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City to city Inception Meeting

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13.00 – 16.30 on 23 July 2020



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"In the future, people will think we were crazy to waste plastic. They will wonder why we didn't shift to a circular economy sooner so that we could support green growth and keep oceans clean."

Janet Salem
UNESCAP



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"I want my children and all future generations to be able to enjoy clean oceans."

Curt Garrigan

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“Simply because I love the beautiful beach and blue ocean. Don’t we all?”

HAGA Akihiko

Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Vietnam



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“The “Osaka Blue Ocean Vision”: we aim to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050.”

SUGA Yoshinori

First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Thailand



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"It is important for us to work collaboratively with our hearts, heads and hands across the board to ascertain greener and cleaner environment for a better future."

Dr. Vong Sok

Head of Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat



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"I am interested in promoting an inclusive economic paradigm for more effective management of plastic waste: a model of a hybrid economy that embraces the traditional and the modern, the small scale and the big scale, the informal and the formal.

Omar Siddique
UNESCAP



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“Plastic pollution is so widespread it can now be found in the food we eat. The plastics crisis is a global crisis that requires all of us – particularly cities – to come together to find solutions.”

Andrew Charles

UNESCAP



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“By 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans. I want to do my part to protect our shared marine environment”

Alexander Lee-Emery

UNESCAP



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“Reducing plastic waste is what I can do
EVEYDAY for the next generations.”

Aya Kimura
UNESCAP



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"I am concerned on its negative impacts to human and animal health as well as natural ecosystem."

Premakumara Jagath Dickella Gamaralalage

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)



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"Our plastic-based lifestyle has polluted the earth to an unimaginable level. This plastic problem is increasingly becoming a major health issue for animals and humans alike. We must act now, for us, for our future generation"

Mustafa Moinuddin
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)



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“There is accumulated solid waste of over 1 million tonnes including plastic waste in Nakhon Si Thammarat City Municipality. Appropriate measures and actions need to be taken in order to address this issue.”

Chaowawat Saenpong
Mayor, Nakhon Si Thammarat City Municipality



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“Plastic waste needs to be properly managed in order to reduce environmental impact.”

Sawai Khiewchan
Deputy Mayor, Nakhon Si Thammarat City Municipality



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“Most plastics are non-biodegradable. 3R activities need to be encouraged in order to reduce waste at source. Collected waste can be processed into RDF in order to reduce plastic leakage to the environment.”

Charkorn Iyasun

Municipal Clerk, Nakhon Si Thammarat City Municipality



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“Marine resources are valuable. We have to do all we can to save them for our children and future generations.”

Pramote Sriwisut
Director, Provincial Office for Local Administration,
Nakhon Si Thammarat



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"A large portion of plastic waste has been found and trapped in the pipes and drains in my city which has also become a major environmental and health hazard. I would like to do my part in improving this situation."

Kammoon Nasompong
Director, Division of Public Health and Environment,
Nakhon Si Thammarat City Municipality



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"This lovely dugong reminds me of a young dugong baby, Mariam that was found dead in southern Thailand after eating plastic last year. Dolphins, turtles and many other sea creatures were killed these days because they couldn't tell the difference between plastic and their foods. This is a sign for us to change our behaviour and be more responsible with our own actions to the marine environment"

Chochoe Devaporihartakula
Programme Manager

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies



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"The fight against plastic waste is becoming urgent.

It is essential to raise awareness of all to reduce using single-use plastic products as well as maximize plastic recycling rates, so that we can together prevent our oceans and planet from being "flooded" with plastics."

Dr. Dinh Quang Cuong

Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources and
Environment, Danang





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“I am changing my lifestyle to reduce plastic waste, hoping to contribute to protecting the environment and my own life”

Nguyen Thi Kim Ha
Deputy Manager
Environmental Protection Agency, Danang



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“I can see that plastic waste is everywhere and hugely impacts the beauty of the city, the life of creatures and the health of people. I hope this situation will improve soon.”

Nguyen Doan Uyen Chi

Environmental Protection Agency, Danang



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“The superiority of plastics is indisputable. The usability of plastic products is undeniable. The loss of plastics to the environment and ocean can be from the gaps of the management system and the consumer’s attitude.

Let’s close the gaps to close the loop of plastics.”

PHAM PHU Song Toan, Ph.D.

The University of Danang, Danang



"I believe we are here
on the planet Earth to
live, grow up and do what
we can to **make this**
world a better place
for all people to enjoy
freedom"

— Rosa Parks



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"Protecting biodiversity has been my career mission
for the last decade, along which I have seen
thousands of marine creatures die from plastic
entanglement. I keep fighting against plastic
pollution to reduce such fatal risks to marine species
and for a healthy ocean"

Bich Hien Nguyen

IUCN, Viet Nam



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"Plastics have brought so many benefits and conveniences to our society. No one can deny it. But now we are turning it into a "burden." The problem itself is not in the plastics, but in the way we use it, manage it, dispose of it, and in the way we give it back to the Mother Earth."

Pham Ngoc Bao

Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)



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“Dedicated to save our world”

Dr. Warmadewathi

Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember,
Surabaya



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“Plastic is part of our daily life. We should handle it appropriately, otherwise it will disturb our quality of life”

Sudarmanto Budi Nugroho

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies



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“Most of us love nature, love the sea but keeping it clean and safe from pollution is key to protecting what we love.”

Norliza Hashim

CEO, Urbanice, Malaysia



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“I want to know the flow of plastic waste to the ocean so I can understand how to mitigate marine debris.”

Dr. Azmizam Abdul Rashid

Urbanice Malaysia, Malaysia



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“No more swimming with plastic bags
and seeing plastic bottles and straws
on the beaches.”

Puan Sarifah Binti Yaacob
Urbanice Malaysia, Malaysia



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“Bringing ‘Back in the older days...’ to
‘Nowadays’”

Dr. Mohd Hafiyyan Mahmud
Urbanice Malaysia, Malaysia



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“Don’t be Useless, USE LESS.”

Mohd Syafiq Subri
Urbanice Malaysia, Malaysia



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"I'm hoping to show marine life to my kids in the near future, not marine plastics. Instead, let's show them how we eradicated the marine plastics."

Hamsareka Thevadass

Urbanice Malaysia, Malaysia



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"We are all indebted to the environment. The environment can survive without man but man cannot survive without the environment. Save environment. Save yourself."

Norhayati Bt Mat Said

Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Malaysia



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“Little actions lead to big impact!”

Mohd Shahrul Hafizi Bin Abdul Raawi

Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Malaysia



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“With 90 percent of the world’s plastic waste yet to be recycled, I am concerned about the unforeseen impacts of plastic pollution on human and ecosystem health.”

Matthew Hengesbaugh

IGES



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“Plastic Waste Management can bring
BLESSING for everyone”

Andi Setianto Rosandi

Assistant Vice President of Product Management Division, PT
Bank Negara Indonesia Persero



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“The world is connected in more ways than one. What humans do on land, for instance how we use plastic, can reach and endanger marine life. If we do not take action now, the plastic waste we disposed today will eventually find its way back to us tomorrow. Start our action today and now!”

Bernadia Tjandradewi

Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC



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