

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UNCRD)
AND
THE SOUTH ASIA COOPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
(SACEP)



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This Memorandum of Understanding (herein after referred to as the Memorandum) is concluded between the:

United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)
Nagano 1-47-1, Nakamura-ku
Nagoya, 450-0001,
Japan.

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South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme
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Sri Lanka

1. **The United Nations Centre for Regional Development**, hereinafter referred to as UNCRD, was created by an agreement between the United Nation and the Government of Japan and was established in 1971 as a United Nations organization promoting regional development in developing and transitional economies in Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Latin America. The Centre targets its programmes towards socially and environmentally sustainable development, focusing on the three key components of Human Security, Environment, and Disaster Management. The Centre in close cooperation with United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) - (a) serves as a training and research centre in regional development and planning and related fields for developing countries which may wish to avail themselves of its services, (b) provides advisory services in regional development and planning and related fields at the request of developing countries, (c) assists developing countries in promoting the exchange of data on research, practical experience, teaching and other relevant subjects in regional development and planning and related field, and (d) assists and cooperates with other organizations, national or international, concerned with regional development and planning and related fields."
2. **South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme**, hereinafter referred to as SACEP, is an inter-governmental organization, established in 1982 by the governments of South Asia to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region. SACEP, as in the programme objectives, focuses to achieve a regional strategy to assist, enable and facilitate the South Asian countries to address the waste management related issues. SACEP seeks to work in areas where regional cooperation and collective action can add value to member countries and produce better outcomes.

UNCRD, in close co-operation with the Ministry of Environment Government of Japan has launched an initiative to promote environmentally sustainable transport (EST) in Asia, by

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carrying out range of activities and based on the above UNCRD and SACEP propose working together to promote Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in South Asia

3. Under the Memorandum , it is agreed that the both parties should;

Under Long Term Cooperation:

- Exchange of information, representation and consultation
 1. The two organizations shall, as needed, exchange information and document concerning matters of joint interest;
 2. Each organization should invite the other to attend as an observer, in accordance with its existing procedures and practices, any relevant conferences and meetings of joint interest; and
 3. Wherever desirable and useful, the parties shall hold consultations on matters of joint interest and on topics relating to their collaboration;

- Cooperation arrangement
 1. Within the framework of their respective activities, both parties may agree to design and implement joint cooperation projects, which may take the form of technical meetings, public seminars, thematic projects and support actions aimed at particular region or countries;
 2. Such projects shall be designed and implemented in accordance with specific arrangements to be determined jointly by the relevant organizations of both the parties, setting the practical, technical and financial conditions for the participation of the parties, whose availability shall be duly ensured; and
 3. The Director of UNCRD and the Director General of SACEP shall adopt appropriate administrative measures to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the Secretariats of both parties.

- Publications
 1. Both parties should recognize the desirability of cooperation with regard to exchange of relevant publications and proceedings with a view to promoting optimum use thereof in the context of the work of the other party.

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Under short Term Cooperation:

The United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), National Environment Agency (NEA) of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources of Singapore, Land Transport Authority (LTA) of the Ministry of Transport of Singapore, and the Ministry of the Environment - Government of Japan, will be hosting the **Third Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum on 17-19 March 2008 in Singapore**. The regional EST forum aims to provide a strategic/ knowledge platform for sharing experiences and disseminating among Asian Countries best practices, policy instruments, tools, technologies, in relation to various aspects of EST. The primary objectives of the Regional EST Forum are to –

- Facilitate policy dialogues organized on a periodical basis and further exchange of opinions, ideas and information on best practices among participating countries on environment and transport related issues in the Asian region;
- Facilitate and provide necessary advisory support for the formulation of national strategies and action plans on environmentally sustainable transport for selected countries; and
- Help establish linkages with other on going regional and international activities/ initiatives in promoting environmentally sustainable transport.

With an objective to further strengthen and expand the above scope and coverage, the 3rd Regional EST Forum is expected to have for the first time the participation of South Asian Countries under the financial support of UNCRD, and UNCRD and SACEP will jointly work to move this initiative forward in the South Asian Region.

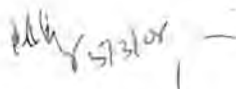
And in this regard it is agreed that two organizations have agreed to pursue the following tasks

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- Prepare the joint press release;
- Prepare and disseminate the joint invitation letters to the South Asian countries (Both Ministry of Environment & Ministry of Transport);
- Coordinate with SACEP for the smooth participation of the South Asian Countries and subsequent follow-up activities; and
- Facilitate policy dialogues on a periodical basis and further exchange of opinions ideas and information on best practices on various aspects of EST.

SACEP

- Act as a nodal agency for facilitating the required inter-governmental support for the UNCRD initiative on the promotion of EST in Asia, in particular South Asia;



- Release and disseminate the “joint Press Release” and proceedings of the EST Forum on the SACEP web site;
 - Follow up with SACEP’s National Focal Points requesting them to send the nominations and facilitate participation in the Forum; and
 - Follow-up to facilitate sharing of experiences and disseminating EST knowledge amongst member countries and help facilitation of policy dialogues on a periodical basis.
4. All day-to-day correspondences regarding this Memorandum between the UNCRD and SACEP should be addressed to:

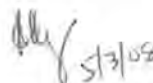
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5. Entry into force, amendments and duration of this memorandum of Understanding
1. This memorandum of understanding shall enter into force upon the signature by the duly authorized representatives of both parties.
 2. This memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of both the parties.
 3. This memorandum of understanding may be terminated by either party provided that 3 (three) Month's notice is given to the other party. Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding by either party shall in no way affect previous obligations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed of this memorandum of understanding in four original, authentic copies in English.

Signed on behalf of

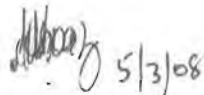
*United Nations Centre for Regional
Development
(UNCRD)*



Mr. Kazunobu Onogawa
Director
Date:

Signed on behalf of

*South Asia Cooperative
Environment Programme
(SACEP)*



Dr. Arvind Anil Boaz
Director General
Date:

