

## **What are the issues in the cities for mitigation and adaptation to climate change:**

- Lack of base line data
- Difficulty in formulating policies
- Political commitments
- Public awareness and behavioral changes
- Lack of finance

## **What are existing low carbon initiatives in Asian cities that could be upscaled and expanded in S & M Cities**

- Reduce the AC temperature (Cool Biz program)
- Efficient mass transit program (Bangkok)
- Efficient lighting system
- Increase and better management of green area.. Create carbon sinks
- Capacity building - mainly education initiatives in regular academic curriculum
- Solid waste to energy program – Dan Nang
- Expand and promote private sector participation - Waste and Energy service management sector

## **What barriers need to be addressed by cities while addressing climate change issues**

- Non-uniform mass transport tariffication (bus fair in Chiang mai)
- Lack of physical resources and public participation;
- Need for technically qualify staff – specially experts on inter-disciplinary issues related to LCC
- Political Will – (but not a priority)

What suggestions could European cities provide to make the proposed activities more attractive to Asian cities?

Small community should joint together and develop LCC policies and initiatives;

Voice of citizen can influence political will

Develop new and attractive building and equipment standards/ legislations to promote energy saving

**What are the opportunities for city to city collaboration (European to Asian cities or within Asian cities) for supporting low carbon initiatives?**

- **Develop CDM for cities between Europe and Asia**

## City Wish List

- Expand urban green areas
- High schools kids as messengers
- Tax reduction for Green motor vehicles
- Promote private sector
- Promote LCC initiatives through co-benefit approach