

Summary Record of the 4th ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High Level Meeting

1. The 4th ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High Level Meeting was held in Aizuwakamatsu City, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan and online on December 4, 2022. The Meeting was jointly chaired by Mr. HAYASHI Toshiyuki, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the government of Japan and H.E. Dr. Pen Sophal, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, the Royal Government of Cambodia. On December 5, 2022, a business matching session was held at J-Village located in Naraha Town and Hirono Town, Fukushima Prefecture that encouraged interaction between members of the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) and member companies of the Japan Association for Smart Cities in ASEAN (JASCA) and local companies in Fukushima Prefecture.
2. In the first session of the Meeting, the ASEAN Secretariat shared ASEAN's initiatives on smart cities and sustainable urbanisation. In addition, several ASCN members reported measures that they are currently taking to realise smart cities. Later, in the second session, the progress of some Smart JAMP project formation studies, which were implemented last year, was reported. Moreover, case examples of municipal governments and companies in Japan that can contribute to resolving challenges in ASEAN and measures that Government of Japan are working on were shared. There was a discussion on the points that the central and local governments should consider in the social implementation phase of smart cities.
3. Through these discussions, it was recognized that smart city initiatives refer to "3 Key Principles" and "5 Key Guidelines" of the "ASEAN Smart City Planning Guidebook" endorsed by the ASCN in February 2022, and consider each of the following phases: conception, preparation, planning and strategy formulation, pilot demonstration and social implementation, and development and upgrading.
4. The Meeting shared understanding that thoughtfully incorporating measures to

enhance receptiveness in terms of business, organizational capability and society, in addition to receptiveness in the technological maturity will contribute to giving shape to smart and sustainable cities in the transition process from the planning phase to implementation phase. In particular, it was confirmed that the organizational capability of the national and local governments must be enhanced to promote these measures.

5. The participants of the Meeting confirmed that further cooperation is necessary for the realization of smart cities based on concerted effort and cooperation between ASCN and Japan.
6. Based on these perceptions of the current situation, Japan proposed increased support in Smart JAMP. ASEAN Member States and cities in the ASCN welcomed the Japanese proposal.
7. ASEAN and Japan confirmed that the ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High-Level Meeting will be held on a mutually agreed basis and that they will continue to cooperate towards the realisation of smart cities in ASEAN.