

Tokyo-Southeast Asia Capitals Dialogue for Sustainability (TOKYO-SEADS)

Joint Statement

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Challenges faced by cities have grown beyond the scope of individual cities. It is now more important than ever for cities, which stand on the front line of response, to work together to confront challenges and share knowledge and experiences to realize a sustainable urban future.

Although Tokyo and cities in Southeast Asia have different urban structures and backgrounds, we face various shared challenges, including intensifying natural disasters caused by worsening climate change, infrastructure development and renewal, aging populations, and the enhancement of residents' well-being.

Among these challenges, the threat of natural disasters, including storms and floods, has notably been growing in recent years. In order to firmly safeguard the lives and assets of our residents, it is of the utmost importance for Tokyo and Southeast Asian cities, which are geographically close and have active exchanges with one another, to further enhance multicity lateral cooperation and advance practical measures for learning from each other.

We, the participating cities of the Tokyo-Southeast Asia Capitals Dialogue for Sustainability (TOKYO-SEADS) (Tokyo, Bangkok, Dili, Hanoi, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Phnom Penh, Singapore, Vientiane), held discussions today on the key theme of "Storm and Flood Countermeasures and Development of Urban Infrastructure."

By learning from the strengths and experiences of each city, we will further advance measures including those listed below, with the aim of creating a resilient and sustainable urban future.

【Focus Areas】

- Storm and flood countermeasures (river embankments, regulating reservoirs, sewerage systems, seawalls, etc.)
- Urban infrastructure development, renewal, and maintenance (roads, water supply systems, sewerage systems, ports and harbors, etc.)
- Usage of digital technology in the aforementioned areas

【Practical Initiatives】

1. Sharing good practices and information

Cities will actively share good practices and the latest information, establish opportunities for regular exchange, and learn from one another.

2. Implementing joint projects

Cities will advance effective cooperation by implementing joint projects such as intercity technical cooperation, the dispatching of experts, local site visits, and training seminars.

3. Implementing measures

Cities will advance concrete measures, taking into account good practices, the latest information, and the results of joint projects.

4. Monitoring progress and sharing results

Cities will periodically assess the progress of measures listed under items 1 through 3 and share the results obtained.