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Partnerships for Strengthening Health Considerations in Urban Transport

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Aichi Statement

- Public health is one of key elements of EST by:
 - Promoting integrated transport policies that mitigate the negative human health impacts of motorized transport
 - Recognizing the high costs incurred to the national health system due to non-sustainable transport modes
 - Strengthening the coordination and cooperation among health and transport agencies
- Health impacts are often the end points of upstream transport policies and practices

Health Effects of Transport



- Air pollution respiratory and cardiovascular disease and deaths
- Traffic accidents injuries and deaths
- Noise pollution and vibration hearing impairment and psychological effects
- Walking and bicycling promoting healthy lifestyles

Integrated Approach

- Integrating various health and safety considerations into transport policies and practices: air pollution, traffic injuries, noise, physical activity
- Also other health and welfare concerns: smoke-, alcohol-, and barrier-free transport, climate change mitigation



Partnerships

- Transport Environment Health partnership
 - ➤ Regional level WHO has participated in Regional EST Forum since 2004 (Manila Dialogue) and supported the health sector participation
 - ➤ National level National workshops in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Viet Nam
 - ➤ City level Promote ESHUT through the Alliance for Healthy Cities

Environmentally Sustainable and Healthy Urban Transport (ESHUT)

- Overall objective To promote win-win strategy (reducing carbon footprint and promoting and protecting health) for urban transport system
 - Promote non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling)
 - Provide efficient public transport system
 - Reduce use of private motor vehicles
 - Provide smoking- and barrier-free transport environments
- Specific objectives To empower Asian cities:
 - To build healthy urban transport system
 - To address health, urban transport and climate change in an integrated and strategic manner to achieve co-benefits

Environmentally

ESHUT Activities

- Collaboration between WHO, UNCRD and AFHC (Alliance for Healthy Cities)
- 2009-2010
 - Meeting of experts in Tokyo from 30-31 July 2009
 - Meeting of 5 cities and experts in Nagoya from 5-6 October 2009
 - Documentation of ESHUT activities in 5 cities from October 2009-March 2010
 - Cities Forum on ESHUT in Manila on 7 April 2010 (7 April is World Health Day)
 - Session on ESHUT at the 4th International Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities from 26-29 October 2010



Phnom Penh – Pedestrianization and Bike Campaign











Marikina - Promoting Bike Use

Marikina: The city in the pink of health



Bike Safety Classes



Bicycle Parking Station



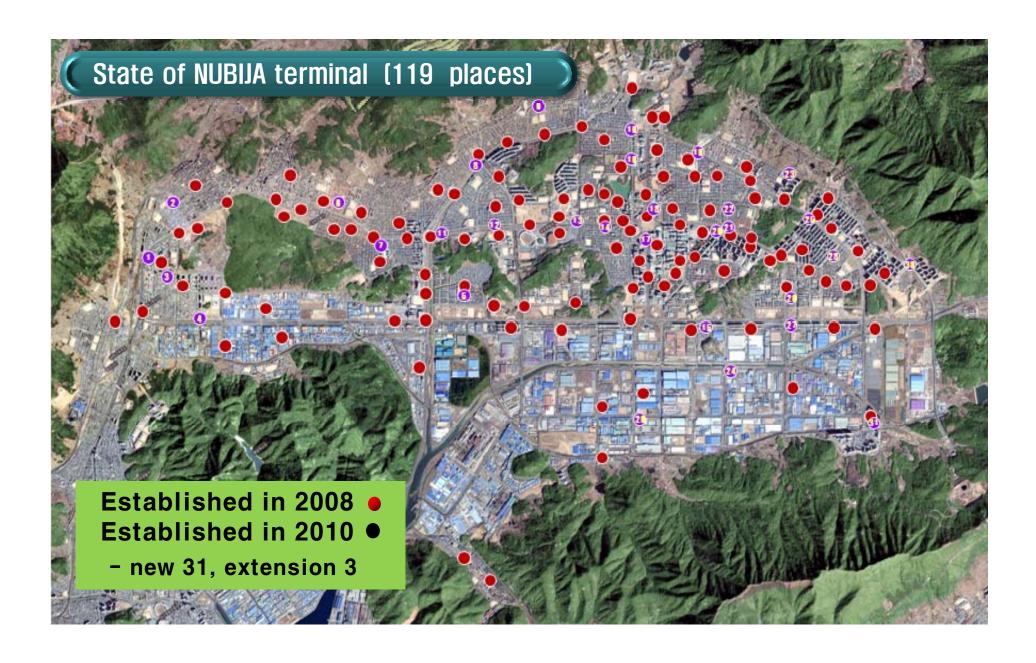
Bikeways Rehabilitation



Bike Festival



Changwon – Public Bike Rental System (NUBIJA)



Changwon, Republic of Korea



Nagoya City Centre

Use of Bicycles to Complement Walking



Seoul - Some ESHUT activities

Smoking banned bus stop



- Operating in a few test areas (6 places): May ~ August 2007
 - 72.3% of citizens were satisfied, 89% wanted to have all bus stops smoke-free
 - cases of smoking on bus stop: dropped 36.7%
- For all bus stops (approximately 8,600): 2007. 9. 1.
 - the cases of smoking were found to have dropped 63% in a survey three months after introducing the smoke-free rule

Car oriented → pedestrian oriented

Restoration of Cheonggyecheon stream('05. 10)







Thank you



