

**Southeast Asian – German Conference 2009**  
**ForUm – Network for Urban futures in Southeast Asia**  
**Challenges of Urbanisation - "The role of civil society in urban development"**  
**Kuala Lumpur and Penang, Malaysia, 1 – 11 March 2009**

1	<b>Sunday</b> 1/03//2009	<p><b>Arrival of participants</b> <span style="float: right;">The Swiss Garden Hotel, Kuala Lumpur</span></p> <p>"get-to-know-you" Dinner</p>
2	<b>Monday</b> 02/03//2009	<p><b>Welcome</b> <span style="float: right;">The Swiss Garden Hotel, Kuala Lumpur</span></p> <p><b>International Cooperation Activities</b></p> <p><b>Presentations and Discussions on "Civil Society and its Role in Urban Development (I)"</b></p> <p><b>8:30 Registration</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Opening, Salutation and Welcome</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Welcome address by Dr. Guenther Gruber, Ambassador German Embassy Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Lee Boon Thong, Nilai University College, Malaysia</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, Head of ForUm Network, University of Cologne, Germany</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Opening Speech by Y.M. Prof. Emeritus Dato' Tengku Shamsul Bahrin, President, Nilai University College, Malaysia</b></p> <p><b>10:00 Refreshments</b></p> <p><b>10:30 Session 1: German-Malaysian Cooperation and Introduction to the Challenges of Urban Development in Malaysia</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Mr. Alexander Lang, Head of the Cultural Department, German Embassy Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: "Academic Exchange Activities"</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Mr. Alexander Stedtfeld, Malaysian - German - Chamber of Commerce (MGCC): "Economic cooperation's and joint activities"</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, Head of ForUm Network, Department of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany: "The role of civil society in urban development"</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Dato' Dr. Sothi Rachagan, Vice-President of the Nilai University College, Malaysia: "Towards social equity: accessibility for the urban underprivileged"</b></p> <p><b>12:30 Lunch</b></p> <p><b>14:00 Session 2: The Role of Civil Society in Urban Development in Malaysia (II)</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Ms. Ellie Al Dagga, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Malaysia: "The role of international agencies: the work of UNHCR among refugee communities in urban areas"</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>James Nayagam, Shelter Home Malaysia: "Shelter for the underprivileged children"</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Dr Neil Khor Jin Keong, Department of History, University of Malaya: "Civil society in George Town: an historical view".</b></p> <p><b>15:30 Refreshments</b></p> <p><b>16:00 Session 3: The role of civil society in urban development in Malaysia (III)</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Shariffah Bahyah Bte Syed Ahmad, School of Humanities and Social Science, Nilai University College, Malaysia: "The manifestation of civil society in new urban residential areas in Malaysia"</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>Assoc. Prof. Tiun Ling Ta, School of Social Science, University Sains, Malaysia: "The role of unit owners in managing high-rise residential buildings in Malaysia"</b></p> <p><b>20:00 Welcome dinner</b></p>

3	<b>Tuesday</b> 03/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>The Swiss Garden Hotel, Kuala Lumpur</b></p> <b>City Excursion I: Intra-urban of Kuala Lumpur</b> <b>8:30 Briefing on the “KL Structure Plan”</b> <b>10:00 Briefing on “Managing the traffic in KL”</b> <b>12:30 Lunch</b> <b>14:30 Petronas Twin Towers</b> <b>15:30 Kg Baru: a Malay residential area</b> <b>16:30 KL Towers</b> <b>17:30 Jinjang New Village (Chinese residential area) &amp; Bukit Tunku (upper class residence)</b> <b>19:00 Bukit Bintang Walk &amp; Chinatown</b> <i>Dinner</i>
4	<b>Wednesday</b> 04/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>The Swiss Garden Hotel, Kuala Lumpur</b></p> <b>Presentations and Discussions on “Civil Society and its Role in Urban Development (II)”</b> <b>09:00 Session 4: The role of civil society in urban development in Indonesia (I)</b> <b>Ms. Yuni Windarti, Institute for Research and Community Services, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia:</b> “The centre of excellence as a part of sustainable civil society in the challenge of disaster risk reduction” <b>Mr. Sukamdi, Centre for Population Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia:</b> “Economic crisis, political reform, and the rise of civil society in Indonesian urban development: an analysis from the good governance and decentralisation survey” <b>Mr. Djaka Marwasta, Faculty of Geography, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia:</b> Strengthening of civil society by “Kampong Tourism” in Yogyakarta <b>10:30 Refreshments</b> <b>11:00 Session 5: The role of civil society in urban development in Thailand (I)</b> <b>Dr. Monsicha Bejrananda, Faculty of Architecture, King Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Thailand:</b> “Level of citizen participation in local tourism development planning: a case study of Srisakes Province” <b>Prof. Dr. Manat Suwan, Department of Geography, Chiang Mai University, Thailand:</b> “Civil society and urban development in Chiang Mai City” <b>Dipl. Ing. Kwansuang Athipodi, Chulalongkorn University:</b> “Lessons learned from Civil Society Activities in Thailand” <b>12:30 Lunch</b> <b>14:00 Session 6: The role of civil society in urban development in Vietnam</b> <b>Ta Quynh Hoa, Faculty of Architecture &amp; Planning University of Civil Engineering Hanoi, Vietnam:</b> “Enhancing community participation to improve living environment in Hanoi’s Ancient Quarters for sustainable development” <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Le Thu Hoa, Faculty of Urban and Environmental National Economics University, Vietnam:</b> “3R in Hanoi: can it become a “movement”?” <b>Mr. Linh Dang, Vietnam:</b> “Challenges of Vietnamese Companies in Dak Lak, Ha Tinh and TT Hue: The weakness and opportunities of the current education and qualification system” <b>15:30 Refreshments</b> <b>16:00 Session 7: The role of civil society in urban development in the Philippines (I)</b> <b>Dr. Anselmo Mercado, President of the Cooperative Business Institute in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines:</b> “Strengthening civil society: the Philippine experiences” <b>Mayor Dixon Q. Yasay, Mayor, Municipality of Opol, Misamis Oriental, Philippines:</b> “Shared leadership, enhancing social capital: the Opol experience” <b>19:00 Bukit Bintang Walk, Chinatown and Central Market (Dinner)</b>

5	<b>Thursday</b> 5/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>The Swiss Garden Hotel, Kuala Lumpur</b></p> <p><b>Excursion II: Mega-urbanisation issues in the Klang Valley</b></p> <p><b>9:00</b> Putrajaya (briefing and tour)  <b>12:30</b> <i>Lunch</i>  <b>14:00</b> Cyberjaya (briefing and tour)  <b>16:30</b> Suburbanisation and new towns  <b>18:30</b> <i>Dinner</i></p>
6	<b>Friday</b> 6/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Bayview Hotel Georgetown, Penang</b></p> <p><b>Transfer to Penang</b></p> <p><b>8:00</b> Proceed to Penang via Cameron Highlands  <b>12:30</b> <i>Lunch</i>  <b>18:00</b> Arrival in Bayview Hotel Georgetown  <b>19:15</b> <i>Dinner</i></p>
7	<b>Saturday</b> 7/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Bayview Hotel Georgetown, Penang</b></p> <p><b>Presentations and Discussions on “Civil Society and its Role in Urban Development (III)”</b></p> <p><b>09:00 Session 8: German-Malaysian cooperative and civil societies in urban development in Malaysia (III)</b>  <b>Mr. Karl Ebeinger, German Malaysian Society Penang:</b> Programme and Activities  <b>Dr. Goh Ban Lee, Fellow of the Socio-Economic and Environmental Research Institute Penang:</b> “The role of civil society in urban governance in Malaysia”  <b>Associate Professor Dr. Chan Huan Chiang, Centre for Policy Research, University Sains Malaysia:</b> “Individual freedoms versus collective responsibilities in the advancing city: insights from looking about Penang”  <b>10:30 Refreshments</b>  <b>11:00 Session 9: Challenges of Urban Development in Malaysia (IV)</b>  <b>Mohd. Bazid, Penang Development Cooperation:</b> “Urban development in Penang”  <b>Laurence Loh, Arkitek LLA Sdn Bhd:</b> “Heritage issues and the role of Penang Heritage Trust”  <b>12:00 Lunch</b>  <b>13:30 Session 10: The role of civil society in urban development in Indonesia (II)</b>  <b>Rini Rachmawati, Faculty of Geography, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia:</b> “Achieving Civil Society in Indonesia”  <b>Ms. Dyah Widiyastuti, Faculty of Geography, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia:</b> “The role of community in urban water supply: a case study of Yogyakarta, Indonesia”  <b>Dr. Eni Harmayani and Mr. Harsoyo Oedijono, Faculty of Agriculture, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia:</b> Farmer’s Groups in Peri-Urban Areas as a Part of Civil Society Actions: The Rural-Urban Linkage  <b>15:00 Refreshments</b>  <b>Session 11: The role of civil society in urban development in Thailand (II)</b>  <b>Dr. Chaiyan Rajchagool, Institute of Religion, Culture and Peace Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand:</b> “Conflicts and Compromises within the Civil Society on the Battleground of Urban Development”  <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sekson Yongvanit, Department of Geography, Khon Kaen University, Thailand:</b> “Development of civil society in Khon Kaen Municipality”  <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daranee Bunchorntavakul, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Thailand:</b> “Community Organization Movement towards Urban Development in Thailand”  <b>19:15 Dinner/Cultural show</b></p>

8	<b>Sunday</b> 8/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Bayview Hotel Georgetown, Penang</b></p> <p><b>Excursion III: Metropolitan growth of George Town</b></p> <p><b>9:00</b> Industrial development in Bayan Lepas/Bayan Baru  <b>11:00</b> Industrial and urban growth on Mainland Penang  <b>13:30</b> <i>Lunch</i>  <b>14:30</b> Round Island (tourism belt, middle class housing etc.)  <b>15:30</b> <i>Refreshments</i>  <b>16:00</b> Round Island tour (Hillside development in Paya Terubong, Penang Hill)  <b>18:00</b> <i>Dinner</i></p>
9	<b>Monday</b> 9/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Bayview Hotel Georgetown, Penang</b></p> <p><b>Half-day excursion IV: Inner city development of Penang</b></p> <p><b>Presentations and Discussions on “Civil Society and its Role in Urban Development (IV)”</b></p> <p><b>8:30</b> Inner City Heritage Walk  <b>11:30</b> <i>Lunch at a traditional shophouse</i></p> <p><b>13:30 Session 12: The role of civil society in urban development in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Philippines</b></p> <p><b>Phann Sithan, Housing Rights Task Force, Phnom Penh, Cambodia and San Phyrum, Ministry of Land Management Urban Planning and Construction, GTZ/ IP-GOPA- LASED Kampong Cham, Cambodia:</b> “An Overview of the Roles of NGOs and Government in Urban Development and Land Management in Cambodia”</p> <p><b>Saykham Thammanosouth, Public Works and Transport Institute. Lao PDR:</b> “Community empowerment on urban environmental sanitation services, Ban Hatsady Tai, Vientiane City Lao PDR”</p> <p><b>Noel Cornel Alegre, CUREXO-IDS, Capitol University, Philippines:</b> “Demystifying academics and urban poor development: the case of Capitol University extension programme”</p> <p><b>15:00</b> <i>Refreshments</i>  <b>15:30 Session 13: Plenary discussions on the role of civil society in urban development</b>  <b>16:15</b> Free time for preparation for dinner party  <b>19:00</b> <i>Dinner Party</i></p>
10	<b>Tuesday</b> 10/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Bayview Hotel Georgetown, Penang</b></p> <p><b>Workgroups and Discussion of Future Networking Activities, New Proposal, Evaluation</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Session 14: Workgroups on tasks &amp; planning for future activities &amp; networking and future cooperation</b></p> <p><b>10:30</b> <i>Refreshments</i>  <b>11:00</b> Presentations of workgroup discussions, Report of the network partners on past activities  <b>Evaluation and final discussions on German-Southeast Asian cooperation</b>  <b>12:30</b> <i>Lunch</i>  <b>13:30</b> Free  <b>19:00</b> <i>Dinner</i></p>
11	<b>Wednesday</b> 11/03//2009	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Bayview Hotel Georgetown, Penang</b></p> <p><b>Departure day</b></p> <p><b>8:00</b> Depart for KL/KLIA by bus  <b>14:00</b> Departure of participants.</p>