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Bandung, Indonesia

Successful survey conducted with over a thousand responses received in one week

Obtaining information on the residents' travel behaviour is crucial for Bandung Intervention Programme. This behaviour is commonly captured via field surveys, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the team had to think outside the box. Following discussions with Stakeholders, the online survey was designed, allowing respondents to share both their travel behaviours and opinions on the current condition of the public transport in Bandung. Supported by the Stakeholders and the local communities in Bandung, the survey link was disseminated on social media from 27th July 2020 to 20th August 2020.

The initial plan was to have 400 respondents with a Margin of Error (MoE) of 5%. However, the target was raised to 1,111 respondents with a Margin of Error (MoE) of 3% to increase the strength and robustness of the data. During the final weeks of the survey period when the City protocol was easing, some volunteer surveyors were deployed and some flyers (A5) were also distributed to the most people-oriented places in Bandung. Satisfyingly,

the team's initiation plan was successful and resulted 1,319 respondents. Indeed, we can safely say that our plan has amplified the participation of the Bandung citizen in the Bandung Intervention Programme.



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Bangkok, Thailand

Introduction to Big Data and Analytics training at BMA

At the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), Bangkok, Thailand - as part of Integrated Data Hub (IDH) intervention, the programme conducted a classroom training on Big Data for our counterparts. This was the first face-to-face activity of the entire programme with the city partner, following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Thailand. The training aimed to familiarize BMA staff with basics of Big Data and Data Science. This was a step towards helping them build the required knowledge to implement, manage and utilize the IDH.

A total of 150 participants across 18 departments of the BMA attended the training - 60% of whom were women or representatives of other disadvantaged groups. The trainings have received good satisfaction ratings from the participants, with the overall satisfaction score achieving 8.58/10. In addition, the participants indicated that their knowledge about Big Data and Data Science concepts increased from an average score of 4.35 to 7.81 (on a scale from 1-10).

The IDH intervention will continue to build data and analytical capability of our counterparts by identifying their needs and providing training. Upcoming sessions will include 'deep dives' on Big Data and Data Science for the technical staff of the BMA in November.





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Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

International best practices in Smart Ticketing System

The team responsible for leading the FCO-funded intervention relating to the implementation of a city-wide Smart Ticketing System (STS) for public transport in Ho Chi Minh, successfully hosted a 1.5-day workshop in Ho Chi Minh City on 30 - 31 July 2020. The event received positive reviews and saw over 60 local government and private sector stakeholders participate in person - and remotely from Hanoi, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Singapore and the UK.

The workshop was held in Vietnamese and English and introduced the benefits and challenges of interoperable smart ticketing as a key enabler for integrated multi-modal transport in a complex urban environment, with the aim of increasing the mode share of public transport. Commencing with a keynote delivered by Mr Sam Wood, the Deputy Consul General of the British Consulate in HCMC, sessions focused on GESI, the technical framework for smart ticketing and case studies from systems integrators.

As a capacity-building event, the hybrid meeting format was proven and the team intends to adopt this for later events, including the upcoming workshops focused on the planned technical framework and fare policy.



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GFCP SEA successful launch of the Insight Series

The Global Future Cities (GFCP) South East Asia delivery team have successfully launched the Global Future Cities South East Asia Insights Series. This series of 13, 30-minute knowledge sharing sessions sees pillar leads, alongside intervention delivery team members presenting weekly to internal and external Programme teams. Designed as a platform to share the great work being done in each of the cities, it's also been a way to discuss best practice and innovation.

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Resilience
Improving resilience in city environments will have significant benefits for large numbers of low-income inhabitants.

Transportation
The ability to travel quickly, cost effectively, safely and in a way that emits the least possible amount of pollutants is crucial for any inclusive, productive and healthy city.

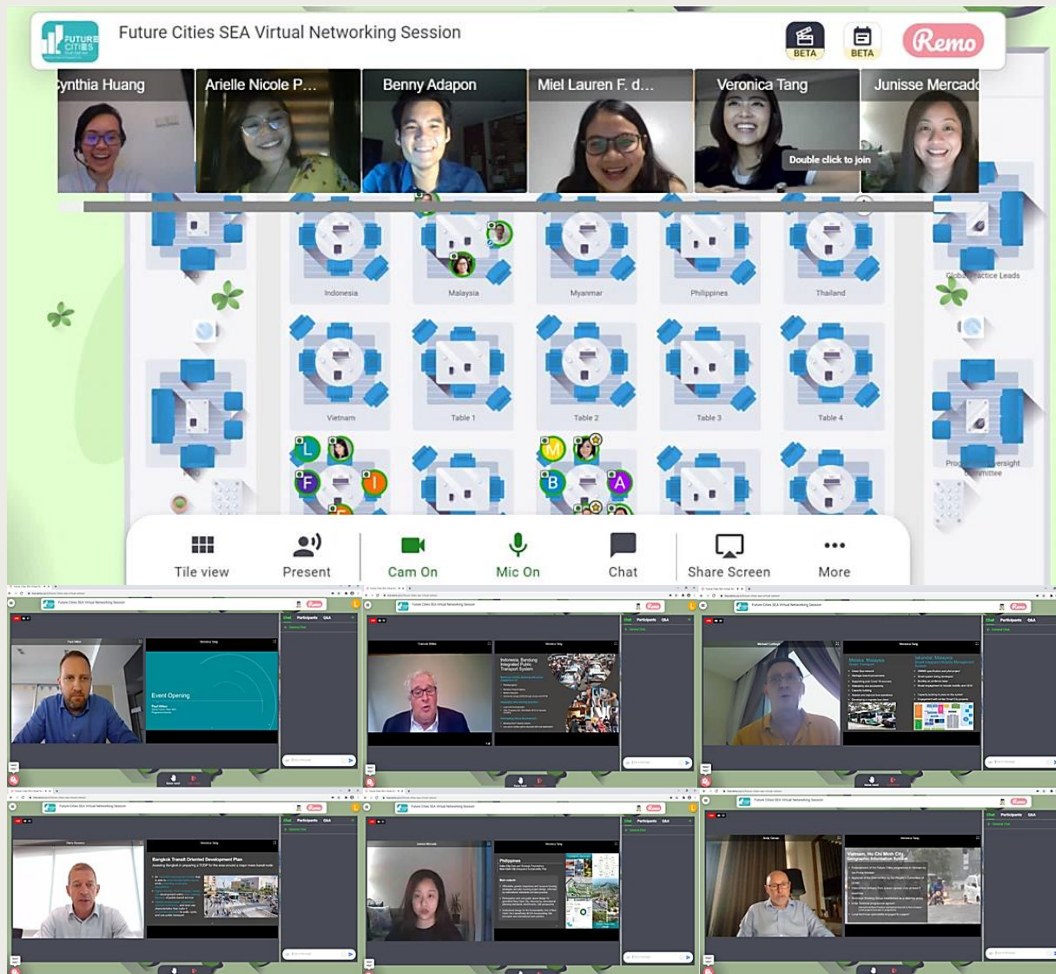
Urban Planning
Urban planning which promotes transit-oriented development, affordable housing, disaster resilience, access to community facilities and shared and safe public space for all, all via improved spatial planning.

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GFCP SEA first virtual networking session

The global Future Cities South East Asia programme held its first virtual networking session on the Remo Platform last Thursday evening. It was incredible to see 53 Programme participants, from 16 different locations across the globe join us.

What a fantastic way to stay connected as we continue to work as one team, sharing knowledge, celebrating successes and exploring opportunities. As a programme, we look forward to having more of such interactive sessions virtually.



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Meet the team

Here are some of the lovely colleagues working on the Future Cities programme. If you would like to be showcased in this section, please use the [GFCP newsletter – submission form](#) to submit an entry.



Andy Girvan

I am the new country lead for Vietnam and have finally arrived in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC). I have moved from Bahrain to Vietnam to lead on the GIS Resilience Intervention and to act as country lead for the programme in HCMC.

I am a Civil Engineer with a wide variety of experience in the water, environment, transport and buildings sectors, having over 30 years of service with Mott MacDonald.

I am looking forward to meeting clients, colleagues and stakeholders both in person and online as well as exploring Vietnam to its fullest.

When not working and travelling, I enjoy cycling, walking and eating. My family is scattered with my wife and daughter still in the UK and son in Sydney, Australia. I hope that the current situation will improve for my wife to join me in Vietnam.

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Zarith Sofia Magad

I am the Transportation Pillar Lead on the Global Futures Cities SEA Programme. My role consists of enhancing quality, reducing risk and enhancing value for money across the transportation themed interventions through scrutiny and support to identify the right people for the need, assuring optimum delivery of the programmes target outcomes and recording lessons learnt between interventions and creating efficiency. I work closely with the other Pillar Leads, the Cross-cutting Advisors, the PMO and the Leads to identify synergies across interventions, and the Communications team to share the excellent work that the intervention teams are delivering. I am grateful for the opportunity to work on this programme, and to learn so much more about the cities we work in. I am excited to work with more of you as we

deliver meaningful outcomes together. Hopefully, in good time, we will be able to meet face-to-face in your respective cities too!

Outside of this programme, I am a Principal Transport Engineer in Mott MacDonald Singapore, where I provide technical leadership on transport

master planning and modelling studies, road design and traffic engineering projects, and road safety audits in the SEA region. My skills are focused in planning and designing of safe permanent and temporary transportation systems that cater not only to traffic, but also with an emphasis on non-motorised transport, walking and inclusive design features for all road users. In addition, as lead of the Transport Planning Practice in East Asia, I am responsible for promoting technical excellence within the Transport Planning team through defined initiatives and activities. My interest in equality, diversity and inclusion has provided me involvement in Mott MacDonald's employee network that promotes an inclusive workplace culture, which I find extremely rewarding.

In my personal time, I feel most content at any beach, I enjoy being lost in a good book, I often try my luck at baking and I always have fun crafting. The only time you will see me most competitive is at dress-up parties. This photo is of me as a cactus in a self-made costume! Needless to say, I won. I am currently learning to play this strange instrument called the Otamatone.

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Chularat Tangmahasuk (Ping)

I work as Assistant Project Manager for 3 interventions in Bangkok; a Decision - Support System for Flood Management (DSS), Integrated Data Hub (IDH) and Transit - Oriented Development Plan (TODP).

I am responsible for liaising with the local FCO, the Bangkok Municipal government and other stakeholders to ensure that projects are executed as per the plan, issues are resolved in a timely manner and that effective communications take place between Thai and non-Thai speakers. Often, I serve as interpreter as this made me become more effective and efficient in finding the exact words to translate technical and engineering words and concepts from English to Thai. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family. I enjoy running and home workouts.

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