Newsletter 02

November 2017

CORE ACTIVITIES

Northeast Asia Air Quality Forum

June 1-2, Seoul Metropolitan Government and ICLEI East Asia coorganized the 7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement, attended by representatives from 13 Northeast Asian local governments. The Forum addressed the complexity of air pollution, the relationships between economic growth and air quality, and the need for further cooperation on air quality improvement via knowledge sharing in the region.



Japan Study Tour

A study tour to Tokyo and Kawasaki took place September 11-15 to foster knowledge exchange and peer learning between Chinese and Japanese local governments on air quality management. Delegates from 9 different Chinese local governments, including 3 EACAC



members, visited EACAC city Tokyo to discuss air quality management topics ranging from air quality monitoring and emergency response, to research and implementation of transportation, and VOC measures.

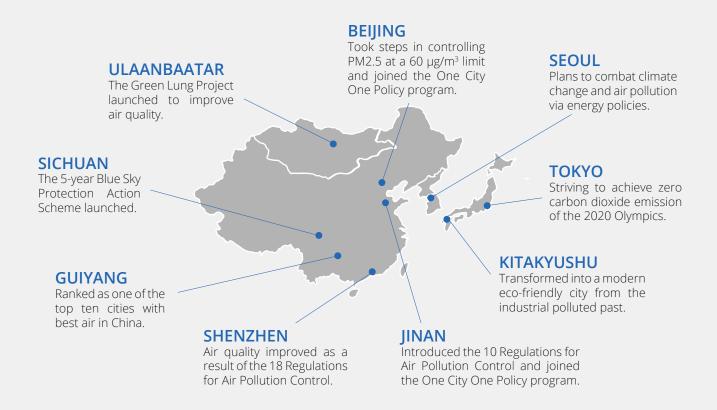
Visit to Kitakyushu

In September, ICLEI East Asia was invited to visit Kitakyushu. As Japanese EACAC member city and inspiring example of a successful transition from polluting industries into a modern eco-friendly city, Kitakyushu and ICLEI initiated discussions to organize more international technical cooperation under the framework of EACAC.

Ulaanbaatar Green Lung Project Ongoing

The Ulaanbaatar Green Lung Project, an ongoing joint research project of EACAC, is conducted by the Mongolian University of Life Sciences and Ministry of Environment and Tourism in Ulaanbaatar. The project aims to create a "Green Lung" for the capital city with fresh air and improved health by involving local senior citizens in a tree-planting effort. The initial movement is planting 10 trees within every enclosed fence in a ger district with 200,000 households of Ulaanbaatar.

EACAC CITIES IN ACTION



Beijing International Forum Metropolitan Clean Air Actions

The Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau hosted the Beijing International Forum Metropolitan Clean Air Actions on June 8-9, gathering metropolises officials from metropolises worldwide and experts of air quality management. Methods such as ultra-low carbon emission zones and the use of data and monitoring technologies were reflected in detailed discussions. The discussions of the Forum are to become important references for Beijing in the development of its air quality management strategy.

Seoul Mayors Forum 2017

During the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2017, Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon announced a pledge

for utmost efforts in tackling climate change issues, including air pollution, heat waves, and cold snaps, and called for further international cooperation.

In the session on Co-benefits of Climate Action, cities shared their local experiences in combining efforts of addressing air pollution and climate change. Tokyo introduced their assessment program for freight companies to measure and disclose CO₂ emissions, which turned out an incentive for the private sector to showcase their environmental efforts.





CONTACT Merlin Lao

Program Manager, ICLEI East Asia merlin.lao@iclei.org | +82-2-3789-0496 For more information, please visit

EACAC.NET



Founded in 1990, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is the leading global network of over 1500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future.

ICLEI East Asia is generously supported by Seoul Metropolitan Government.