

## **Public Forum on Revitalising Urban Rivers in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities**

While channelisation of natural rivers that flow through urban areas for flood mitigation and city development purposes is a common practice around the world, concern about the implications of conventional engineering practices on ecosystem and water quality has been growing. In the recent decade, there has been a global trend to re-affirm the multiple values of freshwater through revitalisation of rivers in order to restore biodiversity and various functions provided by rivers.