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CONCEPT NOTE

From 10 to 14 June 2019, around two-dozen delegates from 10 CALD member-parties participated in a seminar-workshop in Seoul, South Korea that aimed to introduce the concept of “smart city”, its characteristics, and how it is perceived from a liberal perspective. The event also presented cases of successful smart cities, as well as the preliminary steps needed for local governments to make the transition to smart cities.

Smart city, defined as a locality that uses information and communication technologies to increase operational efficiency, share information with the public, and improve both the quality of government services and citizen welfare, is being increasingly viewed by members of CALD as a political tool to ingrain liberal and democratic values at the local level at a time when many national governments in Asia are reeling from the effects of populism, illiberalism and authoritarianism. It is at the level of local governments that genuine political reform that puts the citizens front and center can take place – and smart city can be an instrument in realizing this goal.

In this regard, CALD’s 3-year climate change project (2019-2021) hopes to assist select local governments under CALD member-parties to develop or improve their smart city blueprint. This will be done in three stages: (1) collect baseline data on select local governments, including their past and ongoing smart city programs, if any; (2) conduct a specialized expert assessment of these local governments’ readiness to undertake smart city initiatives; and (3) convene representatives of these local governments in a regional workshop where they can learn concrete steps in putting their smart city vision into reality.

The project’s over-all objective is to be of assistance to local governments under CALD member-parties which may have a vision to improve the quality of life of their constituents, but are constrained by the question of where to begin or how to



proceed further. By bringing in a panel of experts who can provide concrete and workable suggestions on how to transform their smart city vision into reality, CALD hopes to help interested local governments begin the process of making their cities more efficient, innovative and sustainable.

In the Seoul seminar-workshop, CALD was able to come up with a preliminary assessment tool which can be used in the next stage of the project. There is a need, however, to present this instrument to the CALD membership and to refine it, if necessary, so that it accurately captures the realities and constraints faced by localities governed by CALD member-parties. Given the concerns raised in Seoul with regard to smart city's inclination to "big data" and how it impacts on the right to privacy, CALD also deems it appropriate to address the issue of cyber security, defined as "the practice of protecting systems, networks, and programs from digital attacks."

It is in this light that CALD, in cooperation with the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), the Pingtung County Government, and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), is organizing a follow-up seminar- workshop with the theme "Towards a Smart City Blueprint in Asia: A Guide for Political Parties" in Pingtung County, Taiwan on 23-27 August 2019. A training on cyber security will also take place on 25 August 2019. The objectives of the seminar-workshop and training are the following:

- To review the key issues and challenges regarding smart-cities from the Seoul seminar-workshop;
- To present and get feedback on the preliminary smart city assessment tool that will be used in the next stage of the CALD project;
- To identify possible local government units governed by CALD member-parties which are interested to participate in the project;
- To understand the importance of cyber security and how this relates to smart city; and
- To conduct site visits in Pingtung County that showcases its smart city and tourism initiatives.

Participants: 25-30 CALD local government officials and senior staff / party officials responsible for environment policies; 2-4 international or local resource persons; 3-4 members of the CALD Secretariat

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Schedule of Activities (23 August, Friday)

Arrival / Welcome Dinner

Variable	Arrival and Check in at the hotel <i>The Fish Hotel</i> <i>No. 255, Minsheng Road, Pingtung City</i> <i>Pingtung County, Taiwan</i>
18:30	Assemble at the hotel lobby / depart for dinner venue
19:00-21:00	Welcome Dinner <i>Hosted by the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan</i> <i>Venue: Shui-Yue-Xi-Lo</i> <i>Welcome Remarks</i> Ching-Yi Lin, MP Director, Department of International Affairs Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i> Li-Hsueh Wu Deputy Magistrate, Pingtung County Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i>
21:00	Return to the hotel

Schedule of Activities (24 August, Saturday)

Opening Ceremony / Seminar-Workshop Day 1 / Free Night

06:30-08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Meet at the hotel lobby and leave for seminar-workshop venue
09:00-09:30	Registration <i>Venue: Pingtung Government South Building</i> <i>301 International Conference Room</i>
09:30-10:00	Opening Ceremony



	<p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <p>Chih-Wei Chen CALD Secretary General Deputy Director for International Affairs, Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i></p> <p><i>Opening Remarks</i></p> <p>Ching-Yi Lin, MP Director, Department of International Affairs Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i></p> <p>Li-Hsueh Wu Deputy Magistrate, Pingtung County Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i></p>
10:00-10:15	Gift exchange and official group photograph
10:15-10:45	Coffee/tea break <i>Transfer to Pingtung Government South Building, Meeting room 305</i>
10:45-11:45	<p>Keynote Addresses</p> <p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <p>Chih-Wei Chen CALD Secretary General Deputy Director for International Affairs, Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i></p> <p><i>Keynote Addresses</i> <i>(via video conference)</i></p> <p>Audrey Tang Digital Minister, <i>Taiwan</i></p>
11:45-12:15	<p>Introduction of the CALD Smart City Program</p> <p>Getting to Know One Another: Speed Bingo</p>
12:15-13:30	<p>Lunch at Room 304</p> <p>Specially designed lunch box of the Taiwan Design Expo</p>

<p>13:30-15:00</p>	<p>Session I: Smart City: Key Issues and Challenges Venue: Room 305</p> <p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <p>Sung-eun Lim Program Manager, South Korea Office Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, South Korea</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Jed Elroy Rendor Policy and Research Staff Center for Liberalism and Democracy, <i>Philippines</i></p> <p>Supasith Limsakul Member, Committee on Policies and Strategies Democrat Party, <i>Thailand</i></p> <p>Chang Yu-hsuan Independent Researcher, <i>Taiwan</i> Open Culture Foundation</p> <p><i>Open Forum</i></p>
<p>15:00-15:15</p>	<p>Coffee/tea break</p>
<p>15:15-16:30</p>	<p>Session II: Smart City Assessment Tool: Presentation and Working Groups Venue: Room 305</p> <p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <p>Paolo Zamora CALD Program Manager, <i>Philippines</i></p> <p><i>Speaker</i> <i>(via video conference)</i></p> <p>Charles Kurowski Leading Cities Advisor, <i>USA</i></p> <p><i>Open Forum</i></p>

16:30-18:00	Session III: World Cafe Working Groups <i>Division into Working Groups and Presentation</i>
18:00	Return to the hotel Free Night

Schedule of Activities (25 August, Sunday)

Seminar-Workshop Day 2 / Closing Ceremony / Pingtung County Tour / Dinner

06:30-08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Meet at the hotel lobby and leave for seminar-workshop venue
09:00-09:30	Registration <i>Venue: Pingtung Government South Building, Meeting room 305</i>
09:30-10:30	Session IV: Sharing by the Pingtung City Government Directors
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break
11:30-12:00	Closing Ceremony and Evaluation <i>Closing Remarks</i> Chih-Wei Chen CALD Secretary General Deputy Director for International Affairs, Democratic Progressive Party, <i>Taiwan</i> <i>Seminar-Workshop Evaluation</i> Audrie Frias CALD Program and Administrative Officer, <i>Philippines</i>
12:00-13:30	Lunch at Room 304 Specially designed lunch box of the Taiwan Design Expo
13:30	Depart for Pingtung Agricultural Biotechnology Park



14:00-15:00	<p>Pingtung Agricultural Biotechnology Park</p> <p><i>The key industries that the park aims to develop include functional food and biotech cosmetics, fish breeding and aquaculture products, biopesticides, biofertilizers, animal vaccines, biotech testing and OEM/ODM service, and environmental control facilities.</i></p>
15:00	Depart for Sun Liren General Hall
15:30-18:00	<p>Sun Liren General Hall</p> <p><i>One of the important architectural and cultural assets of Pingtung County. This features the residence and life of General Sun, Li-Ren's, Taiwan's war hero. There will be a dialogue with Pingtung Youth College and new immigrant residents. The delegates also will get the chance to walk around the Victorystar in Pingtung Zone, formerly a military area converted in to a space to commemorate the history of Pingtung and celebrate modern and cultural experience.</i></p>
18:30-21:00	<p>Dinner</p> <p><i>Hosted by the Pingtung County Government</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Sugar Bistro on Qin-Dao Street</i></p> <p>Walk around Victorystar in Pingtung Zone</p>
21:00	Return to the hotel

Schedule of Activities (26 August, Monday)
City Tour / Farewell Dinner

06:30-09:30	Breakfast
09:30	Meet at the hotel lobby and depart for Yong-da Community
09:45-11:00	<p>Yong-da Community</p> <p><i>The Yong-da Park, originally Pingtung Towing Field, has been reconstructed into an inter-generational park for elders, children, and people with disabilities. There will be an introduction by the social welfare team and a tour of the facility.</i></p>
11:00	Depart for Da-Chao-Zhou artificial lake

11:30-13:00	<p>Da-Chao-Zhou artificial lake</p> <p><i>The lake was built when the Lin-Bien and Jia-Dong township had problems with extracting underground water that resulted in ground subsidence or the sinking or settling of the ground surface. The Economic Bureau provided subsidy and authorized the Pingtung Technology University to assess, analyze, plan and execute the program to construct the artificial lake. There will be an introduction by the Department of Water Resources and a tour of the facility.</i></p>
13:30-15:00	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Venue: A-Da Seafood Restaurant, Fang-Liao Township</i></p>
15:00	<p>Depart for Da-Wu-Ding flood pond</p>
16:00-17:30	<p>Da-Wu-Ding flood pond</p> <p><i>The Da-Wu-Ding Drainage Reservoir is the first water-type solar powered generation facility in Taiwan to address flood and promote preparedness and emergency response during disasters. There will be an introduction by the Environmental Protection Bureau and a tour of the facility.</i></p>
17:30	<p>Depart for Dong-gang</p>
18:30-21:00	<p>Farewell Dinner and Sister City Signing Ceremony <i>Venue: Arong Square Seafood Restaurant, Dong-gang</i></p> <p>Men-An Pan Magistrate, Pingtung, <i>Taiwan</i></p> <p>Bi-khim Hsiao CALD Chairperson Member of Parliament, <i>Taiwan</i></p> <p><i>Sister Cities Signing Ceremony</i> <i>(Chao Zhou Township, Pingtung, Taiwan and Roxas City, Philippines)</i></p> <p>Pin Chuan Chou Mayor, Chao Zhou Township Pingtung, <i>Taiwan</i></p> <p>Ronnie Dadivas Mayor, Roxas City, <i>Philippines</i></p>



21:00	Return to the hotel
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Schedule of Activities (27 August, Tuesday)

Departure

06:30-10:00	Breakfast
Variable	Check-out and departure