

Summary of the activities the IAU Global HESD Cluster of SDG 11

“Sustainable Cities and Communities”

We had the first initial meeting on the IAU on Higher Education for Sustainable Development (HESD) Cluster towards SDG No.11 (Sustainable cities and communities) between leader and satellite universities on June 29, 2019 at Hinoki Resort, Hokkaido, Japan, hosted by Tokai University. The second meeting was at Royal Cliff Beach Resort, Pattaya, during 24th–26th November 2019 this meeting was held with other activities hosted by Siam University. Currently the 7 cluster members are 1. Siam University, Thailand 2. Tokai University, Japan 3. Durban University of Technology, South Africa 4.J.F. Oberlin University, Japan 5. American International University Bangladesh (AIUB), 6. University of Surabaya (Ubaya), Indonesia, 7. Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania. We are in the process of adopting Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand (AIT) to become a new member. The cluster has agreed to suggest that the Higher Education Institutions should undergo the following activities as the way to promote SDG 11:

1. Use campus as the living laboratory for Sustainable cities in terms of Research, Innovation and as the role model for the society.
2. Promote collaboration between Universities and the community near the campus blending the intellectual resources with the natural resources and human resource to solve the problems and promote the wellbeing of the community.
3. Transform of the public space near the campus to become Healthy Learning Space for the Community.
4. Develop the club for student activities to promote SDG and service learning in the cities.
5. Promote disaster prevention and disaster management program and activities.
6. Develop a unit in the campus responsible for the transformation of the city towards more Sustainable way.

The following project are of the University in the cluster includes

1. Healthy Space in the city (Siam University)
 2. Living Lab for Sustainable city (Siam University)
 3. Sustainable cities and community (Tokai University)
 4. Affordable Clean Energy in the cities (Tokai University)
 5. Social Welfare Club (AIUB)
 6. Adoptive Solution for Dwelling Unit in the cities (AIUB)
 7. Disaster prevention and Volunteer (J.F. Oberlin University)
 8. Clean Energy Transportation (J.F. Oberlin University)
 9. Ecological; Sanitation in the campus (University of Surabaya (Ubaya))
 10. Migration and the Inclusive city (DUT)
 11. Imagine a city without Wall (DUT)
 12. “Managing Urban Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure to Increase City Resilience (URBANGALA)” and INTERREG Europe project (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania)
- And etc ...

Right now, the COVID-19 pandemic has more effect on big cities which change the way we live therefore the world after COVID-19 will not be the same, hence, there will have more reasons for us to work together more closely and effectively so that we can fulfill our responsibility to promote confidence and trust of the public and provide essential research, education, and activities to serve our society and communities.

Appendixes:

29th June 2019 – the first initial IAU SDG 11 Cluster Meeting in Japan



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