

Seminar on City-to-City Collaboration for Zero Carbon Society 2025

– Contributing to Local Decarbonization through Technology & International Solidarity –

Date/time: 23 January 2025, 10:00-12:30 JST (Registration at the venue 09:30 JST-)
 Venue: Congrès Convention Center (Grand Front Osaka North Building B2F) & Online
 Organiser: Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan (MOEJ)
 Co-Organiser: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
 Languages: English / Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation)
 Capacity: Onsite 200 / Online 1,000 (First-come, first-served)
 Fee: Free (Pre-registration required)

Cities are responsible for approximately 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption. As such, in order to achieve the Paris Agreement's 1.5-degree target, it is vital that cities accelerate the transition to a decarbonized society, and address various urban issues such as environmental pollution and circular economy in an integrated manner. MOEJ has been implementing the "City-to-City Collaboration Program for Zero Carbon Society (C3P)" since fiscal 2013, based on the belief that knowledge sharing and technical cooperation through city-to-city partnerships are effective measures to support such a transition.

This seminar will bring together C3P stakeholders and others from Japan and abroad who are working on local decarbonization, and discussions will aim to build momentum for local decarbonization and inspire a decarbonization domino effect both domestically and internationally. The seminar will be held in the vibrant and international city of Osaka, ahead of the opening of the Expo 2025 (theme: Designing Future Society for Our Lives) in April, with the expectation that it will generate synergy to bring about a decarbonized society.

Programme:

10:00	Opening remarks	Yutaka Matsuzawa, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, MOEJ
		Hisashi Horii, Director General, Environment Bureau, Osaka City Government
10:20	Presentations	City-to-City Collaboration Program & Measures to Support Overseas Expansion of Companies • Shunsuke Kudo, Assistant Director, International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau, MOEJ
		Case Study of the C3P • Norman Harvey Ngiratecheboet, Governor, Airai State Government (Palau)
		Case Study of the C3P & Overseas Development • Shuhei Morita, Kanematsu KGK Corp. • Aki Baba, Project Manager, International Environment Department, Nippon Koei Co., Ltd.
11:20	Break	
11:30	Panel discussion	Theme: What solutions are needed to simultaneously achieve decarbonization and economic growth in a region? Moderator: • Mimi Nameki, Counselor for International Decarbonization Transition Promotion and Environmental Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau, MOEJ Panelists: • Claudio Castro, Mayor, Municipality of Renca (Chile) • Mohammad Ramdhan Pomanto, Mayor of Makassar City (Indonesia) • Masahiko Tsujio, Director, Carbon Neutrality Promotion Department, Environment Bureau, Sakai City Government (Japan) • Shiro Takeda, Executive Director, Future City Promotion Urban Planning Bureau Kobe City Government • Atsushi Tsuji, Director, International Business Division, International Affairs Department, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
12:30	Closing	

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