

# The 10th Asian City Journalist Conference

## ***“Asian cities and Sustainable Urban Development”***

Jakarta, 20 October, 2015

The Asian City Journalist Conference (ACJC) has been held every year since 2006 with the aim to bring journalists in Asia together to exchange opinions and share knowledge on critical topics around urbanization, and to establish a network among media.

ACJC was always held in Fukuoka, Japan, with support of Fukuoka and local newspapers. Exceptionally, the 10<sup>th</sup> ACJC will take place in Jakarta on the occasions of the Asia-Pacific Urban Youth Assembly (APUFY, 17-18 Oct), the Sixth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-6, 19-21 Oct) and the Habitat III Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting (21-22 Oct). Habitat III is the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 through 20 October 2016.

This year, the ACJC will focus on **“Asian cities and Sustainable Urban Development”**. The Conference always aims to share among journalists information on the state of Asian Cities and their problems in terms of urbanization. In 2015, the Conference will also share the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS), including Goal 11 on sustainable urbanization.

In addition, the conference will have the participating of “young journalists”. On 18 October, there will be a young city journalist training (civic media training) during APUF-Y. Some participants will be presented to share their experience.

Five journalists from Asian cities will talk about their activities in the field of urban development and we will discuss the better city journalism.

**Date : Tuesday, 20 October, 2015**

**Time : 12:45 – 13:45 ( Lunch Time: 12:30~12:45 )**

**Venue : Emerald Room, Fairmont Hotel Jakarta**

PROGRAMME	
12:30~12:45	Lunch break
12:45~13:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Opening Remarks</b> UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li><li><b>2. “My City Journalism” – introductory remarks from 5 panelists</b> <b>【Panelists】</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Mr. TK Arun, The Economic Times (New Delhi / India )</li><li>•Mr. Lixin Wan, Shanghai Daily (Shanghai / China )</li><li>•Mr. Akihisa Nonaka, Nishinippon Newspaper (Fukuoka / Japan )</li><li>•Ms. Evin M Sofian, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta / Indonesia )</li><li>•Ms. Ninuk M Pambudy, Kompas Daily Newspaper (Jakarta / Indonesia )</li></ul></li><li><b>3. Youth Media Feedback from APUF-Y</b></li><li><b>4. Panel Discussion, Q&amp;A from all participants and audience</b></li></ol>

Organizer : UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Co-organizers: Government of Indonesia, Nishinippon Newspaper

## **Panelists Profile**

### **Mr. Thalekkara Krishnan Arun (Opinion Editor, The Economic Times ( New Delhi ) / India )**



He supervises the paper's editorials. His blog, Cursor, appears on the online editions of both the Economic Times and the Times of India. He has been the paper's resident editor at Delhi, headed the economy bureau and looked after the editorial page in the past. He has been with the paper since 1994, except for a two-and-a-half year stint with the dot com world during 1999-2001, when he edited an online news portal, Narad Online. He has worked as a technical advisor at the Kerala State Planning Board, before beginning his career in journalism in 1992 at the Observer of Business and Politics, New Delhi. He did his Master's in economics from the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

### **Mr. Lixin Wan (Associate Opinion Editor, Shanghai Daily / China )**



Born and brought up in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, China, and had a Master's Degree from Zhejiang University in China. He had since worked as a reporter for China Daily, a writer for China International Business magazine, and since January 2007 began to work as a columnist for Shanghai Daily. As a columnist, he has written extensively about environment, urbanization, and the decay of social and cultural fabric in China as a result of rapid growth. He believes only a fundamental change in our outlook and lifestyle can provide for a sustained future.

### **Mr. Akihisa Nonaka (Bangkok Bureau Chief, Nishinippon Newspaper / Japan )**



Graduated Bachelor of Arts, Nagoya University, Aichi, Japan, 1987 and entered Nishinippon Newspaper at the same year. After experiencing art and culture section, political and urban issue section and branch office, he became a director of internet news section from 2005 to 2007. And from 2013, he has been a Bangkok bureau chief.

### **Ms. Evi Mariani Sofian (Head editor at City Desk, The Jakarta Post / Indonesia )**



She has been a journalist for about 15 years and a journalist at The Jakarta Post for 13 years, covering business, health, environment, education, culture and arts and for good many years and especially focusing on forced evictions, to document their fights, the city's desire for orderly city, and to write stories about the living condition of the underprivileged residents post-eviction. Now she is one of the editors who write the newspaper's editorial for city issues. After finishing undergraduate study in mass communication at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, she spent 2 years in Amsterdam, 10 months in Maryland and four months learning about the management of digital journalism in the Washington Post in Washington D.C.

### **Ms. Ninuk Mardiana Pambudy (Deputy Editor in Chief, Kompas Daily Newspaper / Indonesia )**



Joined Kompas Daily Newspaper in 1984 and since then working in some area from economy, science and technology, environment, urban issues, and gender issues. My responsibilities other than planning and supervising the general issues in news room are also conducting scholastic discussion on topics related to public interests and offprint activities