



# Prosperity Times

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

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## **Global Future Cities South East Asia Programme 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

In celebration of reaching our first year milestone of the programme, we will be launching a photography competition paralleling to the themes and drivers that our teams are delivering on Global Future Cities South East Asia Programme. This will be an opportunity for you to capture the 10 cities through your creative lens. Please find details as attached.



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## Surabaya, Indonesia

### Surabaya Urban Intervention presented at Smart and Sustainable City Online Webinar hosted by Ministry of Housing and Public Works (Kementerian PUPR)

Surabaya Urban Transformation intervention as part of Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP) of South East Asia was invited to present at Smart and Sustainable City Online Webinar hosted by Ministry of Housing and Public Works (Kementerian PUPR). The webinar highlighted the urban transformation strategy in Putat Jaya. The event was organised as part of the World Habitat Day event with over 4000 participants of attendance. The presenters and panellists include National Development Agency (Bappenas) and urban planning experts including GFCP Surabaya Urban team.

One of the targets of the 11th Sustainable Development Goals is access to decent, safe and affordable housing and basic services for all and improvement of slum settlements.

The session also covered topics on green-blue infrastructure concept, provided understanding on government plan and policies in achieving sustainable city goals. Accessibility to clean water and sanitation for all, inclusive and participatory planning process and creating new smart and sustainable Capital City were discussed as part of the webinar.



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## Surabaya, Indonesia

### Successful Online Workshop Series #3: Disaster Risk Reduction Mitigation in Surabaya and East Java for High School Teachers and the Public

The 3rd online workshop series was conducted on 21 November 2020 between Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP) of South East Asia and ITS (Technology Institute of Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya) on Earthquake Preparedness Strategy.

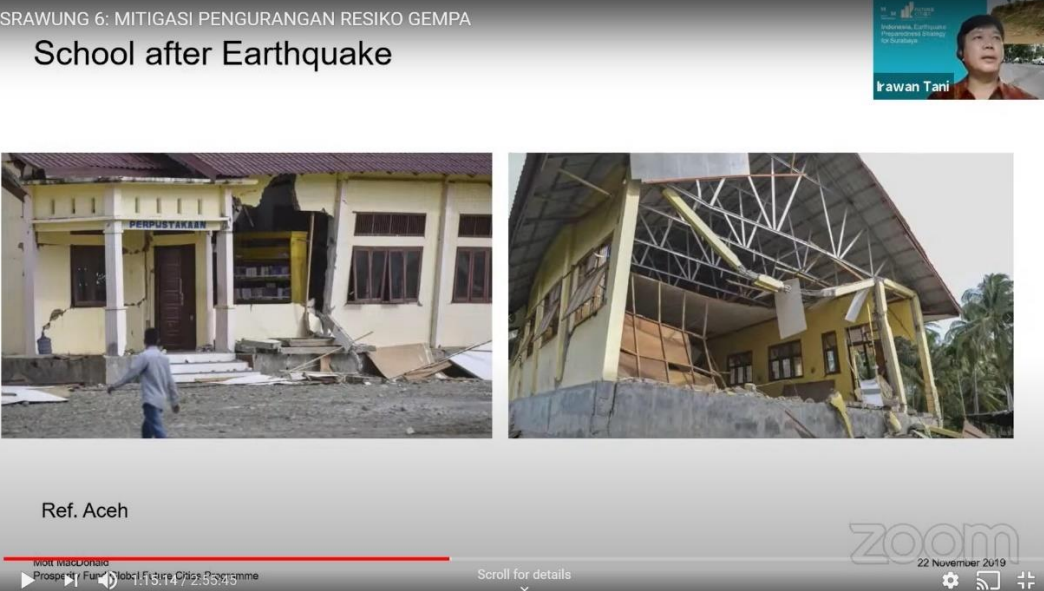
The workshop focused geographically on Surabaya City with attention to East Java in Indonesia, on the disaster risk reduction mitigation both from the structural and non-structural perspective.

Three main speakers presented several key issues on the importance of disaster risk reduction. Dr. Irawan Tani, team lead of Surabaya Earthquake Preparedness intervention highlighted the implementation of regulations that support the effort to anticipate the impact of the earthquake.

The good news story of the successful online webinar has been covered by one of the top media agencies in Indonesia (Jawa Post), highlighting the importance of earthquake disaster risk reduction, especially for the high-rise buildings due to fast development of Surabaya Metropolitan.

SRRAWUNG 6: MITIGASI PENGURANGAN RESIKO GEMPA

### School after Earthquake



Ref. Aceh

Zoom 22 November 2019

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## Iskandar, Malaysia

### Establishment of GESI Consultative Group (GCG) Marks Milestone for GFCP Iskandar Malaysia

Gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) are fundamental in the development of more inclusive and sustainable urban and transport planning. Projects that are designed and implemented to improve transport infrastructure and services should encompass and benefit all levels of society, including socially marginalised groups.

At the recent GESI Consultative Group inaugural meeting held on 15 October 2020, representatives from various associations working with marginalized groups discussed the challenges commonly faced and expressed their thoughts on the current public transportation facilities in Iskandar Malaysia.

The GESI Consultative Group (GCG) was established to provide input to the Iskandar Malaysia interventions throughout the project cycle. The group brings together representatives from associations working with marginalised groups, women, children, youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, the urban and rural poor, and the indigenous and migrant workers.

Representatives from the GCG will serve to provide counsel to the Smart Integrated Mobility Management System (SIMMS) Steering Committee which is part of the intervention governance. GCG Terms of Reference have been developed to provide structure to the group as they endeavour to address the practical and strategic needs of GESI groups.



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## Yangon, Myanmar

### **Impactful Meeting with Local Marginalised Community and City Authorities**

The Myoe Lann Thar (MLT) team recently held a workshop with representatives from Myanmar's people with disability (PWD) community and the city authorities on 7 November and 23 November 2020. This highly impactful meeting allowed attendees to speak directly to the city authorities about the challenges they face daily while using the public space in Yangon. They highlighted various issues, from open drains to uneven surfaces and curbs that are elevated. Currently, many areas of Yangon are inaccessible to marginalised group with mobility challenges.

The city authorities are keen to have regular engagement with the local PWD community to ensure public space upgrades are catered their needs. MLT design team will be holding more detailed workshops to ensure pilot upgrades are accessible and safe.

Universal accessibility is a core aim of MLT intervention to ensure that Yangon's public space is safe and accessible for everyone, especially the marginalised community.

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## Bangkok, Thailand

### **Successful Installation of Temporary Rainfall Radar Equipment**

The Bangkok resilience intervention successfully completed the installation of a temporary vertically profiling rainfall radar within our pilot study area on 30 October 2020. The purpose of this equipment is to provide high-accuracy real-time rainfall data for the study area and calibrate the accuracy of the existing rainfall radar network used by our City Partner, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA). Furthermore, the overall calibration will be confirmed through direct comparison with co-located rain gauge measurements.

Through timely liaison and careful planning, we were able to install the radar equipment on the roof of BMA's Wang Thong Lang District Office, which is located directly within our study area. As well as being a very secure

location for this sensitive equipment, the height of this building has ensured no potential interference in the readings from adjacent tall buildings. Commissioning of the radar equipment is currently being completed and real-time rainfall data is now being obtained from the radar equipment remotely via a web-based Application Programming Interface (API).



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## Remembering Chasan Ascholani



We pay tribute to our beloved team member.

It is with great sadness we announce that Chasan passed away on 20 November 2020.

Pak Chasan was working as a consultant in the Global Future Cities Surabaya Earthquake Preparedness project as a Resilience Specialist. He has studied development planning in Indonesia and in the Netherlands and worked for the past 10 years as a Resilience Specialist for many organizations, among which BNPB, the National Disaster Management Agency of Indonesia, CARE International, the Australia Indonesia Facility for Disaster Reduction (AIFDR), the Arbeiter Samariter Bund of Germany, and the Karina Foundation.

Chasan was appreciated by all, for his professionalism, dedication, and kindness. Chasan will be missed deeply.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Chasan's family at this time.

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