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SESSION 3:

From Vision to Reality:
Aligning the Global
Agenda with Local
Benefits

WORKSHOP 2:

Future of Coastal Cities

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The topic of Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) was adopted at the First East Asia Summit Environmental Ministers Meeting in 2008 as a priority for cooperation among the countries. From 2011-2015, with support from the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), a program called the 'ASEAN ESC Model Cities' was conducted by ASEAN Secretariat, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and eight ASEAN countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The program has the overall broad objective of promoting the development of Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) in ASEAN Member States (AMS) and East Asian Countries through the following main activities:

- At a local level:
 - Provide financial (seed funding), technical assistance and other forms of support for raising the capacity of high-aspiration, high-potential and innovative local governments ('Model Cities') to achieve self-declared environmental visions and targets contributing to the city's overall sustainable development.
- At a national level:
 - Strengthen and/or establish national ESC frameworks to create a more enabling environment for sustainable city initiatives.
- At a regional level:
 - Facilitate cooperation (city-to-city learning, as well as partnerships between cities and other supporting organisations) among all key stakeholders through networking, research, communications and outreach activities.

So far, 31 cities in eight AMS have participated in the ESC network. It is expected that this network will continue to expand, providing a platform for exchanging knowledge and experience in promoting ESC in ASEAN and East Asia Summit countries.



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