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# The Smart City Building Blocks & Their Synergy with Smart Villages

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# What is a Smart City



Picture from: <http://politic365.com/2017/09/01/smart-cities-require-smart-planning-policy-to-benefit-communities/>

There is **no** single consensus definition of a smart city, but there is some agreement that a smart city is one in which information and communication technology (ICT) facilitates improved insight into and control over the various systems that affect the lives of residents.



# Smart City

A **smart city** is an urban development **vision** to **Integrate Information and Communication technology (ICT)** and **Internet of Things (IoT)** technology in a **Secure** fashion to manage a city's assets.

## Internet Of Things

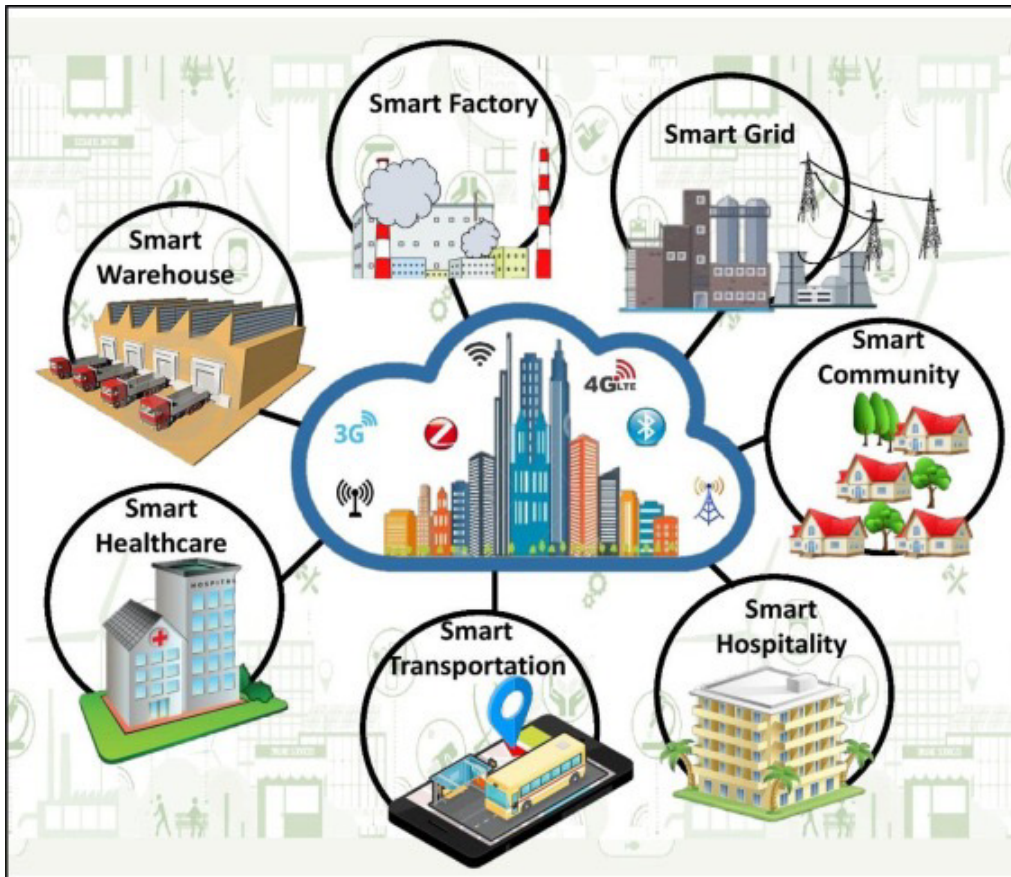
To be fully “smart,” a city must be “connected.”



# Building Blocks of a Smart City



# Range of Deployments in a Smart City

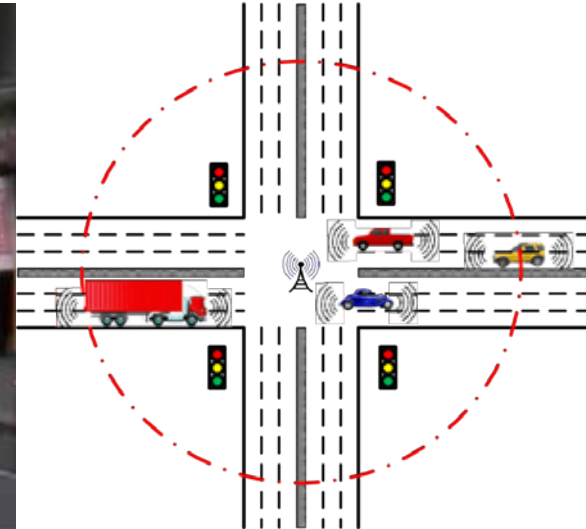


Cities across the world are deploying technology to gather data trying to become cleaner, reduce traffic, and improve urban life. Starting with **energy management**, to **disaster preparedness**, to **public safety**, to **parking spot assistance**, to **paying bills online**, to **facilitate emergency vehicle movement**, and much more.

# Elements of a Smart City

## A neighborhood in a smart city:

- A smart traffic crossing sensitive to traffic volume
- Synchronized traffic lights for smooth flow
- Emergency vehicle priority access







# Optical Based Traffic Signal Preemption System For Emergency And Transit Vehicles

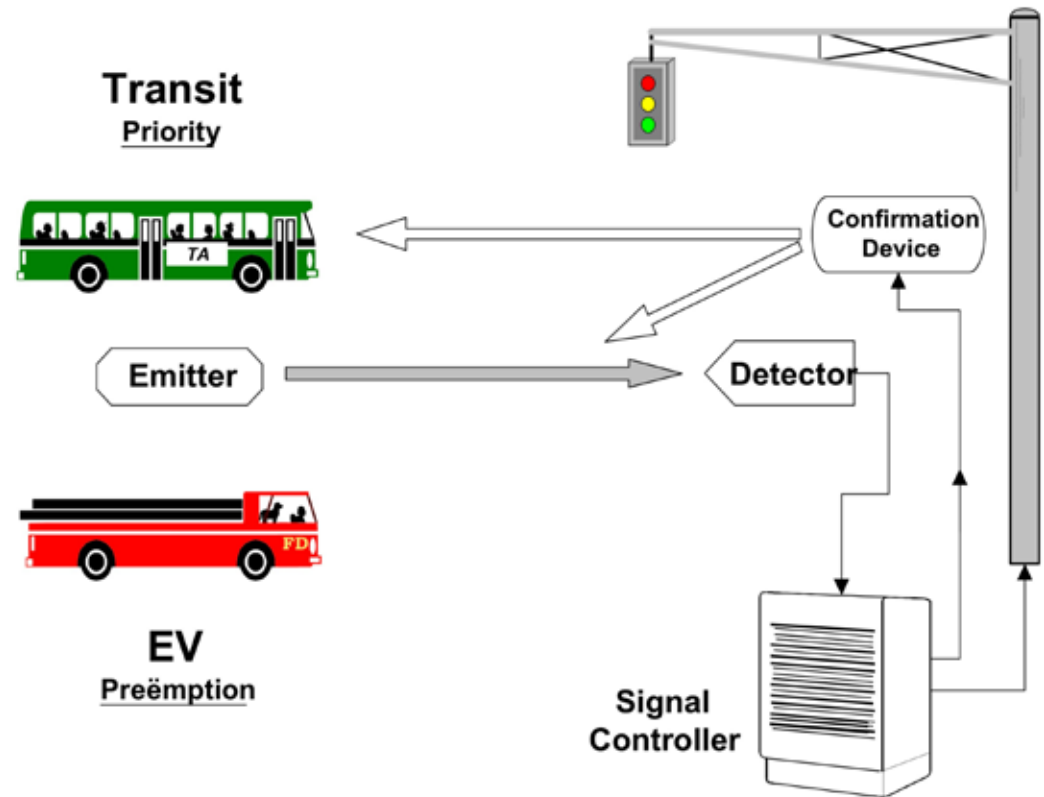


Figure 12 : System Architecture for 3M Opticom Emitter Detection System

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# Connected Transportation

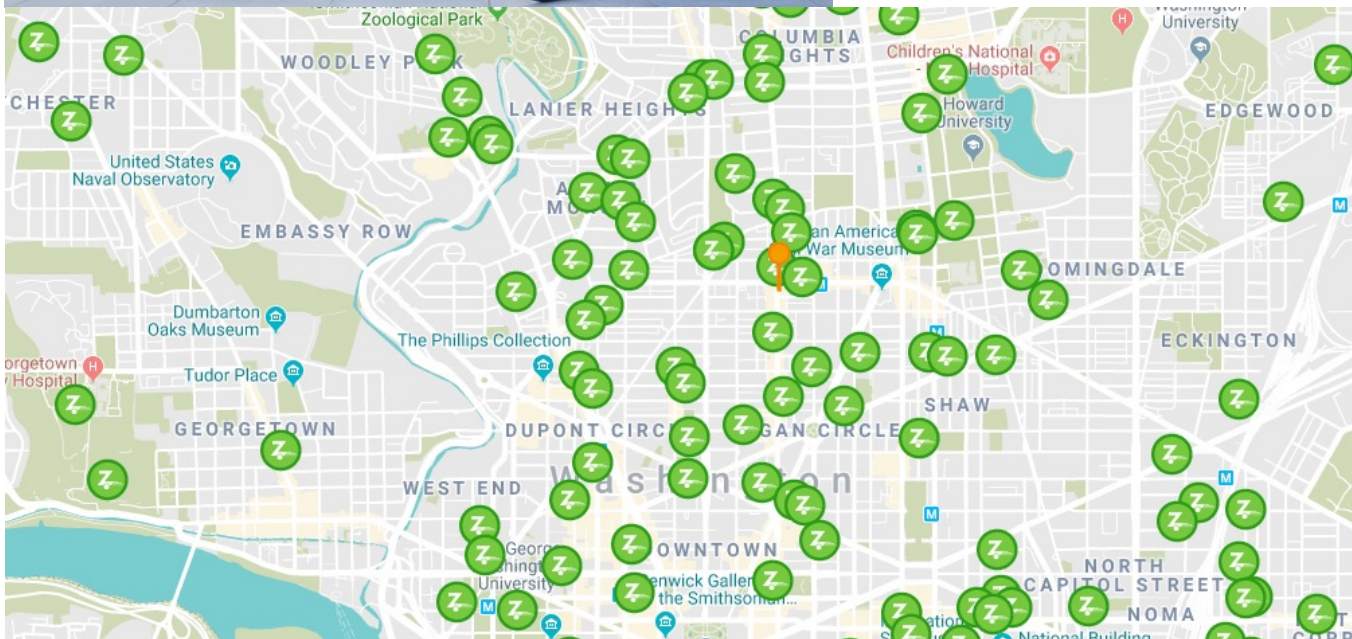




# Connected Transportation

## Transportation

Connected vehicles and travelers will be able to share data with all sorts of equipment, and be able to procure mobility as a service, whenever wherever.





# Vancouver

## Can Do This



# Stockholm City Traffic Management



## Stockholm

The system allows buses that are more than a minute behind schedule to automatically receive priority at traffic lights



# US Deployment: Smart Lamppost with Camera

Camera provides surveillance and



## What 'smart' lamp posts can do

Lamp posts in one-north and Geylang will be turned into "smart" fixtures to collect and communicate environmental, crowd and vehicular data to government agencies, for better urban planning and management. The project could be expanded nationwide involving more than 100,000 lamp posts.

### Autonomous vehicle

Real-time kinematic technologies mounted on lamp posts will provide line-of-sight connection to self-driving cars, to determine their precise location for navigation and to avoid collisions.

### Environmental sensors

Sensors mounted on lamp posts will be able to collect environmental data, including temperature, humidity, air quality and rainfall. The data is sent to self-driving cars to improve their situational awareness of road conditions.

### Personal mobility device

Camera and artificial intelligence-based video analytics systems mounted on lamp posts will be able to determine if a mobility device or bicycle is travelling at more than 15km/h on footpaths, which is illegal. The data will be captured and an alert will be sent to the relevant agency.

### Facial detection

Camera and artificial intelligence-based video analytics systems mounted on lamp posts will have the ability to index faces to determine gender, race and age, as well as perform facial matching against databases.

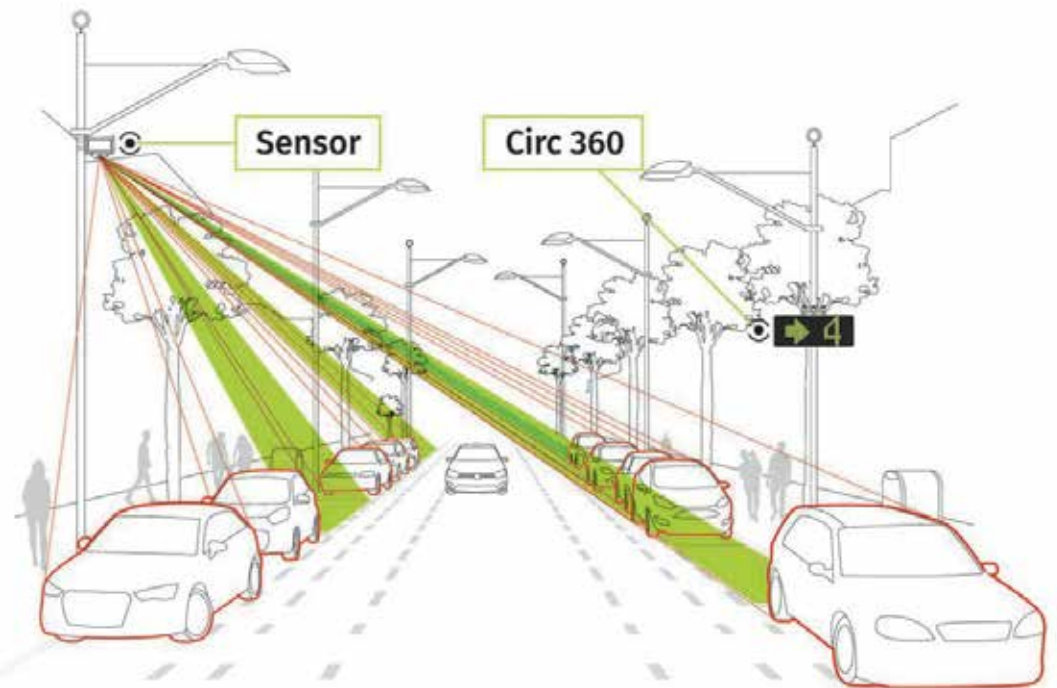


### Crowd analytics

The lamp post mounted systems will be able to analyse crowd congregation and dispersal patterns to determine situations such as unruly crowds, train breakdowns or traffic congestion.

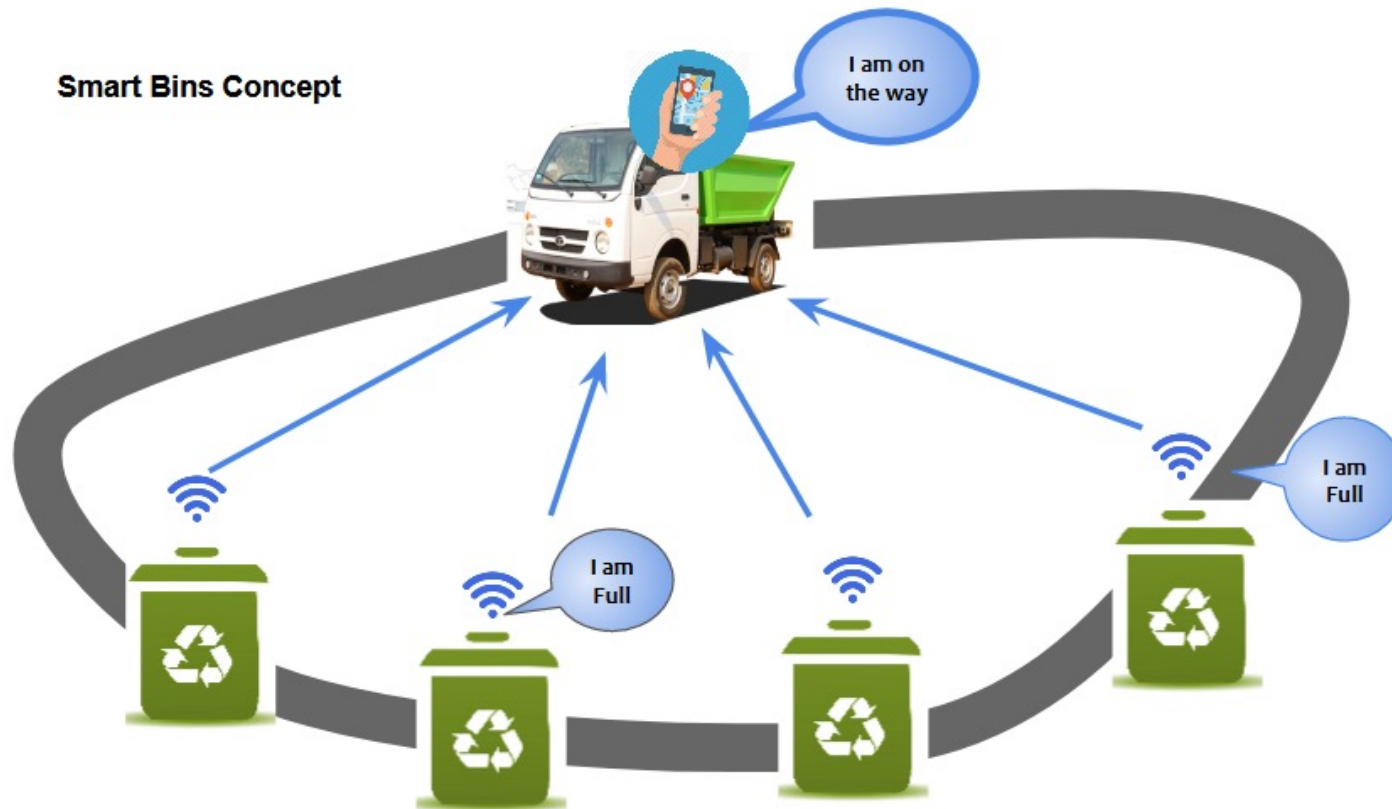
Source: GOVTECH

<https://www.i32tech.com/blog/2018/10/25/first-project-uses-smart-lamp-post-sensors-and-cameras-that-collect-a-wide-range-of-data>

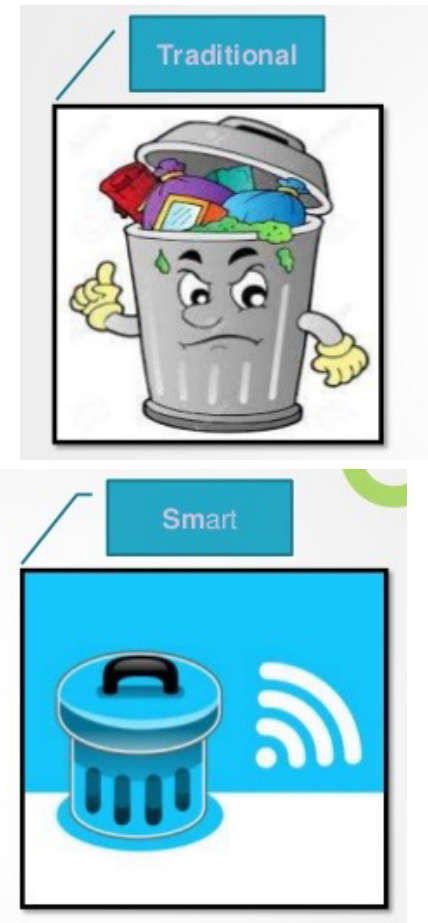


# Smart Garbage Bin's

## Smart Bins Concept



<https://futuretechtalks.wordpress.com/2019/09/15/smart-garbage-bins/>





# Smart Trash Can in Baltimore, USA



## Baltimore

Reduces the number of times a trash can needs to be emptied.

# Smart Trash Can in Stockholm, Sweden

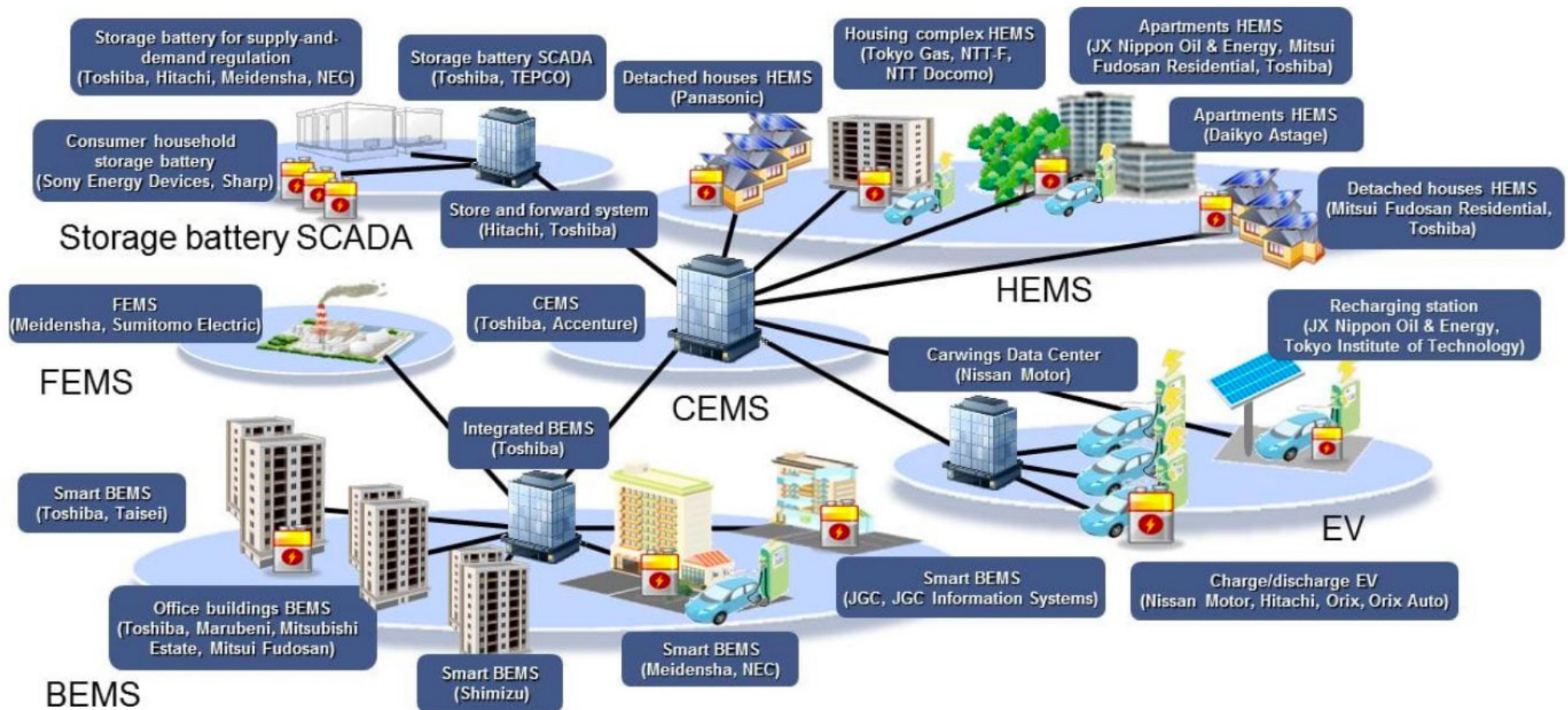


## Stockholm

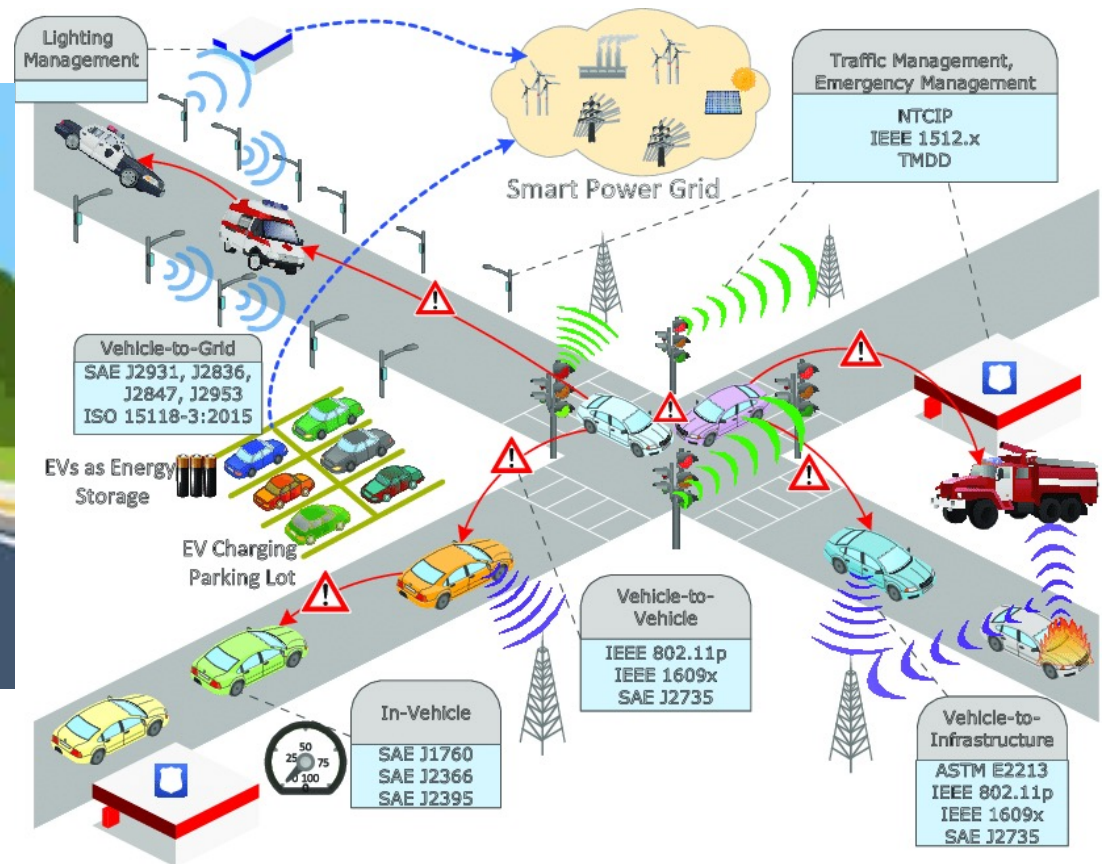
Regular trash cans need to be emptied 1–3 times per day. Smart ones only need to be emptied four times a week.



# Yokohama, Japan Smart City Demonstration



# Intelligent Transportation System and Smart City are closely coupled







What is  
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The New  
Normal





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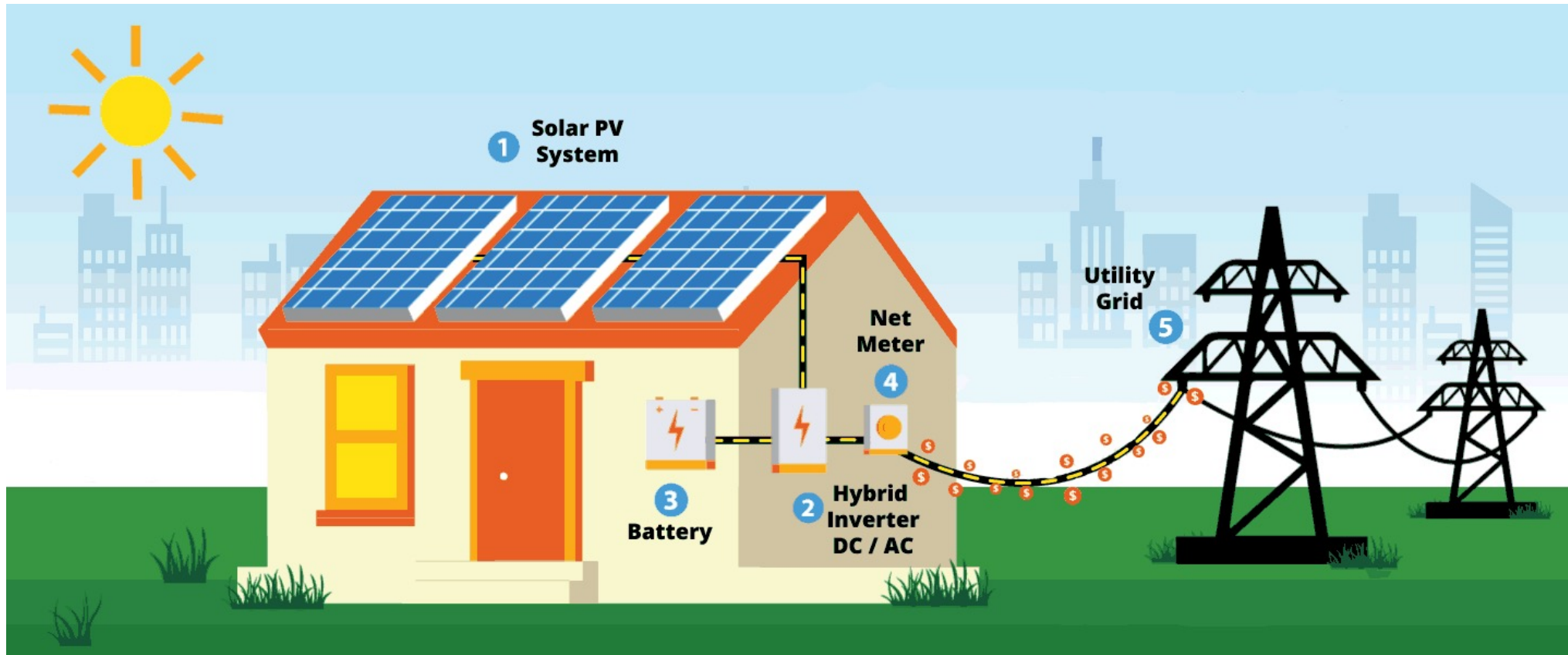


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# Solar Home System



# Solar Nanogrid in Bangladesh

- ICT-based power meter and bill payment using smart phones







# Introducing Technology

- Enables light after sunset using solar micro-grids
- Illuminates kitchens, schools and clinics
- Lets communities live cleaner, safer, and more prosperous lives
- Stimulates local commerce and builds new enterprises





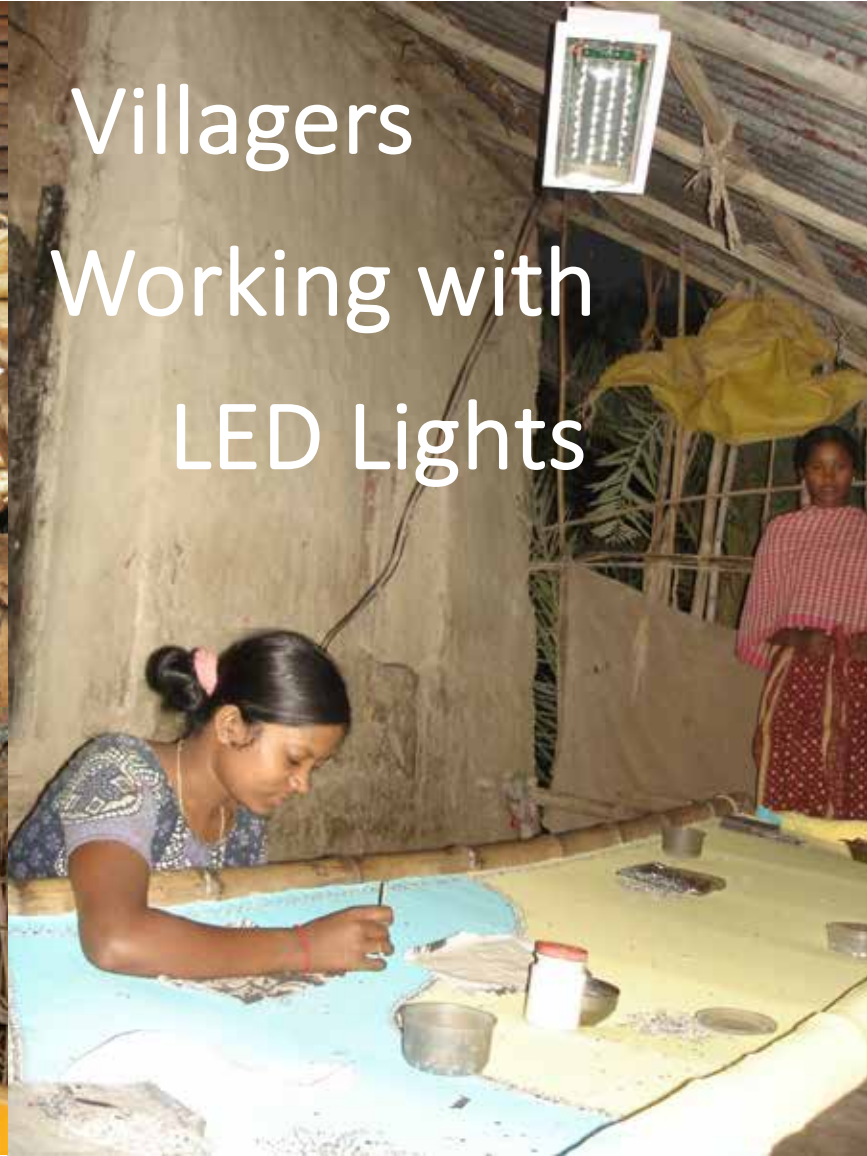
*Photo by Paula Bronstein*

# Expanding Education

- Creating a network of engineers, entrepreneurs, and practitioners
- Facilitating ongoing learning and mentorship for continued success
- Innovative Global Classroom helps people around the world access the internet and educational resources







# Loads served by roof-top Solar Photovoltaics





# Locally Driven Initiatives



# Children's Library in a Boat with Solar-powered Light



Source: Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh



# Ownership by Citizens

- ❑ Development of local technicians and entrepreneurs at the grass-roots level:

To create local stakeholder for promoting, installing and providing efficient after-sales service of the technologies.

- ❑ Local capacity development and creation of green jobs:

Local entrepreneurs, especially women are offered financial and technical assistance to set-up a renewable energy technology business.



Source: Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh

# Life Changing Experience

## Experience

“The customers love coming to my shop, now that I have bright light. They can see what they are buying and what I have in stock. And they can watch television and charge mobile phones. My sales have gone up by at least 50%.”



Source: Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh



# IEEE Smart Village Success Story Global Himalayan Expedition, India



# Electrification of a Monastery in India



Lingshed Monastery – Ladakh Region, Indian Himalayas – Elevation 12,000 feet.  
Founded in 1440                      Illuminated with IEEE Smart Village in 2016  
Global Himalayan Expedition



# Impact of Solar PV in Rural Communities

## Impact

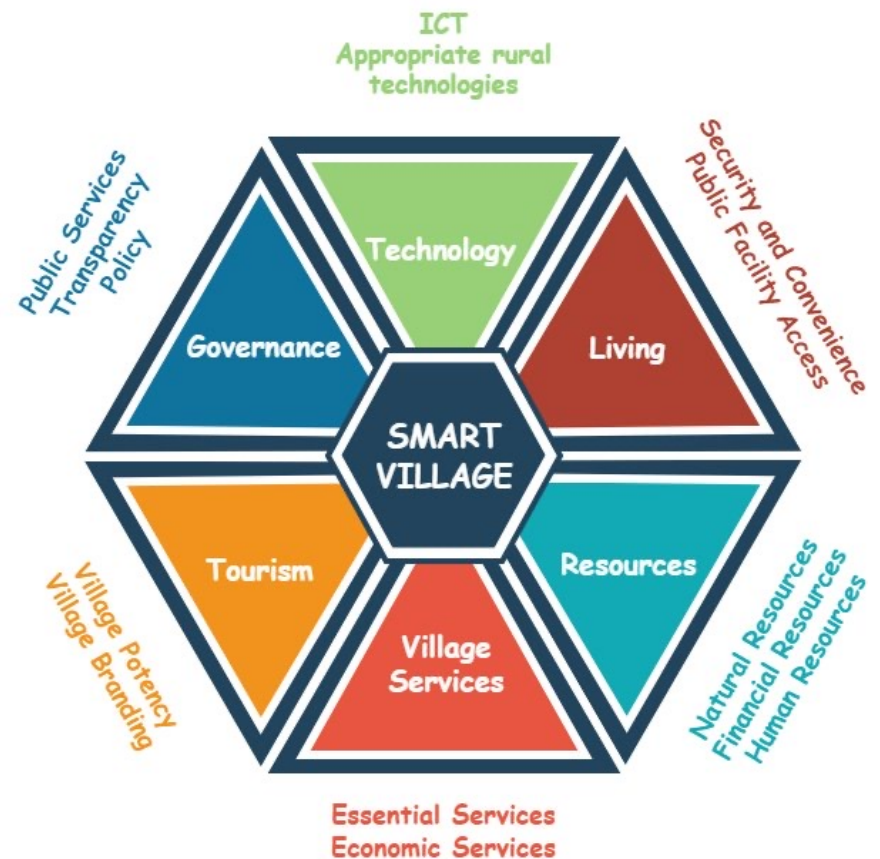
- Education
- Healthcare
- Retail Business
- Electricity

Some of the experience from the Smart Village can show examples of social interactions which can be transferred to the Smart City and help in community building



# The Connected City Village

- A connected city village is one where all relevant city village systems— utilities, transportation, employment, health care, public safety, education, and others—are capable of communicating with each other to allow coordination and reduce waste.





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