

# Global Cooperation Institute for Sustainable Cities (GCI) of Yokohama City University

Concludes MoU with IGES in ISAP 2011

Upon the occasion of the 3rd International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP 2011), Yokohama City University (YCU) is to conclude the MoU with the Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES) in its inauguration followed by the opening session. The ceremony for its conclusion should be a challenging commencement of the cooperation between YCU and IGES. Your participation in the both events are more than welcome.

**1. Ceremony of concluding MoU:** 14:30-14:45, 26 July 2011, Venue: Room 421

**2. Opening session of Global Cooperation Institute for Sustainable Cities (GCI)**

IGES-Yokohama City University cooperation seminar: Low carbon and smart city

<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Date: July 26th [Venue: Room 502] 14:45–16:30         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Date: July 27th [Venue: Room 502] 9:30–12:15         </div>
<p><b>PART ONE</b> <b>What is Smart City?</b> Its concept and an approach to achievement</p> <p>Chairman: Hidefumi Imura, Senior project manager (GCI) Opening remarks: Tutomu Fuse, President of Yokohama City University</p> <p>Presentation Round table: Is “Smart City” concept a solution to design “Low-carbon society”?</p> <p>Participants: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Kawasaki city, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Kita-Kyushu city, Yokohama city, Kanagawa prefecture, Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd., Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.</p>	<p><b>PART TWO</b> <b>International Cooperation for Achieving Low-Carbon Society in the Asia-Pacific Region</b></p> <p>Moderator: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)</p> <p>09:30-10:45 Presentation Strategies of city governments for achieving Low-carbon society</p> <p>-----</p> <p>11:00-12:15 Presentation How can and should external organizations facilitate efforts of local government for achieving Low-carbon society?</p> <p>Participants: IGES, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment (MoE), City of Bangkok, City of Surabaya, Hosei University, NIES, The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Yokohama city, The Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements (CITYNET)</p>

The GCI was established in Yokohama City University in April 2011. Its mission is to promote and substantiate the International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) created in 2009 whose purpose is to contribute to solving various problems to which cities are facing through networking universities as well as through promoting collaboration with city governments, international organizations, development agencies and other related organizations. At present, the GCI comprises three units: Environment; Urban Design & Management, and Public Health; trying to produce concrete action plans with member universities. Striving to achieve its mission, the GCI also intends to change YCU towards more international oriented university than ever by promoting substantial international programmes, especially on the project basis related to IACSC.