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Your news for the **Global Future Cities South East Asia** Programme

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New Clark City, Philippines

First Assessment Workshop of Sustainable Development Goals across South East Asia

Through virtual means, the UN Habitat led the two-part assessment workshop of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in New Clark City (NCC) last September 11 and 16 – the first assessment workshop to be held in Southeast Asia under the Global Future Cities Programme. By the means of the workshop, the delivery team and the city partner had the opportunity to explain their assessment scores according to the selected performance criteria. The assessment workshop has been conducive to both delivery team and city partner as they were able to discuss gaps and issues that are vital to the succeeding deliverables of the programme, an efficient means also in maintaining effective communication on both ends.



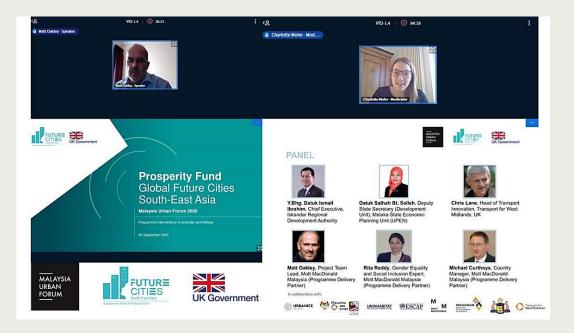
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Iskandar, Malaysia

Successful GFCP Malaysia Intervention Collaboration on the Malaysian Urban Forum 2020 (MUF2020)

The Malaysian Urban Forum 2020 is a national level forum that aims to promote inclusive debates and discussion towards developing and improving sustainable urbanization strategies, policies and programs. As part of the forum, a "Virtual Dialogue and Networking Session - The Role of Smart Mobility in Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development" was facilitated by the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP) Malaysia Project Team in collaboration with the UK FCDO and UN-Habitat on the 28th of September 2020. The session focused on the role of smart mobility in cities, exploring common challenges, risks, strategies and learnings with mobility experts and stakeholders on the GFCP. The session commenced with a keynote address by the British High Commissioner to Malaysia, His Excellency Charles Hay MVO. The CEO of the Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) Y.Bhg. Datuk Ismail Ibrahim and Deputy State Secretary of Melaka Datuk Salhah Bt. Salleh subsequently addressed the key mobility challenges and strategies of their respective regions as representatives of the City Partners on Iskandar Malaysia and Melaka

Interventions respectively. This was followed by a presentation on both Interventions by Matt Oakley the Project Team Lead for MM Malaysia who have been appointed as a Delivery Partner on the GFCP. An international perspective was also shared by Chris Lane, the Head of Transport Innovation on Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), UK via the presentation of some Case Studies and an overview of the importance of data sharing efforts on their initiatives. The UN-Habitat moderated a brief panel discussion to address some attendee questions, before the event concluded successfully with closing remarks by Michael Curthoys the Mott MacDonald Malaysia Country Manager.



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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.



Arielle Nicole Papa

I am the Assistant Project
Manager to the Cebu City
Strategy Development
Intervention under the Global
Future Cities Programme. The
bulk of my work for this project
centres on providing support to
our Team Lead and PMO and
coordinating activities and
communications between our

local and international team members and stakeholders. Though the work keeps me busy, it's been a fantastic and enjoyable learning experience, especially with getting to meet and work with people from all over the world, and contribute to the future development and prosperity of what is not only the oldest city in the Philippines, but also home to my family.

Outside of working for the project, I've enjoyed touring around the city and trying out the very best of Cebuano cuisine. When travel restrictions are lifted, I'm hoping to get myself and the team out up on the mountains and more provincial parts of the Cebu Island, and maybe join in on the fun in the Cebu 10s Rugby Festival in late February.

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Muhammad Ahlam Moktar

I am the Assistant Project Manager for Global Future Cities Programme – Malaysia, which consists of two (2) Interventions; Iskandar Smart Integrated Mobility Management System and Data Management (SIMMS) and Melaka Green Bus Network and Heritage Area Integrated Mobility Plan. My responsibility includes supporting Country Lead and Project Managers in term of project control and project management. I am also responsible for liaison with our local

FCO, communication with PMO, local government agencies and other stakeholders.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work on this programme as I have always thought that Melaka and Iskandar are both wonderful cities with endless charm and countless unique attractions of their own. It is really an honour

for me to be a part of this and hopefully witness the change we can make as an organisation.

Off duty, I really enjoy road cycling and running. Cycling trip to the part of the country you've never been before always clears your mind and refreshes your perspective. As quoted, "Cyclists see considerably more of this beautiful world than any other class of citizens. A good bicycle, well applied, will cure most ills this flesh is heir to" Dr. K. Doty.

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