LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE CITY

The experience of Tongyeong

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Oct 2005 : Acknowledged as 8th RCE, UNU-IAS
July 2007 : Designated as Lifelong Learning City, MoEducation
Oct 2008 : 1st Asia Pacific RCEs Conference in Tongyeong
Dec 2010 : Preparatory Meeting for RCE Tongyeong Foundation
Jan 2011 : Establishment of Secretariat of RCE Foundation
April 2011 : Establishment of RCE Tongyeong Foundation
Sept 2011 : Ground-breaking of Sejahtra Centre & RCE Eco-Park
RCE TONGYEONG PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Civil Society
Networking
ESD Program Development

Schools
Curriculum Development
ESD Model schools
ESD Model University

Training
Training for Government Officers
CSR
Sustainability Leadership

Youth
Bridge to the World
ESD English Camp
Informal/nonformal Education
:a network of 42 informal education institutions

-Self-governing rule
- Regular mandatory training and workshops
- Monthly meeting
- Joint ESD projects
Formal Education

: School teachers network (A network of all 36 schools of Tongyeong)

- Training for school teachers
- Annual workshop
- Bridge to the World Youth program
- Tongyeong Talent Scholarship
- Extracurricular ESD programs
- Area: 248,178㎡
- Project timespan: 2007~2014
- Est. Budget: 1.4billionUS (Funded by Ministry of Environment, ROK)
  - Named “Sejahtra Centre” of Asia Pacific RCE Network
    - ESD training centre for Asia Pacific teachers/ researchers/ students
    - Problem-based Learning: Exhibitions, training, forum, education programs to be operated under the ESD theme changed every-two-year
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RCE ACTIVITY

- Tongyeong municipal government led RCE acknowledgement in partnership with Yonsei University and Gyeongsang National University
- Tongyeong City Council established a “municipal rule on organization and support of RCE Tongyeong”
- Members of the city council participate in RCE Tongyeong decision-making body
- Local government provides financial support for the activities of RCE
- Regular Training local government officials (leadership programs, workshops) organized by RCE
- Collaboration on establishment of RCE Eco-park
• Human resource development: more opportunities for youth!
• Sustainability of RCE movement
• Good partnership and collaboration with national as well as local governments
• Raising citizen’s awareness on sustainable development
• More joint projects initiated by RCE network partners
The wisdom of Magpie feed

- A tradition of leaving last few fruits on the trees for birds to feed on during winter