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Urbanization, Sustainable Development and the Media in Asean

By

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URBANISATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MEDIA IN ASEAN

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1. At 4 minutes past midnight on December 5 Year 2006 (according to one statistical projection) the human being will become primarily an urban animal.

2. 3 1/2 billion people will live on 1% of the earth's surface.

3. 13 of the 21 mega cities (cities over 10m) will be in Asia.

4. The next century will not only be the urban century it will also be the Asia Pacific Century when its sheer mass, its energy, its creativity will make it a pre-eminent dynamic in the geo-economics of this planet.

SIGNIFICANCE

5. This seminar today therefore has a special significance for all of us.

6. It has a special importance because you will be addressing an epoch making social transformation, one that is as significant as the move from gathering to hunting, from farming to industrialisation.

7. It has a special significance because urban issues will be the focus of a major UN conference called "Habitat II" when all over the world people will reflect and act on urban issues. The conference will be held in June 1996 in Istanbul, Turkey.

8. It is also special because here in Singapore you can see the results of very remarkable urban management that has made a special city, a throbbing marketplace, and an island of great beauty, efficiency and opportunity. All of course, at a price.

9. It is also special because when you look at cities, your homes, you look yourself in the face and you look at the future.

THE FUTURE

10. What is the future of our cities?

11. In one city not far from here, the umbilical cords of 28 babies born at a leading hospital were tested for lead. Every one of the tests showed lead level higher than the permissible. The babies are born retarded. In that same city, an international team studies air quality and they found this air quality and they found this air so bad, they refused to return to the country for a follow up monitoring exercise. That city recently won an award as the world's most air polluted city.

12. We must ensure that our cities do not end up with that kind of future, that kind of award.

13. We do not want our cities to be concentrations of pollution, of violence, of waste, and of alienation. Women and children are most often the brutalised victims. The poor are the most obvious manifestations.

14. We want our cities to be concentrations of creativity, of productivity, of a sense of community, and of happiness. We want our cities to be special for our mothers and our children. They bear the future. They are the future.

VISION

15. For that to be possible, cities must have a vision and a soul and I like to suggest a kind of "Panchasila" for our cities.
16. If our cities are to be our homes, they have to be developed in ways that are:
   - Socially Just
   - Ecologically Sustainable
   - Politically Participatory
   - Economically Productive, and
   - Culturally Vibrant

17. You can make your villages, your towns and your cities outstanding examples of this "PANCHASILA", with the five values central to their vision, the planning and their actions.

18. I like to share with you an ancient prophecy from the native people of what is called North America, the headquarters of much good and also much "money let" development. The prophecy says:

"Only after the last tree is cut,
Only after the last river has been poisoned
Only after the last fish has been caught
Only then will you find that money cannot be eaten."

19. Let us work to keep our rivers and our cities as fresh as the youth of our lives, as fresh and as productive as the wonderful young people who will make our future.

20. With more people like you, there is hope for better homes better communities and better cities. For the media there is a special challenge both as information disseminators, and as citizens I ask you to play both these roles.

21. One of the key aspects of "Asia Pacific 2000" activities is to act as an information and networking node. I would like to share with you some specific and strategic initiatives that impact on this region in the near future:

   - A range of agencies, networks and programmes are operating in the region. Linking with them and fostering co-operation needs to be followed up systematically. A selection of initiatives are listed in Appendix A. The networking list will be updated on a regular basis in our newsletter URBAN EVENTS.

   - Information Exchange is being provided through a current awareness service called URBAN LINKS, a four page bimonthly news service on select regional experiences in the areas of urban management, environment and poverty.

   - We prepare a calendar called URBAN EVENTS that we will be happy to share with participants. It lists events of significance to this region up to and including the plan for "HABITAT II", the UN Conference on Human Settlements scheduled for 3-14 June, 1996, in Turkey (See Appendix B).

   - An E-Mail link between the various actors is being facilitated and a bulletin board is being explored.

   - An "Attention Getter" on urban issue "CITIES" has been published to generate interest.

   - A Handbook for Communicators tentatively called "Our Cities, Our Homes" is being prepared, which we hope will also be a networking tool.

   - INFORMATION IS POWER

22. The urban challenge provides a great opportunity for local, national, regional and global co-operation. For UNDP and Asia Pacific 2000 not only brings the family of UN organisations together with the communities, it also, in the works of the newly appointed UNDP Administrator, James Gustave Speth, takes up the challenge that "capacity building must be first and foremost:

   - building capacity for sustainable human development.

   - capacity to guide the development process so that it reaches the poor, alleviates poverty, protects the environment, and regenerates the resource base for future production;
o capacity within both governments and civil society;
o capacity to develop strategies, action plans, and policy reforms;
o capacity building for mobilising financial resources - both public and private - behind these strategies and action plans;
o capacity that helps governments manage the aid process, make the most of limited concessional resources and actually benefit from multiple planning requirements.
o capacity for economic reforms; for the absorption of the latest technologies needed for sustainable development; and for successful participation in a rapidly evolving international economy."

23. Our experiences in capacity building can be built on to further the Regional Action Plan adopted recently at ESCAP Inter-Ministerial Conference on Urbanisation. UNDP and my programme Asia Pacific 2000 looks forward to its partnership with all of you in making cities a better place to live, to making them:

  o Socially Just
  o Ecologically Sustainable
  o Politically Participatory
  o Economically Productive, and
  o Culturally Vibrant

THANK YOU

These remarks were made as the keynote address at the Seminar on "Urbanisation, Sustainable Development and the Media" organised by AMIC, Environmental Forum For Communicators of Singapore (ECOS) and the National Council for the Environment, 8-9 April 1994, Singapore
A Selection of Initiatives on Urban Issues of Special Interest to the Asia Pacific Region

1. The Sustainable Cities Programme (SCP) of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);

2. The Healthy Cities Programme of the World Health Organisation (WHO). They are interested in expanding further into the Asian region;

3. The Mega-Cities Project based in New York, USA. They have received funds to transfer "Good Works" to selected cities in Asia;

4. The Urban Management Programme of UNDP/World Bank/Habitat and in particular its a Regional Panel of Experts on Urban Issues;

5. The Local Initiative Facility for the Urban Environment (LIFE) of UNDP which was launched at the Rio "Earth Summit";

6. The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) based in Toronto, Canada, which is in the process of developing initiatives for a "Local Agenda 21";

7. The Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) project on developing Urban Environmental Management Guidelines in Thailand and Nepal;

8. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Regional Housing and Urban Development Programme Office (RHUDDO) project on urban environment;

9. The University of Hawaii East-West Centre action research project on Urban Community-based Environmental Management;

10. CITYNET's and UNCHIS initiatives in developing city databases;

11. The UNDP-supported project called "The Urban Agricultural Network" (TUAN);

12. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is increasingly involved in urban environment issues;


14. The Government of Netherlands has been a significant supporter of urban programmes since 1988;

15. The Government of France has developed a programmes of support for urban development (A report, "French Cooperation in Urban Development" provides the framework);

16. The Ford Foundation is supporting a large international urban research project based in the Centre for Urban Studies and Community Studies, University of Toronto, to document the state of the art of urban research in Asia, Africa, and Latin America;

17. The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada has an Urban Development Programme;

18. The International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) based in the Netherlands has its regional office in Jakarta and training programmes have been undertaken in conjunction with INTAN, Malaysia, the National Institute for Public Administration;

19. The Asian Coalition of Housing Rights (ACHR), the leading Regional NGO network in the area of human settlements has launched, with the support of the Overseas Development Administrations of the United Kingdom, a 3-year Training and Advisory Programme (TAP) aimed at capacity building of citizens' groups. It involves a series of workshops based on successful projects, skills training and a Young Professionals Programme.

20. The establishment of TRISHNET - the Network of Research and Training Institutes in Human Settlement a UNDP-funded ESCAP-executed project, provides a new impetus for institutional linkages; and,

21. The United Towns Development Agency (UTDA) based in France has launched a EC-Asia Municipal Environment Cooperation Programme.
Appendix B

URBAN EVENTS

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JANUARY 1994

International Workshop on Urban Agriculture & Associated Development; 07-09 Jan. 1994; Calcutta, India; Prof. Santosh Ghosh, President, Centre for Built Environment, 2/5 Sarat Bose Road, Calcutta, 700 020 India; Tel: 33-475-0772; Fax: 33-943-333/33-954-321.

ACHR Training & Advisory Programme (TAP) Workshop on Land-sharing & Other Techniques on Human Settlements; 10-19 Jan. 1994; Bangkok, Thailand; Ms. Somsook Boonyabancha, Secretary General, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), 19/111 Soi Sonthi Wattana 4, Ladprao 110 Road, Ladprao, Bangkok 10310, Thailand; Tel: 66-2-538-0919; Fax: 66-2-539-9950.


Iran Country Consultation; 29 Jan.-04 Feb. 1994; Tehran, Iran; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

FEBRUARY 1994

Regional Seminar on Partnership in Municipal Infrastructure Services; 07-11 Feb. 1994; New Delhi, India; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

Inter-organisational Committee Meeting on Urbanisation; 10-11 Feb. 1994; Bangkok, Thailand; Mr. M. Rahmatullah, Chief, Division of Industry, Human Settlements & Environment, ESCAP, UN Building, Rajadamnern Ave., Bangkok 10200, Thailand; Tel: 662-282-9161; Fax: 662-280-0814.


ACHR Training & Advisory Programme (TAP) Steering Group Meeting; 25-28 Feb. 1994; Phnom Penh; Ms Somsook Boonyabancha, Secretary General, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), 19/111 Soi Sonthi Wattana 4, Ladprao 110 Road, Ladprao, Bangkok 10310, Thailand; Tel: 66-2-538-0919; Fax: 66-2-539-9950.


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Nepal Country Consultation - A Follow-up Mission; 14-19 Feb. 1994; Kathmandu, Nepal; Mr. Clarence Shubert, Senior Advisor, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

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Bangladesh Country Consultation - A Follow-up Mission; 20-25 Feb. 1994; Dhaka, Bangladesh; Mr. Clarence Shubert, Senior Advisor, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

Phase I - Workshop on Land Management Tools and Instruments; 26-27 Feb. 1994; Beijing, China; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

MARCH 1994

AIT/CITYNET/ESCAP/UTDA Workshop on Urban Environment Policy Management; 21-25 March 1994; Bangkok, Thailand; Mr. M. Rahmatullah, Chief, Division of Industry, Human Settlements & Environment, ESCAP, UN Building, Rajadamnern Ave., Bangkok 10200, Thailand; Tel: 662-282-9161; Fax: 662-280-0814.

Pakistan Country Consultation; (date to be decided); Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

APRIL 1994

Preparatory Conference for HABITAT II; April 1994; Geneva, Switzerland; United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), P O Box 30030, Nairobi, Kenya; Tel: 254-2-230-800; Fax: 254-2-226-273.

Workshop on Managing Future Urban Settlements in Asia; 04-07 April 1994; Penang, Malaysia; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

Seminar on Urbanisation, Sustainable Development and the Media; 08-09 April 1994; Singapore; Mr. Vijay Menon, Secretary General, Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre (AMIC); 39 Newton Road, Singapore 1130, Republic of Singapore; Tel: 065-252-5106; Fax: 065-253-4535.

Workshop on Management of Coastal Cities in Support of Sustainable Development; (Date to be decided); Jakarta, Indonesia; United Town Development Association (UTDA), C. Cure, F. Durand, 22 rue d'Alsace, 92300 Levallois-Perret, France; Tel: 33-1-47-39-36-86; Fax: 33-1-42-70-37-99.

Workshop on Community-Based Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmes; 25-30 April 1994; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Mr. Clarence Shubert, Senior Advisor, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

Nepal Country Consultation; (date to be decided); Kathmandu, Nepal; Mr. Clarence Shubert, Senior Advisor, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

MAY 1994

1994 International Symposium on Non-motorised Transportation; 23-25 May 1994; Beijing, China; Mr. L. David Shen, Florida International University, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering and Design, University Park Campus, Miami, Florida 33199, U.S.A.; Tel: 305-348-2824.
Phase II - Workshop on Urban Land Management Tools and Instruments; (Date to be decided); Beijing, China; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

JUNE 1994

International Seminar on Gender, Urbanisation and Environment; 13-16 June 1994; Nairobi, Kenya; Ms. Diana Lee-Smith, Mazingira Institute, P.O Box 14565, Nairobi, Kenya; Tel: 254-2-443219; Fax: 254-2-444643.

Regional Workshop on Management of Coastal Towns and Cities - Localising Agenda 21; (Date to be decided); Shanghai/Jakarta; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

Regional Policy Seminar on Institutional Development for Housing Finance; (date to be decided); Penang, Malaysia; Mr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

UMPAP Coordinators Planning and Review Meeting; 20-22 June 1994; Penang, Malaysia, Mr. Anwar Fazal, Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme for Asia and the Pacific (UMPAP), Wisma UN, Blok C, Kompleks Pejabat Damansara, Jalan Dungun, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-255-9122; Fax: 603-253-2361/603-255-2870.

Global Forum '94: Cities and Sustainable Development - Strategies for a Sustainable Future; 25 June-3 July 1994; Manchester, England; Global Forum '94, P O Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2Lt, United Kingdom; Tel: +44-61-234-3741; Fax: +44-61-234-3743.

JULY 1994

ACHR Annual Review and Planning Session; (date to be decided); Bangkok, Thailand; Ms Somsook Boonyabancha, Secretary General, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), 19/111 Soi Sonthiwattana 4, Ladprao 110 Road, Ladprao, Bangkok 10310, Thailand; Tel: 66-2-538-0919; Fax: 66-2-539-9950.

AUGUST 1994

Regional Workshop on Decentralisation and Local Government Development; 10-19 Aug. 1994; Jakarta, Indonesia; Mr. Clarence Shubert, Senior Advisor, Urban Management Programme (UMP)/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), 14th Floor, APDC Building, Pesiarian Duta, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: 603-253-2935; Fax: 603-253-2932.

Twentieth Water Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) Conference; Affordable Water Supply and Sanitation; 21-26 Aug. 1994; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Mr. John Pickford, Water Engineering and Development Centre, Loughborough University of Technology, LE11 3TU, United Kingdom; Tel: +44-509-211079; Fax: +44-509-222390/1.

SEPTEMBER 1994

14th Congress of EAROPH - Human Settlements Towards the 21st Century; Issues and Challenges; 05-12 September 1994; Beijing, China; Ministry of Construction, Baiwanzhuang, 100835 Beijing, China; Tel: 01-899-2711; Fax: 01-831-3669.

NOVEMBER 1994

World Congress on Urban Growth and the Environment; 07-12 Nov. 1994; Hong Kong; Mr. John Calabrini, Chairman, Steering Committee, 10 Tonsley Palace, London SW 18 1BP, England; Tel: 081-871-1209; Fax: 081-875-0686.
UMPAP Steering Committee Meeting: 29 Nov-2 Dec. 1994; Kathmandu, Nepal; Mr. Anwar Fazal; Regional Coordinator, Urban Management Programme for Asia and the Pacific (UMPAP), Wisma UN, Blok C, Kompleks Pejabat Damansara, Jalan Dungun, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur; Tel: 603-255-9122; Fax: 603-253-2361/ 603-255-2870.

DECEMBER 1994

CITYNET Executive Meeting; (date to be decided); Manila, Philippines; Mr. H Takahide, CITYNET, 5F International Organisation Centre Pacifico-Yokohama, 1-1 Minato-Mirai, Nishi-ku, 220 Yokohama, Japan; Tel: 81-45-223-2161; Fax: 81-45-223-2162.

SEPTEMBER 1995

IULA World Congress 1995: A World of Municipalities; 03-07 Sept. 1995; The Hague, Netherlands; Congress Secretariat, IULA World Congress 1995, c/o Holland Organising Centre, Parkstraat 29, 2514 JD The Hague, Netherlands; Tel: +31-70-365-7850; Fax: +31-70-361-4846; Telex: 20010 pms nl.

JUNE 1996


UMPAP Secretariat-31011994
A Select List of Newsletters on Urban Management Issues available in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Asian People and Cities
c/o Asian Urban Information Center of Kobe, 6th Floor, Edo-machi SK Building, Chuo-ku, Kobe 650, Japan, Fax: 078 334 1683

This journal is intended to be a channel for exchange of information amongst urban officials, researchers and others on urban and population issues in Asia. Lengthier articles written by both city officials and researchers are featured in this newsletter providing more substantive descriptions on successful measures implemented by cities to solve urban problems faced.

CityVoice
c/o CITYNET Secretariat, 5F, International Organisations Centre, Pacifico-Yokohama 1-1 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama 220, Japan, Fax: 45 223 2162

First published in 1993, this newsletter is aimed at keeping CITYNET members as well as those interested in the activities of CITYNET informed on recent developments in human settlements management. CityVoice can be used as a reference and networking tool putting network members in touch with each other as well as with the activities and services available from the CITYNET Secretariat.

EAROPH Bulletin
c/o EAROPH Secretariat, PAM Centre, 4-6 Jalan Tangsi, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Fax: (603) 274 6515

Published quarterly, this news bulletin provides reports, reviews, regional and global news related to all aspects of human settlements in the region. The Eastern Regional Planning and Housing (EAROPH) brings together technical experts, academics, policy makers and public administrators in a forum to stay abreast of human settlements issues and problems faced as a result of rapid development.

Environment and Urbanization
c/o Human Settlements Programme, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DD, United Kingdom, Fax: 71 388 2826

A twice yearly journal. Each issue contains between 90 to 140 pages and includes a series of papers, information about research in progress, new publications, seminars, non government organisation and research groups and useful addresses. Recent issues have focuses on topics such as: Community Organisations, Children and Environment, Rethinking Local Government, and Women in Environment and Urbanisation. Back copies are also available. A must for any group working on urban environment issues.

HIC News
c/o Cordobanes No. 24, Col. San Jose Insurgentes, 03900 D.F. Mexico, Fax: 5 45 32 63

Published by the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) as a tool for networking amongst HIC members worldwide. Provides a wealth of information on upcoming events as well as publications and news from the various regions.

Housing by People in Asia
c/o Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR), P.O. Box 24-74 Klongchan, Bangkok 10420, Thailand, Fax: 66 2 539 9950

Published by the Third World Network and the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights and includes news and information on issues related to urban housing and poverty issues in the region and internationally. Gives details of ACHR’s activities and programmes and acts as a tool for networking amongst various urban NGOs in the region.

IULA 1994
c/o World Secretariat, International Union of Local Authorities, P.O. Box 90646 2509 LP The Hague, The Netherlands. Fax: +31-703 65 18 25

There are four issues of this newsletter planned for 1994 to be produced by the World Secretariat. Laid out in newspaper size, this 12-page newsletter provides the latest information on IULA’s activities both globally and regionally, with some news on the activities of their collaborating partners such as UTDA and ICLEI.

MECP
c/o EC-Asia Municipal Environment Cooperation Programme, United Towns Development Agency, Paris, France, Fax: 33 1 42 70 37 99

This four-sheet newsletter aims to keep municipal officials abreast on a regular bases of MECP’s on-going activities, municipal initiatives or requests and the MECP’s call for municipal experts or assistance.

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SEVALIP Newsletter
c/o Latin American and Asian Low Income Housing Service (SEVALIP) Casilla 871 Santiago, Chile. Fax: (56-2) 541-6463

This unique news service documents news, events and publications by and about organisations and activities happening in both Latin America and Asia within the urban NGO and CBO movement. Each newsletter is a resource book of sorts containing vast amounts of useful information that is collected by the ingenuity and dedication of one travelling activist throughout these two regions.

Space and Environment
c/o Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, 27-2 Youido Dong, Yongdungpo-gu, Seoul 150-010, Korea. Fax: 82-02-782-3807

Published twice a year, this newsletter seeks to provide a forum to improve knowledge and understanding of the conditions and problems of Korea’s resources and the interaction with people to assist the government in policy formulation and decision making on issues of urban settlements and environment. It is especially targeted at national government officials, research and training institutes and other collaborating partners in the region.

Sustainable Transport

c/o Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), 611 Broadway, Room 616 New York, NY 10012

This is a publication of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) which seeks to promote the use of non-motorised vehicles (NMVs) and the broader implementation of sustainable transportation policies worldwide. It feature news on NMVs from all parts of the world including this region and suggests strategies and solutions for what in growing problem in every major urban setting.

SWM Info
c/o Environmental Planning and Management Unit, United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), 1-47-1 Nagano, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya 450, Japan. Fax: 052 561 9377

This newsletter has its nucleus in a project started by UNCRD in 1987 on Improving Solid Waste Management in the Context of Metropolitan Development and Management in the Asian Metropolises. First published in 1993, this newsletter attempts to keep alive the free flow of information among government planners and officials, academics, consultants, committed citizens and all other solid waste professionals. Information provided include conference details, research abstracts, and success stories in the area of solid waste management.

The Urban Age

c/o The World Bank, Room S10-108, 1818 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20433, USA, Fax: 1 202 477 6391

Quarterly. Published by the Urban Management Programme of the World Bank and contains articles on issues ranging from urban management to social change and poverty from all regions of the world. Also contains book reviews, lists of other books and resources, and a calendar of events and training courses in the areas of urban environment and management.

Urban Examples

c/o John J. Donohue, Advisor on Urban Affairs, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), 868 U.N. Plaza, New York, New York 10017, USA, Fax: 1 212 888 7455

An occasional publication which gives a collection of reviews of projects, including some UNICEF assisted ones, that briefly identifies and summarises urban low-income area development activities which are or could be used to reach children of the urban poor.

Urban Links

c/o Urban Management Programme for Asia and the Pacific (UMPAP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), P.O. Box 12544, 50782 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Fax: 603 255 2870

Published 6 times a year as a current awareness service of Urban Management Programme for Asia and the Pacific (UMPAP) to disseminate news and information on urban issues in the region. This four-page news service provides concise and up-to-date information on issues related to urban environment and poverty, and also includes a four-page views and opinions section, Urban Voices, and Urban Events, a calendar of regional and global events.

Women and Shelter

c/o HIC Women and Shelter Network Secretariat, Mazingira Institute, P.O. Box 14550 Nairobi Kenya. Fax: (2542) 444 643/443 214.

This newsletter of the Women and Shelter Network of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) seeks to link people and organisations working on women and shelter issues globally. This newsletter provides news briefs on the activities of the various reference and initiative centres in the different regions of the world, in order to better integrate the activities of the Women and Shelter Network with those of the larger HIC body and the global urban NGO movement.