







Special Event of Asian Mayors for the Signing of the Kyoto Declaration for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport

Held during BAQ 2008 Workshop 12 November, 2008, Wed 17:00 - 18:30

Venue: Bangkok Panorama 1, The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel,

Bangkok, Thailand

Organizers: United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

Ministry of the Environment-Japan

CAI-Asia Center

17:00-17:30 Opening Session

1. Opening Statement (UNCRD)

- 2. Opening Statement (Katsuhiko Naito, Director, Environmental Transport Policy Division, Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment-Japan)
- 3. Opening Statement (Cornie Huizenga, Executive Director of CAI-Asia Center)
- 4. Welcome and Keynote Address (Pongsak Semson, Permanent Secretary of BMA)

17:30-17:40 Introducing the Asian EST Initiative

C.R.C. Mohanty, Environment Programme Coordinator, UNCRD

UNCRD, in close co-operation with the Ministry of the Environment- Government of Japan, launched the Asia EST Initiative in 2004 with the objective to integrate the objectives and elements of environmentally sustainable transport in the over all planning and development process by identifying and addressing issues, critical challenges, and strategic measures in the environment and transport sector. The Regional EST Forum, which is the key component of the Asian EST Initiative, provides a strategic and knowledge platform for sharing experiences and disseminating among Asian countries best practices, policy instruments, tools, and technologies, in relation to various key aspects of EST underlined in the **Aichi Statement**.

17:40-18:15 Signing of the Kyoto Declaration

The **Kyoto Declaration** which aims to achieve greater synergies between and among national and local/city authorities as an effort to realize the goal of sustainability in the transport sector. The **Kyoto Declaration** was originally adopted and signed by twenty-two Asian mayors and senior government officials from fourteen Asian countries during the "Asian Mayors' Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in Cities" held on 23-24 April 2007, in Kyoto, Japan.

18:15-18:20 Words of Thanks

18:20-18:30 Group Photo Session

18:30- BMA Welcome Reception onwards Venue: Queen's Park 1,2, and 3