

Request from a Policy Maker to Researchers on Low Carbon City

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City level activities are key!

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Scenario development at City level is important

- ➢ Cities cause 75% of GHGs
- > Tangible activities happen at City level, not National level
- Request researchers to develop LCS scenarios for many Asian cities Jilin (China) **Bhopal** Ahmedabad (India) Kyoto (India) Shiga Iskandar (Japan) Putrajaya Cyberjaya (Malaysia) Local Scenario

Importance of Co-benefits



- Important to consider various co-benefits in addition to GHG reduction
- Asian cities face many problems
 - Air pollution, Water pollution and Waste
 - Flooding (future risks due to climate change)
 - Super-aging
- Quantification of co-benefits is challenge
- Evaluation tool for City is required (e.g. Casbee, ISO standard)
- Link LoCARNet to Adaptation
 - Asia Pacific Adaptation Network
 - ADB's consortium for climate projection for Asia





Future City Initiative



- Assist developing countries to build sustainable cities environmentally, socially and economically
- Proposed in Rio+20 by GoJ
- Discuss at High level seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities on 21-22 March 2013 at Hanoi, Vietnam



Joint Crediting Mechanism

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Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) aims to

- Facilitate diffusion of low carbon technologies
- Evaluate GHG emission reductions
- Contribute to the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC



Interaction between Policy Maker and Researchers

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Conclusion





- Integrate various co-benefits into those scenarios (e.g. environment, adaptation and aging-society)
- Japan is committed to shift Asian Cities into LCS (e.g. Future city initiative and JCM)
- Interaction between Policymakers and Researchers are vital



Thank you for your attention!

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