The Urban Transformation in Asia: Policy Implications of Decentralization

Inaugural Seminar
East-West Center Seminar Series
URBAN ASIA — Challenges of Transition and Governance

Program Agenda
10-13 August 2008
Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

17:30        Meet in lobby of Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki
             Board shuttle bus to The Bayer Estate
             East-West Center Escort: Ms. Mariko Davidson

18:00        Welcome Reception

20:00        Board shuttle bus to return to hotel

MONDAY 11 AUGUST

8:00         Meet in lobby of Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki
             Board shuttle bus to East-West Center
             East-West Center Escort: Ms. Mariko Davidson

             All sessions will be held at the Hawaii Imin International Conference Center
             Koi Room, Garden Level

8:30         Continental Breakfast and Announcements

9:00         Opening Remarks
             Dr. Charles E. Morrison, President, East-West Center

WORKING SESSION I

Democracy, Decentralization, and Urbanization in Asia: The Challenges of New Policies, Strategies, and Institutional Frameworks

This session includes the following three topic area discussions.

9:30         Session Overview
             Session Chair, Dr. Shabbir Cheema, Senior Fellow, East-West Center; Former
             Director, Management Development and Governance Division, United
             Nations Development Program, Honolulu, Hawaii
TOPIC 1  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts  
Decentralization and the Democratic State in Asia: Devolution with Accountability  
Discussion Leader, Dr. Mark Turner, Deputy Director, Centre for Developing Cities; Professor of Development Policy and Management, University of Canberra, Canberra, Australia

10:45  Break

11:00  Group Photograph  
Japanese Garden, Imin International Conference Center

11:30  Community Lunch Program  
Sponsored by the Friends of the East-West Center, and the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council  
Ohana Room, Garden Level, Imin International Center

Leading A City in Turbulent Times  
A Conversation with:  
Mayor Dinesh Kumar Thapalia, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Mayor Syed Mustafa Kamal, Karachi, Pakistan  
Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., Quezon City, Philippines

Moderated by Dr. Charles E. Morrison, President, East-West Center

13:00  Break

13:15  TOPIC 2  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts  
Urban Decentralization in Asia—Trends and Issues  
Discussion Leader, Dr. Tim Campbell, Chairman of the Board, Urban Age Institute, and former Urban Advisor, City Management and Urban Development, World Bank Institute, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

14:15  Break

14:30  TOPIC 3  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts  
Fiscal and Administrative Capacities of Local Governments  
Discussion Leader, Dr. Shahid Yusuf, Economic Advisor, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

15:30  Summary of Discussions  
Dr. Shabbir Cheema, Session Chair

16:00  Board shuttle bus to hotel  
Evening free

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST

7:30  Meet in lobby of Hawai‘i Prince Hotel Waikiki  
Board shuttle bus to East-West Center  
East-West Center Escort: Ms. Mariko Davidson

8:00  Continental Breakfast
WORKING SESSION II  Asia Urban Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities
This session includes the following three topic area discussions.

8:30  Session Overview
Session Chair, Dr. Elliott Sclar, Director, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Columbia University Earth Institute, New York, New York

8:45  TOPIC 1  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts
Governance and Finance: Challenges of Urban Infrastructure Development
Discussion Leader, Dr. Bindu Lohani, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

9:45  Break

10:00  TOPIC 2  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts
Multi-Source Urban Infrastructure Planning, Finance and Development
Discussion Leaders:
Dr. Aprodicio A. Laquian, Professor Emeritus, Community and Regional Planning, University of British Colombia, Vancouver, Canada
Mr. Gordon Feller, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Age Institute, San Rafael, California

11:00  Break

11:15  TOPIC 3  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts
Regional Planning of Infrastructure Development and Access
Discussion Leader, Mr. Carlos Rodrigues, Vice President and New Jersey Director, Regional Plan Association, Princeton, New Jersey

12:15  Summary of Discussions
Dr. Elliott Sclar, Session Chair

12:45  Lunch, Ohana Room, Garden Level

WORKING SESSION III  The Evolving Role of Civil Society in the Urban Transformation Process
This session includes the following three topic area discussions.

13:45  Session Overview
Session Chair, Mr. David Cadman, President, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability-Global; Councillor/Deputy Mayor, City of Vancouver, Canada

14:00  TOPIC 1  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts
Forging Civil Society and Local Government Partnerships
Discussion Leader, Mr. Arif Hasan, Chairman, Urban Resource Centre, Karachi, Pakistan

15:00  Break
15:15  **TOPIC 2**  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts

**The Role of Civil Society in Improving Urban Governance**
Discussion Leader, Ms. Celine d’Cruz, Co-Coordinator, Slum/Shack Dwellers International, Mumbai, India

16:15  Break

16:30  **TOPIC 3**  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts

**Capacities and Accountability of Civil Society Organizations**
Discussion Leader, Ms. Somsook Boonyabancha, Secretary General, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights, Bangkok, Thailand

17:30  **Summary of Discussions**
Mr. David Cadman, Session Chair

18:00  Board shuttle bus to hotel
Evening Free

**WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST**

7:30  Meet in lobby of Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki
Board shuttle bus to East-West Center
East-West Center Escort: Ms. Mariko Davidson

8:00  Continental Breakfast

**WORKING SESSION IV**

**Urban Adaptation to Environmental Change:**
An Integrated Approach to Risk

*This session includes the following three topic area discussions.*

8:30  **Session Overview**
Session Chair Dr. Allen Clark, Senior Fellow, East-West Center;
Former Executive Director, Pacific Disaster Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

8:45  **TOPIC 1**  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts

**Globalization of Urban Risk**
Discussion Leader, Dr. Maryam Golnaraghi, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Programme, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

9:45  Break

10:00  **TOPIC 2**  Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts

**Urban Society and Adaptation Challenges:**
An Integrated Approach to Risk
Discussion Leader, Dr. Patricia Romero-Lankao, Deputy Director, Institute for the Study of Society and Environment, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado

11:00  Break
11:15 **TOPIC 3** Roundtable dialogue with city leaders and experts

**Practical Applications and Strategies**
Session Chair, Dr. Allen Clark

12:15 **Summary of Discussions**
Dr. Allen Clark, Session Chair

12:45 Working Lunch, Ohana Room, Garden Level

**Where Do We Go From Here?**
*Seminar outcomes including identified issues and actions for follow-up workshops*
Facilitator, Mr. Gordon Feller, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Age Institute, San Rafael, California

13:45 Break

14:00 Board shuttle bus to Honolulu City Hall

14:30 **Mass Transit for Honolulu: Opportunities and Challenges**
Discussion with Mufi Hannemann, Mayor, City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii
Mayor’s Conference Room

15:30 Board shuttle bus to Kapolei

16:30 **Interpretive Tour of Kapolei, Oahu’s New “Second City”**
Mr. Henry Eng, Director, Department of Planning and Permitting, City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii
Mr. David Rae, Senior Vice President for Development, Aina Nui Corporation and Kapolei Property Development, James Campbell Company, Kapolei, Hawaii

18:30 **Closing Dinner**
Roy’s Restaurant at Ko Olina Resort

20:00 Board shuttle bus to hotel

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**Participating City Leaders**

**Indonesia**
- Dr. Reswan Soewardjo, Deputy Chairman for Economic Development, Regional Planning Board, Jakarta Provincial Government
- Ms. Aurora Tambunan, Assistant Secretary for Community Welfare, Jakarta Capital City Government

**Korea**
- Dr. Lee In-Keun, Director-General, Urban Planning, Seoul Metropolitan Government
- Dr. Won Bae Kim, Director, Northeast Asia Regional Development Center, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, Seoul

**Nepal**
- The Honorable Dinesh Kumar Thapalia, Mayor/Chief Executive Officer, Kathmandu Metropolitan City
- Mr. Devendra Dongol, Department Head, Physical Development and Construction, Kathmandu Metropolitan City

**Pakistan**
- The Honorable Syed Mustafa Kamal, Mayor, Karachi
Philippines
The Honorable Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., Mayor, Quezon City
Mr. Bayani Fernando, Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Manila

United States
The Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor, City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii
Ms. Gail Goldberg, Director, Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles, California
Mr. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego, California

Vietnam
Mr. Tran Du Lich, President, Institute of Economic Research, Ho Chi Minh City
Mr. Le Van Thanh, Deputy Head, Department of Urban Development Studies, Institute of Economic Research, Ho Chi Minh City