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C4C 2 Assists the City Corporations for Good Governance

The Project for Strengthening Capacity for City Corporations (C4C 2) is the second phase of C4C*. It is for institutional strengthening of City Corporations (CCs) through the implementation of the Strategy for Governance Improvement of City Corporations 2030 (SGI) at government and CC levels. The SGI is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 in respect of effective,

accountable, transparent and responsive public institutions.

The CCs manage the annual Plan-Do-Check-Action (PDCA) cycle anchored in budgeting, citizen engagement, internal training and reporting through Annual Administrative Report (AAR) and Annual Statement of Accounts (ASA). The CCs are also guided on framing regulations as mandated by the City Corporation Act. These are the backbone of the CC's service delivery as set out in SGI. The progress of the CCs' governance improvement is periodically reviewed and assessed by the SGI Steering Committee chaired by Local Government Division (LGD).

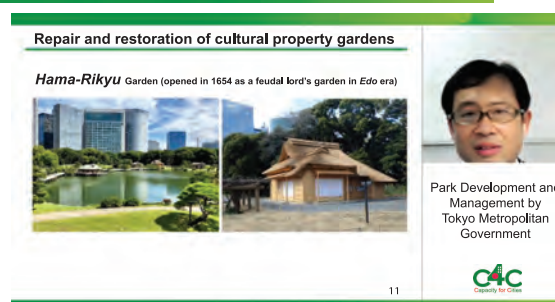
* C4C, an acronym of "Capacity for Cities", refers to the Project for Capacity Development of City Corporations implemented by LGD with JICA technical cooperation from 2016 to 2021.



LEARNING AND DIALOGUE

City Governance in Bangladesh and Japan

A hybrid program was organized on 4 - 5 October 2023 for learning city governance experiences in Japan and horizontal exchange among the CCs with support from the JICA C4C 2 team. About 80 professionals from all CCs, LGD, NILG and other organizations attended the event in Dhaka, while 7 experts in Japan including former and incumbent city officials took part virtually from Japan.



Topics & Speakers from Japan

Urban Development and Finance Citizen Engagement

-Prof. Tamura, Univ. of Nagano (formerly of Ministry of Internal Affairs)

Policy Trajectory of the Development of Tokyo Metropolis

-Mr. Sato, former Chief Engineer, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Tokyo Waterfronts and Parks for Citizens

-Tokyo Metropolitan Government officials

City Planning and Citizen Services through Partnership

-Hiroshima City officials



From Bangladesh, officials of Dhaka South, Dhaka North and Rajshahi City Corporations shared good practices on revenue generation, digitalization and urban development. Key points for the way forward in Bangladesh highlighted during the dialogue were:

- Cities' gaining trust of the public being the key to urban development
- Inclusive citizen participation backed up by laws and bylaws
- Institutionalized coordination among government organizations and the CC
- Revenue enhancement by updating legal instruments and administration

The lectures are available in videos and can be used for training by the CCs and government institutions.

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