

## ISAP SESSION SUMMARY 3

**PL-6 Part 1: Low Carbon Policies in Cities and Creation of Business Opportunities****Time and Date: July 24, 2013 10:00-11:20**

Rapidly growing urbanization in Asia can potentially be a driving force for cities to transform their policy and regulatory structure into green ones. Cities can realise this transition if diverse stakeholders collaborate. Japanese leading technologies and lessons are highly valuable when developing countries aim to achieve leapfrog development. This session explored how to realise such transition by inviting six speakers from cities, the central government, private sector, and research organizations. Cases utilising a Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) were also introduced.

To begin the session, the moderator, Hidefumi Imura, Senior Fellow at IGES, raised several points on the potential of international cooperation at city level. Kotaro Kawamata, Director, Office of International Cooperation, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan, introduced the JCM as one of the ways to support the leapfrog development. He said that support for the enabling environment involving diverse stakeholders is also key. Shigenori Jinbo, Group Manager, Fellow, Nikkei BP Cleantech Institute, stressed that Japanese efficient technologies are highly valuable for developing countries to utilise. Tetsuya Nakajima, Director, International Technical Cooperation Division, Policy Bureau, City of Yokohama, mentioned that it is important for cities of both Japan and developing countries aim to achieve green growth together. In this direction, Yokohama Smart City Project is on-going in cooperation with private sector. Takejiro Sueyoshi, Special Advisor in the Asia Pacific Region, UNEP Finance Initiative, told us that unless transition from brown to green economy can be achieved, it would be difficult for cities to continue providing basic services for citizens. Akira Ogihara, Manager, Project and Research Group, Urban and the Environment Section, Kawasaki Environment Research Institute, City of Kawasaki, introduced cases of international cooperation at city level with participation of local industries. Gen Takahashi, Deputy General Manager, Business Development Group, Sales and Marketing Department, Asia Pacific Division, Overseas Business Sector, JFE Engineering Corporation, presented a project to install advanced Japanese solid waste management technology in Da Nang City, Vietnam, noting that collaboration among diverse stakeholders, including City of Kawasaki, was essential. Finally, Kazuhisa Koakutsu, Leader/ Principal Policy Researcher, Climate and Energy Area, IGES, touched upon the importance of MRV (measure, report, verify) to ensure the accountability for control at city level.

**Key messages of the session**

Japanese technologies and experiences are valuable to achieve leapfrog development in cities. It is crucial for diverse stakeholders to work together not only to transfer green technologies, but also support provision of the enabling environment, including effective MRV systems.

