

# **Criteria for the Selection of Cities to Participate in the ASEAN-German Technical Cooperation Programme "Clean Air for Smaller Cities"**

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During the 3rd Meeting of the AWGESC in 2005, it was agreed to request from German Government support to the ASEAN Initiative for Environmentally Sustainable Cities Programme (AIESC) which aims to assist participating cities (around 200,000 – 1.5 Mill. inhabitants) to establish and implement action plans to address air pollution and urban transport challenges. GTZ aims at rendering support directly to the participating cities, under the chairmanship of AWGESC chairperson as the main executing agency of the project.

As may be seen from the attached information on the project, support for development and implementation of clean air plans will be provided for up to two cities each of Cambodia, Indonesia, PDR Lao, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Criteria for the selection of cities will be applied: The participating cities should have

1. a population between around 200,000 and 1.5 million
2. an air quality problem which is recognised by the national environmental authorities. The air pollution should not only stem from a limited number of sources (industrial stacks) but from various sources in the city (transport, small, medium and large industrial site emissions etc.),
3. an active and committed mayor with and interested city council/local parliament,
4. a lively and active civil society (NGOs, local initiatives etc) with a proven record of projects and programmes,
5. an appropriate number of civil servants or employees, dealing with plan development and implementation (e.g. urban development and land-use plans, sewage and water supply plans etc.),
6. at least some experience in plan development and implementation (see also 4.).

Cities should present themselves during the selection procedure by writing up a City Presentation of not more than 10 pages, reflecting the topics of the Guidelines for City Presentation as attached. The City Presentation should be submitted to the national Focal Points of AWGESC with a covering letter from the Mayor of the city, who confirms his support and re-assures the interest of the city council members as well as of relevant Non-Government Organisations, active in his city.

# Guidelines for City Presentation

The following issues should be covered by a City Presentation:

## Basic Data

- Number of inhabitants in your city
- Number of inhabitants in the vicinity of your city (20 km around your city)
- Is the city expected to grow rapidly? In which area (population, industry etc) and by how much within the next 5-10 years?
- Number of vehicles by type of vehicle (motorcycles, cars, buses, trucks/lorries)
- Which type of public transport is available, what is its share in daily motorised trips?
- What is the length of the road network (by type of road – paved/unpaved)
- Can your citizens walk and cycle? How many kilometres of dedicated sidewalks and bicycle lanes?
- Number of companies with more than 500 employees
- Total area (ha or sq.km) within the city boundaries and by type of land-use
- Is there a land-use or urban development plan in place?

## Problems and Solutions

- What are the five most important problems in your city?
- Is there an air pollution problem in your city? What is the reason? What are the sources (transport, industry, open burning, others)?
- How do you know that it is a problem (any air quality measurements)?
- Have you or your predecessors ever taken measures against the air pollution? Which measures and with which results?
- Which measures could be promising / what is needed to improve the situation?
- What is your vision of your city? How should your city look like?
- What is the vision of your citizens?

### **Communications with Citizens**

- Are you in contact with your local industry? Regular meetings, roundtables etc? What are the issues? Problems?
- Are non-governmental organisations (NGO) active in your city? What are their issues? What are their initiatives?
- Are you in contact with NGOs? How often? Regular meetings, joint projects?

### **Other issues**

- Please provide an organisation chart of your city administration
- How many officers are involved in town planning, environmental enforcement? (names, positions, qualifications) / Which offices are involved in planning, enforcement?
- Have you or your predecessors established development or action plans in other fields, like water, sewage, city development (please attach Table of Contents)? To which degree are they implemented – if not, why?