzi Bowo in association with Secretary General would communicate this with the proposed representatives.

Proposal for the establishment of UCLG ASPAC sub-regional offices in India and Thailand

The new established sub regional offices in Mumbai and Bangkok aim to further develop membership base as well as beneficial collaboration with international organisations in the respective sub-regions. The Secretary General Rudolf Hauter and Ambassador Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods of UCLG ASPAC paid a visit to Mumbai as to ensure a smooth set up of the facility and prepare an agreement between UCLG ASPAC and AILSG. The Secretary General also held meetings with the President and senior officials of the Municipal League of Thailand (MLT) in Bangkok which resulted in an agreement between both parties to have an UCLG ASPAC facility established within MLT.

16th Executive Bureau Meeting, 3 October 2011, Melbourne, Australia



The 16th UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting was held on 3 October in Melbourne, Australia, jointly organised by UCLG ASPAC, Cultural Development Network, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Municipal Association of Victoria, City of Melbourne, and Arts Victoria. Attended by 80 member representatives and partners the meeting was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Mr. Robert Doyle and chaired by UCLG ASPAC President Gov. Fauzi Bowo.

Highlights of the meeting:

- The budget for 2012 was deliberated and accepted
- The Jakarta City Government representative gave a presentation on UCLG ASPAC Congress 2012, Jakarta. Themed "Resilient Cities: Rethink, Rebuild, Revitalize", the congress will take place in Jakarta on 2-5 October 2012.
- The proposed designation for co-Presidents was discussed in the meeting and it was agreed that the President and the Secretary General would finalize this matter. In due course, all co-Presidents agreed with their respective assignment, and all assured to do the best in performing their duties.

8th Council Meeting, 3 October 2011, Melbourne Australia

The Council Meeting of UCLG ASPAC was held on 3 October 2011 in Melbourne, Australia immediately after the Executive Bureau Meeting.

Highlights of the meeting:

- Annual Budget 2012 as presented in the Executive Bureau meeting in the morning received no further objection and was endorsed.
- The membership application from the Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening of Solomon Islands was approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of UCLG ASPAC consists of UCLG members from 22 countries throughout Asia and Pacific, and falls into categories of local government, associate and international local government organization memberships. UCLG ASPAC, through the Local Government Association membership, has linkages with around 7000 local governments in the region.

In 2011, the Membership Services section continued to provide services for all members as well as to broaden membership base as proven by expression and interest from various parties to become members of UCLG ASPAC.

Highlights of achievements include:

Joint Membership with METROPOLIS

Under the agreement between UCLG – UCLG ASPAC and METROPOLIS, local government members with a population of more than one million shall automatically be a joint-member of UCLG ASPAC and METROPOLIS. In 2011, the cities of Shenzhen and Haikou became new joint members.

Welcome to New Members

In 2011, The Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC received expression and has approved the following new members:



City of Surakarta, Indonesia

The membership of Surakarta was endorsed at the UCLG World Meeting in Rabat, Morocco, in June 2011. Surakarta, also called Solo or Sala, is a city in Central Java, Indonesia of more than 520,000 people.



Wakatobi Regency

The application has been approved by ASPAC meeting in Kerala, India in April 2011 and further in the World Meeting in Rabat, Morocco in June 2011. Wakatobi is a regency in South Eastern Sulawesi, Indonesia. The name Wakatobi is derived from the names of the main islands that form the area, Wangi Wangi Island, Kaledupa, Tona, and Binongko.



Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening (MPIIDG) of Solomon Islands

The application was approved at the ASPAC meeting in Melbourne Australia, and endorsed at the UCLG World Meeting in Florence in December 2011. Solomon is a sovereign state in Oceania east of Papua New Guinea, consisting of nearly one thousand islands. It covers a land mass of 28,400 square kilometres (11,000 sq mi). The capital, Honiara, is located on the island of Guadalcanal.



Shenzhen City

Shenzhen is a city in the south of Southern China's Guangdong Province, situated immediately north of Hongkong, with about 8.9 million permanent residents. Its membership was endorsed at UCLG World meeting in Florence in December 2011.



Haikou

Haikou, is the capital and most populous city of Hainan province, People's Republic of China with around 2 million inhabitants. Haikou was approved as a joint-member of UCLG ASPAC and Metropolis during the World Congress of Metropolis in Porto Alegre (Brasil), 23-26 November 2011

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING IN THE ASPAC REGION

In terms of Capacity Development & Training, this year we saw a growing number of events co-organized between UCLG ASPAC and international organizations. In addition, there is also an increase in the number of UCLG ASPAC members receiving sponsorship to attend capacity building activities in Asia Pacific.

Highlights of Capacity Development & Training activities in 2011:

SPECIFIC PROJECT

Status Report 2010 – Women's Representation in Local Government in Asia Pacific



The first ever status report on Women's Representation in Local Government in Asia Pacific is a product of the partnership of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, part of UN Women), United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF). Members and networks of UCLG ASPAC namely the Australian Local Government Association, Local Government New Zealand, Council of Local Authorities International Relations (CLAIR), Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA), Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) and Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF), Philippines were acknowledged in the report. They contributed necessary data and information for the report.

State of Asian Cities 2010/2011 Report



The State of Asian Cities Report 2010/2011 is the result of a cooperative effort between UN-HABITAT, UN-ESCAP, UNEP and UCLG ASPAC. The report reviews and documents the trends in inclusive and sustainable urban development throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

WORKSHOP & TRAINING

FCM-FKKA Workshop on "Nurturing Collaboration among local governments: Innovation in local government associations to engage members through sub-national groupings", 24 February, Jakarta, Indonesia
Organized by the Federation Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in collaboration with Forum of Local Governments and Legislatures of Aceh Province (Forum KKA), the workshop aimed to provide an opportunity for local government associations in Asia to learn about different models and structures of government associations. The ASPAC Secretariat and members of Southeast Asian LGAs such as NLC/S, ACVN, ADKASI, and ADEKSI participated in the workshop.

Workshop "Enhancing Human Security: Developing Local Government Capacities to Combat Child Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region" by Cifal JEJU/Jeju International Training Center (JITC), 30 March – 1 April 2011, Rep. of Korea

The workshop under the thematic area "Human Security and Safety" was the first of its kind conducted within the Cifal Network. UCLG ASPAC members from Nepal and Probolinggo, Indonesia received sponsorship from the organizer to attend the workshop.



IUTC training participant participated in one of the workshop's field activities

IUTC Training Course on Solid Waste Management, 24 August – 2 September, Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea

The training course aimed to provide principles of solid waste management, basic mechanisms of Community Based Campaign on solid waste management, and to share successful case studies of solid waste management through the promotion of Community Based Campaign in Korea, as well as from other cities throughout the world. IUTC sponsored UCLG ASPAC members from Kamphaengphet Municipality, Phitsanulok Municipality (MLT members), Probolinggo Municipality and Local Councils Association of the Punjab to attend the course.

Cifal Jeju Workshop "Enhancing Safety and Security: Reducing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience to Natural Hazards", 7-9 September 2011, Jeju, Rep. of Korea

Cifal Jeju financed the participation of UCLG ASPAC members from Surabaya City Government, Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Local Councils Association of the Punjab.

IUTC Training Course on Urban Transport, 21–27 September, Gangwon Province, Rep. of Korea

The overall goal of the course was to build the capacity of participants in planning for sustainable urban mobility. A representative from the National League of Communes/Sangkats, Cambodia was selected to participate in the workshop.

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Workshop for Young Political Leaders of Asia on "Local Development Planning", 6-7 October, Yogyakarta

UCLG ASPAC, as requested by the KAS Singapore Office, organized a study visit for young political leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Myanmar, Philippines, Pakistan and Singapore to Yogyakarta City and Kartamantul, the joint secretariat of local governments.

UNITAR Cifal Jeju Workshop "Low-Carbon City: Green Growth for Local Governments" 12-14 October 2011, Jeju, Republic of Korea

The workshop was composed of lectures conducted by experts from the Presidential Committee on Green Growth of Korea, UNITAR, UNEP, UNDP, and ADB, case study submitted from participants, site visits and UNITAR presentation on CityShare Methodology for City-to-City cooperation. UCLG ASPAC member from All India Institute of Local Self Government, Mr. Ranjit Chavan, was selected to attend the workshop.

UNITAR CIFAL Jeju Workshop "Improving Eco-Efficiency: Green Growth for Local Governments" 9-11 November 2011, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea

A workshop on **Improving Eco-Efficiency: Green Growth for Local Governments** was conducted by UNITAR & CIFAL Jeju in partnership with Presidential Committee on Green Growth from 9 to 11 November in Jeju. UCLG ASPAC member from Candigarh, India was sponsored to participate in the workshop.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS & SEMINARS

International Congress for Political Participation and Women Leadership, 31 March – 1 April 2011, Mexico City, Mexico

The congress was organized by Mexico's Federal District Assembly and the Electoral Court of the Federal Judicial Branch with the support from UNDP, UN-Women and the Electoral Institute of Mexico City. Two mayors from UCLG ASPAC members, **Mayor Adrienne Lee Staples of South Wairarapa District, New Zealand** and **Mayor Annabelle C. Tangson of San Luis Aurora Municipality, Philippines** gave presentations at the Congress.

UCLG ASPAC International Conference "People, Places and Opportunities Towards Sustainable Cities – 2030", 23 April, Kerala, India

The conference was organized by the All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG) in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC. UCLG ASPAC members took part as speakers in the conference, namely from Changwon City, Gunsan City, Hamamatsu City, Jakarta Capital City Government and Municipal Association of Bangladesh and Municipal League of Thailand. The conference produced UCLG ASPAC Special Statement regarding the Great East Japan Earthquake, as attached.



International conference such as above gives added value to UCLG ASPAC meetings

International Conference on the Coalition of Cities against Discrimination, 20-21 June 2011, Bangkok

The conference was organised by the Municipal League of Thailand and UNESCO Bangkok and themed "Coalition of Cities against Discrimination for Global Social Inclusions". Co-President Krishna Prasad Jaishi attended and represented UCLG ASPAC in the Conference.

The Fifth Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF 5), 22 – 24 June 2011, Bangkok

UCLG ASPAC participated in the forum with the following activities:

Mayors' Round Table on "MDGs Challenges and the Way Forward"



APUF 5 Mayors' Round Table produced "Bangkok Declaration" on MDG commitment

This session was jointly organized by UCLG ASPAC, Citynet and UN Millennium Campaign. It produced the Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the MDGs to affirm commitment and to give priority to the MDGs and to ask the national governments to keep their promises and recognize the role of local government as an essential and unique partner in meeting the MDGs. To see the declaration please see Annex.

CDIA's Panel Session, 24th June

The session aimed to examine whether there are sufficient incentives to create an enabling environment for more inclusiveness in project formulation. Executive Director of MuAN, Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota, represented UCLG ASPAC as panelist in the session.

Exhibition

UCLG ASPAC set up a booth at the APUPS Exhibition arena, showcasing best practices and case studies of DELGOSEA projects.

Conference on "Culture: A New Way of Thinking for Local Government", 4 October, Melbourne, Australia

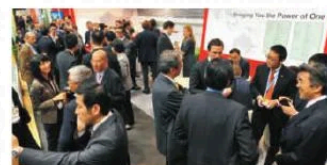
The one-day ASPAC Conference on Culture presented a very quick and up-lifting example of city/LGA using the arts/cultural activities to have a positive impact on social, environment or economic outcomes. The conference also elaborated the UCLG Policy Statement on Culture and its potential to change the way culture is valued and supported by local government in Asia Pacific region. With opening remarks by UCLG ASPAC President Dr. Fauzi Bowo, the conference featured a number of presentations including from UCLG ASPAC members.



Dr. Jatin V. Modi speaks at the conference "Culture: A New Way of Thinking for Local Government"

Sixth MIPIM Asia (Real Estate Conference & Exhibition), 15-17 November 2011, Hong Kong

UCLG ASPAC was invited to become partner of the conference which held a special session themed "Liveable cities: Eco-friendly infrastructure and housing for building a sustainable future" moderated by Secretary General Dr. Rudolf Hauter with presentations by two UCLG ASPAC members from Incheon and Taichung.



At the 6th MIPIM Asia, UCLG ASPAC held a special session on livable cities

The 3rd International Philippines Global Cities Convention and Exposition, 17-19 November, Manila

Organized by The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), the event was themed "Bridging Cities, Transforming Lives". UCLG ASPAC Co-President Krishna Prasad Jaishi gave a presentation on "Promoting Inclusive Growth for Cities" at the Plenary Session at the Plenary Session

FORUMS & MEETINGS

Sub-Regional Meeting of CDIA Stakeholders Forum, 9-10 March 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia

The Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) conducted a sub-regional meeting hosted by the Jakarta Capital City Government. The meeting discussed perspectives specific to South East Asia on key products, processes and services. The meeting was attended by representatives from country members of Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

Global City Forum, 15–17 March 2011, Abu Dhabi

With the theme "City Identity and Values", The three-day program featured insights, high level discussion and knowledge sharing between mayors, urban planners and city leaders from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and America. UCLG ASPAC co-organized a break out session themed "Migration, Identity and Economic Competitiveness: Success Stories of Integration" moderated by UCLG ASPAC Ambassador, Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods OAM.

High Level Dialogue on Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development 19–21 July 2011, Solo–Indonesia

The Dialogue was hosted jointly by the Government of Indonesia and the Rio+20 Secretariat, and chaired by H.E Prof. Dr. Gusti Muhammad Hatta, Minister for Environment, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia. The objective of the Dialogue was to support the preparatory process for Rio+20 by providing a forum for delegates and invited experts to share views and hold frank discussions, in a non-negotiations context, on the pros and cons of various options and proposals. The seven key messages from the Dialogue were summarized under the title "Solo Message". UCLG was represented by UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, Dr. Rudolf Hauter in this event.

3rd Asia Pacific Mayors' Forum on Environmentally Sustainable Urban Infrastructure, 30-31 August, Suncheon, Republic of Korea



3rd Asia Pacific Mayors Forum was organized by UNESCAP in Suncheon Korea

UN-ESCAP organized the 3rd Asia Pacific Mayors' Forum on Environmentally Sustainable Urban Infrastructure held on 30-31 August 2011 in Suncheon, Republic of Korea. The Forum showcased innovative practices and discussed policy options for promoting low carbon green growth and development of competitive and liveable cities in Asia-Pacific. UN-ESCAP sponsored the participation of UCLG ASPAC members from Municipal Association of Bangladesh, Municipal Association of Nepal, Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Local Councils Association of the Punjab.

China Sustainable Development Forum, 18-20 November 2011, Zuhai

The forum was conducted by Global Mayors' Forum (GMF) and United Nations in support of the Rio+20 Summit which will take place in June 2012. Director of Local Government International Division of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) Ruoning Zhang attended and represented UCLG ASPAC at the Forum.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The Communication and Information Division provides support in communicating UCLG ASPAC's programs and activities to members, partners and general public through regular electronic and print newsletters, website, social media, events and other publications.

Highlights of Activities in 2011:



Cover of UCLG ASPAC 6-monthly print newsletter

UCLG ASPAC Local Governments Newsletter

UCLG ASPAC Local Governments Newsletter is a six-monthly print publication that deals with various topics related with local government development in Asia Pacific. The articles are submitted by members, partners as well as staff of UCLG ASPAC. In 2011, UCLG ASPAC Local Governments Newsletter introduced a new lay-out and design to improve readability. Each volume includes 10-15 articles with topics ranging from write-ups on UCLG ASPAC events, success stories in local government management, members' programs and activities to profiles of inspiring local government officials in Asia Pacific. The newsletters are distributed to visitors of various events held by UCLG ASPAC or those that the organization took part in.

Electronic Newsletter

UCLG ASPAC is distributing a bi-monthly electronic newsletter by emails to its members and strategic partners. In 2011, Communications and Information division published 6 e-newsletters which contains 5-6 articles on secretariat activities, local government development and members updates.

UCLG ASPAC website

UCLG ASPAC website (www.uclg-aspace.org) continues to support the organization's mission to become the key knowledge management hub on local government issues in Asia Pacific. In June, the website's database system was improved using a new software to allow web administrator to better manage all content and information and make the website more user-friendly. Throughout the year, the website content is regularly updated including its news and Calendar of Events sections.



UCLG ASPAC booth at APUPF exhibition arena in Bangkok, Thailand

Events

UCLG ASPAC also communicates its programs and activities by participating in various events in Asia Pacific. On 22nd – 24th, UCLG ASPAC participated at the 5th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF 5) held on June in Bangkok, through various events including the Exhibition Forum. UCLG ASPAC's booth attracted hundreds of visitors who were provided with various information on UCLG-ASPAC and its partners and members including printed materials in the form of program reports, brochures and newsletters. The booth also showcased panels of best practice stories from EU-funded DELGOSEA program.

FINANCE

UCLG ASPAC has its 2011 financial report audited by the public accountant office "Drs Abdulrahman Hasan Salipu". The public accountant office stated that UCLG ASPAC financial report as of 31 December 2011 and 2010 fairly presented, in all material respects. UCLG ASPAC has consolidated its finances and has been able to improve its financial base over the year. Compared to 2010, the cash and account receivable balance in 2011 increased by 17%. The increased balance in liabilities in 2011 is related to the recognition of unearned revenue from multi years projects. The membership contribution for the Asia Pacific portion in 2011 increased by 7%. The increase balance in net assets in 2011 is Rp. 760.195.304 (Equivalent to USD 83.832). Total savings/training fund in 2011 is increasing USD. 1.941,71. As per end of December 2011 the training fund balance is USD 155,460.97 whereas in Dec 2010 the training fund balance was USD 153.543,56. Please see the balance sheet for more details.

United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (UCLG - ASPAC)				
Balance sheet				
As of December 31, 2011 and 2010				
(in Pacific)				
	Other	2011	2010	
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	0	4,870,897,078	3,910,428,867	
Receivables	1,4	206,538,270	305,051,400	
Total current assets		5,077,435,348	4,215,480,267	
Fixed assets				
Office equipment	5,1	300,805,700	300,805,700	
Total assets		5,378,241,048	4,516,285,967	
Liabilities and fund balance				
Current liabilities				
Payable	6	-	1,18,270,751	
Unearned revenue		256,794,236	-	
Total current liabilities		256,794,236	118,270,751	
Net assets				
Endowment fund	7	1,170,145,699	2,140,887,154	
Reserve fund		1,424,450	-	
Provision for depreciation	7	273,624,450	1,700,843,833	
Total net assets		5,744,797,181	4,170,184,188	
Total liabilities and net assets		5,378,241,048	4,516,285,967	

Prepared by the office of the United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Centre

SUB-REGIONS AND MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

The local governments in the sub-regions continued to make progress through various activities and programs. In collaboration with local government associations and other organizations in the region including UCLG ASPAC, they attended and organized forums, trainings and workshops, not only to enhance the capacity of local government staff and officers but also to expand their networks. The year 2011 also saw a significant increase in programs and activities conducted by local government associations and its counterparts across the region.

Here are highlights of activities from January to December 2011 from 4 sub-regions of South & Southwest, East & Northeast, Southeast Asia and Pacific Southwest Asia.

SOUTH-WEST ASIA

Nepal

Nepal is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of biodiversity due to its geographical position and altitudinal variation. Nepal is administratively divided into five development regions, 75 districts, 99 urban cities (One metropolitan city, four sub-metropolitan city and 94 municipalities). Of the total, 41 municipalities are recently declared by the government of Nepal. There are altogether 3,884 Village Development Committees in rural areas.



Schools are among beneficiaries of programs of local government bodies in Nepal

Highlights of activities include:

Policy concerns about local government

The Association of DDCs (ADDCN) is actively involved in the areas of policy advocacy and lobby with the government of Nepal, political parties and their senior leaders and constituent assembly members for the constitutional provisions of local government in the new Constitution and interim local government bodies' election. The various activities such as interaction, publication, media mobilization, research, study, street relay and strike are being carried out in the collaboration with the other like-minded civil society organizations in 2011.

Programs of local government bodies in Nepal

Local government bodies have given high priority for the activities of child friendly, gender sensitive and disadvantaged focused. According to the local government grant operation guideline, local government bodies have to allocate at least 10 % for women, 10 % for children and 15 % of the total development budget to disadvantaged communities and utilize accordingly.

Assessment activities

ADDCN has been carrying out the stock taking assessment on the use of district/village/ municipal development funds for children, women and disadvantaged groups of 23 districts of Nepal with the financial and technical support of UNICEF Nepal. It has been reviewing the decentralization and equity status for child rights and child focus program in Nepal.



All India Institute of Local Self Government

The All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG) established in 1926 and recognized as Association of Local bodies in India. The entire working of the AIILSG is according to the rules and regulations and Memorandum of Association is registered under society's registration act. Dr. Jatin V.Modi, President of the AIILSG and the members of the Governing Council are the elected representatives of the local bodies in India.

AIILSG continues to carry out more capacity development activities in India

Highlights of activities during 2011 include:

International Conference "People, Places and Opportunities Towards Sustainable Cities – 2030", 23 April, Kerala, India

The conference was organized in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC and focused on the trends in urbanization and the challenges before the local governments in the context of urban governance.

National Seminar on Financial Accessibility of the Street Vendors in India

This seminar was organized by UNDP, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MOH & UPA) Government of India & the RCUES of AIILSG. The intent of study and the major findings of the study undertaken by TISS and UNDP were presented in the seminar and discussed. Street vendors are one of the most marginalized, poor as well as vulnerable sectors of the urban informal labor market.

Training on Capacity Building for Elected Corporators and Councillors of Municipal Authorities of Goa

This special training program on capacity building was held in Shirdi, Maharashtra, on the special request from the Government of Goa, the RCUES OF AIILSG organized for the elected councillors of Municipal Authorities in Goa. This capacity building programs were also held in different towns for the municipal elected representatives.

Waste Management & Research Center Established by Water Supply & Sanitation Department Of Government Of Maharashtra

The water Supply & Sanitation Department (WSSD), government of Maharashtra has set up a Waste Management & Research Center at AIILSG, Mumbai. The Waste Management & Research center will be responsible in coordination and monitoring of works related with waste management in the State of Maharashtra. Similarly the center will network with the leading research institutes in Mumbai for R& D activities related with waste Management. This cell will focus on the waste management activities of urban areas in the state.

Conclave On Urban Poverty Alleviation & Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY)

The conclave on urban poverty alleviation and Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) was jointly organized by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, government of India, Housing Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Maharashtra Housing & Area Development Authority & the All India Institute of Local Self Government in Sept. Major issues were discussed during the conclave included the reform agenda at the State and city level, need

for evolving a comprehensive policy frame work and adopting a mission mode approach to urban poverty. This program was organized by the RCUES of All India Institute of Local Self Government.

Training Program On Building Related Information And Knowledge System (BRIKS)

Under the auspices of National Building Organization, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, a one day training program was organized by the Regional center for Urban & Environmental studies of All India Institute of Local Self Government.

Capacity Building Program on Urban Poverty Alleviation – Skill & Livelihoods Development: Implementation – Issues and Exchange of Best Practices.

A two capacity building program was organized at Goa in November organized by Regional Center for Urban & Environmental studies of All India Institute of Local Self Government and the program was supported by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India. The program was focused on improving the urban management and governance in urban local bodies.

EAST & NORTHEAST ASIA

China

The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) was established in 1954. It is a national organization aiming at enhancing people's friendship, furthering international cooperation, safeguarding world peace and promoting common development. On behalf of the Chinese people, the CPAFFC makes contacts and establishes friendly links with organizations and personages of various circles in other countries on the international arena. One of its main tasks is to coordinate and oversee the work of establishing and developing friendship-city relations between localities in China and their counterparts in other countries, and to facilitate exchanges and cooperation between these localities.

Highlights of activities in 2011 include

- Conference on Local Council Legislation and Sister Cities exchange between China and Brazil with UNALE in Santa Catharina, Brazil in March.
- The 1st Hundred City Forum in June
- Host of the Mixed High-level Committee meeting on Cooperation of local governments of China and France on 10 July
- Held the first Forum of Chinese Provincial Governors and American State Governors in Salt Lake City, Utah and the second round talks in Beijing in July and October in cooperation with the American National Governors Association
- China-Japan-Korea Sister Cities Conference in August
- Hosted the 8th Sister Cities Mayors' Forum in Xiamen on 8th September
- Held a symposium for the Lot-et-Garonne municipal and provincial governor's delegation of France in October
- Hosted the 3rd hosted the first Friendship Cities and Local Governments Cooperation Forum of BRICS in December

Korea

Governors Association of Korea (GAOK)

Throughout the year, the association conducted an agenda which not only benefit its members, but also the local governments in the region

Highlights of the activities include:



In 2011, GAOK invited 46 officials from 8 countries for its K2H program.

Korea Heart to Heart Fellowship Program (K2H)

K2H Fellowship Program is a 6months (April-October) professional-level exchange program that fosters international cooperation among Korean and foreign local governments. This annual fellowship program has had more than 400 local government officials from approximately 16 different countries participating since 1999. This year, GAOK invited 46 local officials from 8 countries.

13th Korea China Japan Local Governments Conference

The Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference has been held annually since 1999 in a pursuit of strengthening networks and exchanging best practices among local governments of the three participating countries. GAOK, CPAFFC and CLAIR are the three main organizers of the event. The 13th conference was co-hosted in Korea by GAOK and Jeollabuk-do Province from 29 August-2 September. This year's conference recorded the highest number of participants by a total of 532 delegates attending from the three countries. The 14th conference is expected to be held next year in Kunming city, Capital of Yunnan province, China.

Jeju Island

Highlights of the activities include

Jeju Island is one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature

The New 7 Wonders of Nature organization has named Jeju as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature Foundation along with the Amazon, Halong Bay, Iguazu Falls, Komodo Island, Puerto Princesa Underground River, and Table Mountain.



This year, Jeju hosted numerous events attracting participants from many parts in Asia-Pacific

The 6th Jeju Forum in Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, May 27-29, Jeju, Korea

The forum was held under the title of "New Asia: for Peace and Prosperity" attended by 1,800 participants from 23 countries. Topics discussed in 63 concurrent panels of the forum included international cooperation for peaceful and ecological conservation and utilization of the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), culture fusion in East Asia, and world heritage and environmental conservation.

Jeju Youth Forum, 27-30 October

Aimed at providing young future leaders an opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions, Jeju Youth Forum brought together over 100 high school students from 16 cities in China, Japan, Russia, Vietnam, and Korea for intercultural and intellectual discussions on the island of Jeju.

CIFAL Jeju workshops & seminar organized by the CIFAL Jeju

This year, CIFAL Jeju organized five workshops with topics ranging from developing local government capacities to combating child trafficking, improving eco-efficiency, and reducing vulnerability and building resilience against natural hazards. The workshops served as a venue for local actors in various sectors to discuss and share best practices through lectures, self-assessment modules, and city-to-city cooperation. Participating in the workshops were approximately 200 attendees from 10 Asian countries, including representatives of local governments, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions as well as technical officers, and more than 20 lecturers and panel discussants from UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, UNESCP, and Asian Development.

Gangwon Province

In addition to winning the bid to host 2018 Winter Olympics, this year Gangwon Province received visits from delegates of 18 countries to their renowned Rural Community Renewal Campaign. Initiated in 1998, the campaign is a rural development program with numerous trainings which allows participants to learn and share knowledge in rural development with Gangwon communities. This year, more than 180 delegates from 18 countries including Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ecuador, Vietnam and Ghana participated in the campaign's series trainings with topics such as irrigation and agricultural development, regional economic development, and rural development strategy.



Participants at the Gangwon renowned Rural Community Renewal Campaign

Japan



CLAIR hosted the 25th JET Program

The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) was established in July 1988 in response to rising concerns about local-level internationalization in Japan. CLAIR was created to promote and provide support for local internationalization. CLAIR promotes the international exchange activities of Japanese local governments, notably sister-city relations and international affiliation exchange, by gathering and providing information to interested parties or introducing prospective exchange partners.

Highlights of activities in 2011 include

The 25th Anniversary of JET Program

The year 2011 marked the 25th year of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program which is run by CLAIR. JET Program is administered in cooperation with local government organizations and is aimed at promoting grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations. On September 8th, CLAIR organized the "JET Program 25th Anniversary Commemorative Symposium at United Nations University, U Thant Hall in cooperation. This symposium was co-hosted by Ministry of Foreign Officers (MOFA), the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

In its 25 years, JET Program had more than 55,000 participants from more than 60 different countries and is one of the world's largest international exchange programs. The success of JET Program has been contributed to the quality of participants and received enthusiastic support from many local governments in Japan and the Japanese central government. The commemorative symposium highlighted the contribution of JET Program to the English language education in Japan as well as internationalization among Japanese communities.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Vietnam

Throughout the year, the Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN) continued to make substantial progress in capacity building development of city governments, as well as to build networks with local governments and associations across the region.



ACVN evaluation expert visited Vinh City

Highlights of the activities include:

ACVN internal programs and activities

- The launch of "Developing Green – Clean – Beautiful Cities/Towns" campaign.
- In conjunction with Ministry of Home Affairs, ACVN conducted the Training Course of Urban Management. Funded by ADB, the training was attended by representatives of 14 cities and provincial departments of constructions across the country
- The 3rd Congress of ACVN was conducted at the same time of Vietnam Urban Day on 8 November. During the event, 16 cities and towns were rewarded with Green, Clean, Beautiful Cities Awards 2010-2011.

ACVN activities related with international programs and projects

- Implementation of UCLG ASPAC regional activities including Preparation of a Report in Decentralization in Local Government and participation in the Regional Initiative of Development Index along with UCLG ASPAC, Indonesia and the Philippines.
- Implementation of Municipal Partnership for Economic Development Program (MPED) activities in collaboration with FCM
- Implementation of the Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA) project activities
- Implementation of Vietnam Urban Indicators Project activities with UN HABITAT
- Implementation of the EU-funded KAS-ACVN Project activities.
- Implementation of the Pro-Poor Waste Management project activities UN ESCAP

Indonesia

In line with the current autonomy regulation, local governments across the Archipelago are emerging as main actors of development.

Highlights of activities include:

Surabaya

1st ASEAN Mayors Forum 24-25 October



Surabaya hosted the 1st ASEAN Mayors Forum in 2011

The Association of City Governments of Indonesia (APEKSI) initiated the 1st ASEAN Mayors Forum on 24-25 October in Surabaya, the capital of East Java province. Hosted by the city's administration, one of the main purposes of the forum is to ensure the establishment of ASEAN Community in 2015. The forum was attended by 70 participants from 6 ASEAN countries and was opened by the Governor of East Java while the keynote speech was delivered by Deputy Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia. An important result of the Forum was the composition of the Surabaya Communiqué in which forum participants agreed to establish a network called ASEAN Mayors Forum.

Jakarta Asia Water Summit, 17-19 November, Jakarta

The conference and exhibition on water and waste treatment technology was conducted by IIRC Singapore in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC and Jakarta city government. Attended by hundreds of participants from the region, Asia Water Summit showcased the latest technology in water and waste treatment technology as well as a series of seminars and workshop sessions on water and waste management for urban areas in Asia. The event was launched by UCLG ASPAC President and Governor of Jakarta Dr. Fauzi Bowo.

The International Workshop on Social Inclusion, 15 December, Jakarta

The workshop was organized by the Jakarta Capital City Government and aimed to discuss social inclusion from the views of education, economy, culture and religion. Speakers included Vice President for Administration of the University of Makati, Philippines Raymundo Arcega, Director of Center for Good Governance Christoph Behrens and World Bank Social Development Specialist Isono Sadoko.



Deputy Governor of Jakarta opened International Workshop on Social Inclusion in Jakarta

PACIFIC

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), as the national voice for around 560 local councils, enjoys a close and productive working relationship with the Australian Government. Local government also participates in a range of other intergovernmental Ministerial Councils in portfolio areas of relevance to local government. Throughout 2011, ALGA has pursued three key priorities – securing more financial support for the local government sector, pursuing the recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution, and mitigating against and adapting to the impacts of climate change.



Delegates at the 2011 National Local Roads and Transport Congress call for the renewal of the Roads to Recovery Program

Highlights of activities include:

Intergovernmental Relations

The Roads to Recovery program is an excellent example of a program whereby the Federal Government successfully and directly provides road funding to local councils. The Roads to Recovery program currently provides \$350 million each year to local government for roads and related infrastructure.

ALGA has embarked on a campaign to convince the Australian Government to continue the Roads to Recovery program beyond 2014, when it is due to end.

Constitutional Recognition

Local governments in Australia believe that the national Constitution should reflect the history of the past 110 years and the current partnership between the Australian Government and local government in funding and delivering services to communities. At ALGA's 2011 National General Assembly in June the organization took a huge step forward with the establishment by the Federal Government of an independent expert panel on constitutional recognition of local government. This is extremely important because ALGA now has a process to move forward towards a referendum on local government by 2013 and an opportunity to make the ALGA proposal for financial recognition of local government the basis of the referendum question to change the Constitution. ALGA seeks a simple pragmatic change to the Constitution to confirm the ability of the Federal Government to directly fund local government.

Climate Change

Recently, the Australian Government announced a mechanism for mitigating against climate change by introducing carbon pricing from 1 July 2012. The starting point of a carbon price will be \$23 for each tonne of carbon dioxide pollution or equivalent. This price will rise annually for three years until 1 July 2015, when the carbon price mechanism will then transition to an emissions trading scheme, with the price to be determined by the market. The rationale for a carbon price is that it will create economic incentives for the biggest polluters to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases. Whilst Australian action on climate change and reducing emission is important, it is essential that all nations work to tackle this pressing issue. Australia contributes a relatively small proportion of global emissions and if we are to avoid dangerous global temperature increases, global emissions will need to be reduced in line with the targets in the Kyoto Protocol.

Events and meetings

Key national events and meetings for local government in Australia during 2011:

- 19 – 22 June, National General Assembly of Local Government
- 16 – 18 November, National Local Roads and Transport Congress
- 3 October, UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council Meetings
- 4 October, Culture: A New Way of Thinking for Local Government

PROJECT

This section of the Annual Report highlights achievements from UCLG ASPAC collaborative projects and programs

GLOBAL REPORTS ON LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND DECENTRALIZATION

UCLG has initiated the publication of a Global Report on Local Democracy and Decentralization with a triennial frequency in the year 2007, for which it requested the collaboration of experts and academics of different regions of the world. The 1st Global Report "Decentralization and local democracy in the world" has been published in 2008. The 2nd Global Report was recently published in November 2010 and is devoted to "Local Government Finances: The Challenges of the 21st Century".

Highlights of activities include:

International conference, June 1, Barcelona, Spain

The international conference at the UCLG headquarters in Barcelona agreed to focus on "Governance of essential local public services" in the 3rd Global Report to be completed in 2014. UCLG ASPAC has named two regional co-coordinators who will be in charge of management and coordination of project activities, and the substantive contents and quality of the Asia-Pacific Section of Gold III Report. The report will cover 15 countries in the ASPAC region. Australia and New Zealand will be handled under a separate project item. The country reports will focus on governance mechanisms for delivery of basic urban services in towns and intermediate size cities. A separate study is being made of megacities and metropolitan areas.

EU SUPPORTED PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (DELGOSEA)

The Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA) is a network of 32 cities from five countries – Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam – with the aim to share knowledge and replicate best practices on four main areas: people's participation in planning and decision-making, institutional governance, inclusive urban public services and fiscal management & investment planning.

This network is supported by the European Union, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, UCLG-ASPAC as well as 11 Local Government Associations, four partners and various other stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and media.



Development activity at Khongkhaen, one of DELGOSEA participating cities in Thailand

Below is the list of cities and municipalities in Southeast Asia participating in DELGOSEA:

Countries	Source Cities ¹
Cambodia	Toul Sangke Sangkat/Commune
Indonesia	Solo, Kartamantul, Yogyakarta
Philippines	Marikina, Tubigon
Thailand	Muangkiang Town, Phuket, Udonthani
Vietnam	Lang Son

Countries	Recipient Cities ²
Cambodia	Choam Chao Sangkat, Kampot Municipality
Indonesia	Kupang, Pangkal Pinang, Tarakan, Wakatobi
Philippines	Bacolod City, Misamis Oriental, One Pangasinan Alliance of Local Government Units (OPAL)
Thailand	Chiang Rai City, Pakkred Municipality, Songkhla, Yala City
Vietnam	Danang City, Tra Vinh City, Vinh City

Highlights of achievements in 2011:

- Whereas activities in 2010 were focused on research, documentation and capacity building for DELGOSEA coaches, the year 2011 concentrated on the replication of best practices. First and foremost, the pilot cities worked extensively on the adaptation of the selected best practices into their local circumstances and frameworks. A detailed concept, also including an action and budget plan, had to be drafted. It describes in details how the selected project should be implemented in the particular cities. The transfer concepts were discussed with all local stakeholders and finally being signed by the mayors and integrated into the local development plans.
- Extensive training for local stakeholders have been carried out. The aim was to ensure that all stakeholders are ready and capable to start replication. Parts of the training were the 16 study tours to the best practice cities. It was an exciting experience for all participants to meet their counterparts and experience firsthand the project they are going to replicate.
- Parallel to the project replication, the DELGOSEA coaches started to consult the cities on the drafting of logical frameworks as the basis for future monitoring. First, monitoring visits were carried out immediately after the midterm conference in Batam, Indonesia. The midterm conference was a highlight itself. With more than 130 participants from five countries, an exhibition from the 16 pilot cities as well as several panel discussions, a real and intense knowledge exchange and sharing was observed throughout the conference. Among the midterm conclusions was that the project is on track to achieve its objectives.
- Another highlight in 2011 was the publication of the Best Practices in four volumes in addition to the textbook and teaching guidelines for project replication. It has also become an important priority to increase and strengthen the support network surrounding DELGOSEA, offering help and advice not only to each pilot city but also to other cities that are interested in implementing best practices. The network has further been strengthened by the extensive use of the website, social media – such as Facebook, Youtube and Twitter – and the e-newsletter 'DELGOSEA network news'.



DELGOSEA Mid-term conference in Batam was a success

1. Best practice cities in one of the thematic areas.
2. Cities that replicate best practices from other countries.

EU-SUPPORTED SUPPORTING DECENTRALIZATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The GOLD Reports are the Flag-Ship publication of United Cities and Local Governments UCLG, the fruit of triennial processes of research and debate among local authorities and the wider academic and professional community. They present the diverse reality of local governments: their views, needs and challenges with regard to a specific key theme affecting their daily function and long-term sustainability.



Participants of coordination meeting in Barcelona, Spain

United Cities and Local Governments and the European Commission (EC) initiated the project "Supporting Decentralization in Developing Countries" in 2010. It will be concluding on 30 November 2012. The **overall objective** is to support decentralization and local democracy processes in developing countries, in order to strengthen local development and good governance and more specifically to have strengthened local governments with the capacity to analyze, to define priority agendas (1st domain) and to dialogue with States and regional institutions in support of decentralization and the role of local governments (LG) (2nd domain). ASPAC has accepted to cover the Southeast Asia region.

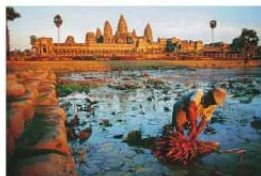
Main emphasis has been placed on the 1st domain during 2011. A Regional Report on Decentralization in 7 ASEAN Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia) has been finalized in June 2011. A draft for a regional agenda has been discussed with associations and partners in all countries. Furthermore, a pilot project on Decentralization indicators has been launched in three countries.

At the same time the project has started building networks and synergies by discussing potential cooperation in

- a high ranking conference on decentralization in Southeast with the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta
- research and consulting with the ASEAN University Network (AUN)
- dialogue between countries with the UNDP office in Bangkok
- exchange of experience with the DELGOSEA project, a partner of ASPAC and co-funded by the European Commission

COUNTRY PROFILES

"Country Profiles" is an important ongoing activity and published at the Global Observatory on Local Democracy of UCLG since 2007. The profiles include updated information and data for over 50 selected countries including specific facts on the state of local democracy and decentralized governance. The profiles have been produced by local experts under the academic coordination of Research Network of Local Government of Europe (GRALE), University of Paris. Data on decentralization and local governance are compiled by UCLG with the sponsorship of UN-Habitat and the French Foreign Ministry.



UCLG ASPAC produce new country profile for Cambodia

For 2011, UCLG ASPAC works with its members, local government associations and experts on local governance issues to produce 5 (five) new country profiles for Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kiribati, Nepal and Sri Lanka and updated or revised 7 (seven) existing country profiles of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines and Vietnam.

MAYORS ROUND TABLE OF THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of six countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste) formed in 2009 to address the urgent threats facing the coastal and marine resources of one of the most biologically diverse and ecologically rich regions on earth.

On 21 March 2011, UCLG ASPAC entered into a grant agreement with Tetra Tech ARD to support one of CTI-CFF main activities is called CTI Coastal Mayors Round Table (MRT) that was held in May 2011 in Wakatobi, Indonesia.

Highlight of Achievement of MRT

- The MRT has achieved its objective to bring the Mayors and their association from CTI countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, PNG, the Philippines, Solomon Island and Timor Leste) together for building a network and commitment by signing a Joint Communiqué.
- The Mayors, Associations, NGOs and NCCs from six countries are committed to use this network to work towards the achievement of the goal of Coral Triangle Initiatives on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security.

ACRONYMS

The following is a list of acronyms commonly used in this report:

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ACVN	Association of Cities of Vietnam
ADDCN	Association of District Development Committees of Nepal
ADEKSI	Asosiasi DPRD Kota Seluruh Indonesia/Association of City Representatives of Indonesia
ADKASI	Asosiasi DPRD Kabupaten Seluruh Indonesia/Association of Regional Representatives of Indonesia
AIILSG	All India Institute of Local Self-Government
ALGA	Australian Local Government Association
APEKSI	Asosiasi Pemerintah Kota Seluruh Indonesia/Association of City Governments of Indonesia
APUF	Asia Pacific Urban Forum
BRIC	Brazil Russia India China
BRIKS	Building Related Information and Knowledge System
CDIA	Cities Development Initiative for Asia
CIFAL	Centre International de Formation des Acteurs Locaux/International Training Center for Local Actors
CLAIR	Council of Local Authorities for International Relationship
CPAFFC	Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CTI-CFF	Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security
DELGOSEA	Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone

C	European Commission
EU	European Union
FCM	Federation Canadian Municipalities
FKKA	Forum Komunikasi Pemerintah Kabupaten dan Kota Aceh/Communication Forum for City and Regional Government of Aceh
GAOK	Governors Association of Korea
GMF	Global Mayors' Forum
GOLD	Global Reports on Local Democracy and Decentralization
GRALE	Research Network of Local Government of Europe
JET	Japan Exchange and Teaching
IUTC	International Urban Training Center
JITC	Jeju International Training Center
KAS	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung/NGO from Germany
LCP	League of Cities
LGA	Local Governments Association
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MEXT	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
MLT	Municipal League of Thailand
MOH	Ministry of Housing
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MRT	Mayors Round Table
NCC	National Coordinating Committee
NLC/S	National League of Communes/Sangkat
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
RAY	Rajiv Awas Yojana/Guidelines for Slum-Free Cities in India
RCUES	Regional Center for Urban and Environmental Studies
TISS	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
UCLG ASPAC	United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific
UN	United Nations
UNACLA	United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UN ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commissions for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UN HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
WSSD	Water Supply and Sanitation Department

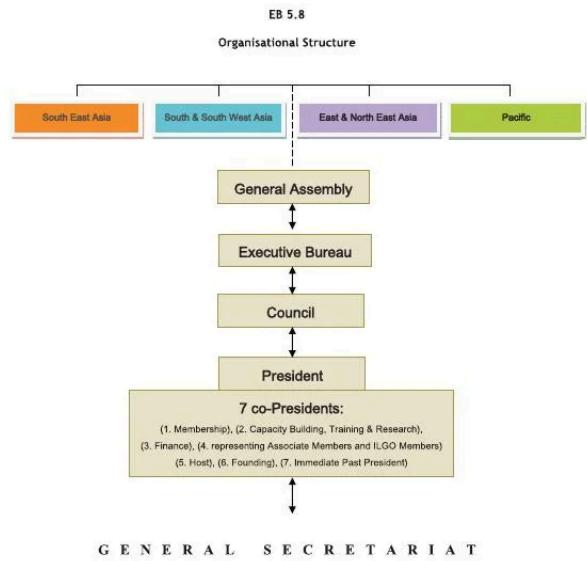
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1. UCLG ASPAC Organizational Structure

*Report of Secretary General of the Presidency and General Secretariat
from April to October 2011*



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT


No : 001/HASLAMMACA/2012

The Shareholders, the Boards
 of Commissioners and Directors
 United Cities and Local Governments
 Asia-Pacific Regional Section (UCLG-ASPAC)
 Jakarta

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Section (UCLG-ASPAC) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statement of income and cash flows for the year period then ended. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statement based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards established by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Section (UCLG-ASPAC) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in Indonesia.


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 Jakarta, March 13, 2012

The accompanying financial statement is not intended to amend the financial position, assets of operations and cash flow in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Indonesia. The standards, procedures and practices applied to audit such financial statement are those generally accepted and applied in Indonesia.

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United Cities and Local Governments
Asia-Pacific Regional Section (UCLG - ASPAC)
Balance sheets
 As of December 31, 2011 and 2010
 (In Rupiah)

	Notes	2011	2010
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4 853 027 013	3 910 059 052
Receivables	1, 4	505 339 890	309 081 430
Total current assets		5 359 265 878	4 219 140 482
Fixed assets			
Office equipment	2, 5	259 605 700	259 605 700
Total assets		5 628 871 578	4 488 746 182
Liabilities and fund balance			
Current liabilities			
Other payable	6	-	113 428 178
Unearned revenue		384 134 395	-
Total current liabilities		384 134 395	113 428 178
Net assets			
Beginning balance	7	4 370 316 996	2 830 037 156
Correction		(4 204 283)	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets, current year	7	678 624 480	1 509 648 830
Total net assets		5 244 737 193	4 370 316 996
Total liabilities and net assets		5 628 871 578	4 488 746 182

See accompanying notes to financial statements which form an integral part of the financial statements.

4. UCLG ASPAC Special Statement Regarding the Great East Japan Earthquake

April 23rd 2011

In response to the unprecedented earthquake and tsunami disaster which struck Japan on March 11th, in order to further strengthen intercity cooperation as declared in the "Hamamatsu Declaration" adopted at the 2010 UCLG ASPAC Congress 2010, we proclaim the following:

1. In order to actualize as much human and material support action as possible for all people and communities affected by the recent unprecedented disaster, we will take prompt action in concluding a reciprocal disaster reduction agreement between UCLG member cities. Further, in the event of another natural disaster occurring in this area, to quickly mobilize support based on a spirit of mutual aid, we will construct system through which all member cities can share best practices, lesson learned and technologies related to disaster reduction.
2. Recognizing the important role of local governing bodies with regard to disaster reduction, considering the "Hyogo Framework for Action 2010-2015" adopted at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe City, 2005 and the "Local Action for Disaster Reduction Declaration" adopted at the UCLG World Executive Bureau Meeting in Quito City, Ecuador 2008, and while continuing to strengthen cooperation among various related actors and international organizations such as the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN ISDR), central governments of various nations, NGOs and community organizations, etc. UCLG ASPAC, all delegated and All India Institute of Local Self-Government members will promote unified international action aimed at disaster reduction.

To conclude, together with expressing our sincere condolences and sympathy to, and solidarity with, the victims, people and communities affected by this Great East Japan Earthquake, we call on all spheres of government – national, regional and local, UN and Bi-lateral agencies – to work in partnership to advance the legitimate expectations of citizens in the UCLG ASPAC region whom we all represent.

5. Thiruvananthapuram Declaration On People, Places & Opportunities towards Sustainable Cities- 2030 & Showcasing Space Age Technology for Quality Life

'THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DECLARATION'

Declaration endorsed by Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Municipal Councilors, Municipal Commissioners & Officers, Participating Cities, International and National Organizations, Academic Institutions and Associations at the International Conference Organised by All India Institute of Local Self-Government, Mumbai in collaboration with United Cities & Local Governments- Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC) on 'People, Places & Opportunities towards Sustainable Cities- 2030 & Showcasing Space Age Technology for Quality Life' held from 22nd to 24th April 2011 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India

1. We, the Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Municipal Councilors, Municipal Commissioners & Officers and representatives from various international and national organizations, associations and academicians, met in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India from 22nd to 24th April 2011, and we unequivocally recognize that the urban areas shall play an ever more dominant role in the affairs of countries and the world.
2. We recognise that the rapid urban growth offers opportunities for economic growth in cities. We also recognise the fact that the rapid growth can have challenges embedded in it, especially if the growth is not ecofriendly and equitable.
3. We understand that problems of environment in cities are increasing rapidly. The resultant situation can further aggravate adverse impacts of climate change leading to natural disasters which will gravely affect common citizenry.
4. We will work towards benchmarking of various basic amenities in our cities and set goals for their improvement and efficiency so as to offer all citizens a healthy and improved quality of life. We will consistently work towards improving housing, water supply, sanitation and solid waste management.
5. It will be our endeavor to accept new successful and replicable concepts in urban governance and environmental management, innovative initiatives and measures of addressing these emerging environmental issues. These would warrant a fresh look at the strategies of inclusive city planning mainly consisting of environment management, safety, and security.
6. Urban disaster management is of great importance for us and we will be always strive towards consistent improvement in it.
7. Transportation is another key consideration for all the cities and we will work towards ensuring better transportation for the citizens.
8. We have conservation of energy among our top priorities. Moreover, we consistently try to utilise renewable energy sources. We will also explore raising funds and technical assistance from the global energy mechanisms.
9. We are concerned that the Asia Pacific region is finding it challenging to address the Millennium Development Goal commitments vis-à-vis poverty, hunger, sanitation, maternal mortality and infant mortality. We recognise that the local governments have an important role to play in meeting the MDGs and we will undertake vigorous efforts towards this in our respective cities.
10. Furthermore, we believe that merely making investments in basic urban services is not enough.

It needs to be supported with efficient service delivery, consumer responsiveness and customer orientation. Thus we commit ourselves towards ensuring the basic services to all, especially the urban poor.

11. We recognise that the provision of sanitation for all requires efforts to go beyond MDG 7 Target 10 (halve the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015). Sanitation is related to human dignity, health and overall environment. We commit ourselves to ensuring safe sanitation for all. We will adopt community approaches to total sanitation which are rooted in community demand and leadership, focused on behavioral and social change.
12. The issues of equity are close to our heart. We will be relentless in our efforts towards urban poverty alleviation. We will also strive towards inclusive development, thereby taking special efforts to approach the marginalised population excluded from the benefits of growth to address their plight. Pursuit of gender equity is another crucial focus area for us.
13. We will strive to increase the representation of women in all walks of governance and create stronger mechanisms for both women and men to be duly represented in decision making.
14. We will do our best for promoting participatory governance. The community participation will be catalysed in all walks of governance and in all phases, right from problem identification. We shall strive for greater civil society engagement and multi-stakeholder networking for synergy and sustainability. For enabling sustainability of equity-focused endeavors, we will establish participatory institutional mechanisms.
15. Awareness generation among community is a crucial step towards enabling community participation in its true spirit and we will undertake consistent measures towards this.
16. We consider capacity building of crucial importance and propose for deeper interaction with wider development fraternity. We endeavor to create trained human resource through appropriate capacity building who can contribute their technical expertise in the interest of urban governance.
17. We are sensitive to the importance of public health as a determinant of urban development and will endeavor to develop health centered urban development programmes. These should address key issues such as communicable diseases, TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS, and emerging diseases of epidemic threat.
18. We profess enhanced accountability of all our actions to citizens, and commit ourselves to corruption free governance.
19. We recognise of the principles of good governance and full empowerment of Urban Local Bodies to promote efficiency, transparency and accountability fostered through adoption of the Information Communication Technologies (ICTs). We will consciously strive for higher orbits of e-governance leading to connected local governance that imbibes greater citizen-focus and transparency at city level.
20. We appreciate the rural-urban continuum as a key consideration for balanced development and look ahead to bring synergy in the processes involved.
21. We express our sincere gratitude to All India Institute of Local Self-Government and UCLG-ASPAC for providing valuable support for this International Conference.

**Discussed, Adopted, and Declared at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
on 24th April 2011**

6. UCLG ASPAC Declaration in Supporting Local Democracy in Pakistan

UCLG ASPAC Declaration in Supporting Local Democracy in Pakistan

Kerala, 24th April 2011

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is the peak International Local Government organisation dedicated to promoting the values, objectives and interests of cities, municipalities and all local governments across the globe. UCLG ASPAC, one of eight regional sections of UCLG, has a mission to be the united voice and regional/world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives and interests, through cooperation between local governments and within the wider international community in the region.

In favor of democratic local self-government in Pakistan and the Campaign "Save the Local Democracy" of Local Councils Association of the Punjab (LCAP), we declare the following:

1. UCLG ASPAC, which has 19 member countries in the region wish and desire that the Government of Pakistan immediately establishes democratic self governing local governments across the country;
2. UCLG ASPAC will draw this situation to the attention of the governing body of UCLG World and request that all members provide strong support to Pakistan Local Government and their democratic aspirations;
3. UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with the international community will continuously provide support to the promotion and strengthening of Local Government Associations and Local Governments to effectively deliver services for the benefit of the citizens, based on the people's aspirations and good governance principles;
4. UCLG ASPAC will raise this, directly and through UCLG World, with the United Nations and UN agencies.

7. Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Bangkok Declaration

Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals at the 5th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum

The Mayor's Round Table on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Challenges and the Way Forward
Bangkok, Thailand

We, the mayors and official representatives of participating cities, municipal associations, capacity building institutions, NGOs, CBOs, civil society stakeholders and national and international organizations have gathered in Bangkok from 22-24 June 2011 and acknowledge that:

- Whereas some cities and local government in Asia-Pacific region have made striking progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals, other cities are likely to be "off track".
- With less than five years remaining, the current negative trends must be overcome at an accelerated pace in order to reach the achievement of MDGs by 2015.

Therefore we commit from this date to:

Give priority to the Millennium Development Goals; end poverty and hunger, ensure universal primary education, promote gender quality, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health including health of elderly, combat HIV/AIDS, ensure environmental sustainability which accommodates the development of disaster reduction, and develop a global partnership for development.

Emphasize the important role of cities and local governments and their associations in the promotion of the MDGs;

Prioritize the need to enhance citizens participation including monitoring in order to achieve MDGs by 2015;

Highlight the fact that the achievement of the MDGs requires a commitment from the society as a whole and practical means to work together with the full support of local governments.

Therefore we ask our national governments to:

Keep the promise made in the Millennium Declaration, and take advantage of this historic opportunity to delegate poverty into our history and create more peaceful and progressive world;

Ensure that the Millennium Development Goals are met in our countries;

Formally recognize the role of local government as an essential and unique partner in implementing the Millennium Development Goals;

Empower and strengthen local level capacity, so that local governments are able to fulfill their mandate, and effectively deliver MDG-related services to their communities.