

Summary Record of  
the 6th ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High Level Meeting

1. The 6th ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High Level Meeting was held in Tokyo, Japan, on October 29-30, 2024. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Hirofumi AMAKAWA, Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Hokkaido Development Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and H.E. Dr. Viengnam DOUANGPHACHANH, Director General, Department of Housing and Urban Planning, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao People's Democratic Republic.
2. This Meeting focused on Green Transformation (GX), and participating countries discussed the need to further develop their understanding of the factors necessary and the support required to implement smart cities in society.
3. The ASEAN Secretariat shared information on ASEAN's initiatives on smart cities and sustainable urbanisation in the first session. In addition, several member countries and cities of the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) reported on smart city GX initiatives they are working on. In the following second session, the Meeting shared the findings on smart city initiatives to promote GX from the Smart JAMP studies, as well as from knowledge and measures related to GX that the Government of Japan , ASEAN Member States and local governments are working on.
4. Through these discussions, against the backdrop of the growing need to address climate change, a common global challenge, Japan and ASEAN Member States recognized the importance of promoting decarbonization towards carbon neutrality/net-zero emissions, while also achieving economic growth, energy security and resilience, especially through innovation. To this end, the Meeting confirmed the need to promote cooperation to share knowledge and formulate projects in ASEAN Member States for the promotion of carbon neutrality/net-zero emissions through the use of smart city technologies in various fields such as transportation and energy.
5. Japan also shared that under the framework of the Asian Zero Emissions Community (AZEC), "promotion of GX through cooperation in the smart city sector" was positioned in Asia Zero Emission Community Leaders' Joint Statement Action Plan for the Next Decade at the AZEC Summit Leaders Meeting held earlier this month, and the Meeting confirmed further promotion of cooperation in the smart city sector to contribute to the realization of a decarbonized society is called for.

6. Based on the above discussions, Japan proposed to prepare a summary of case studies, including the good practices shared at this Meeting, by the next meeting to share them widely and to promote further support through Smart JAMP. Japan's proposal was welcomed by ASEAN Member States and the participating cities of the ASCN.
  
7. ASEAN and Japan reaffirmed their commitment to continue holding the ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High Level Meetings by mutual agreement and to continue cooperating to realise smart cities in ASEAN.