

Kitakyushu's City-to-City Model — Exporting Japanese Waste-Management Expertise to 78 Cities in 16 Countries

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Japan

Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2010, Japan's Kitakyushu City has run over 192 city-to-city cooperation projects on waste management, water supply and air pollution control in 78 cities across 16 countries, including a JICA-backed solid-waste programme with Davao City, Philippines.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

[City of Kitakyushu / Kitakyushu International Techno-cooperative Association \(KITA\), with JICA](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

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