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"A CYBER-TALE OF THREE CITIES"

(28 mins. 10 secs., video, colour)

Humankind has crossed an historic threshold. For the first time in history, more people on our planet live in towns and cities than in the countryside. Homo sapiens is an urban dweller. It is in this world of towns and cities that an increasing majority of young people will grow up and make their living. Young people all over the world are becoming aware of the problems and issues - and opportunities - that confront Homo Sapiens Urbanus. And if we are to judge by the success of educational/entertainment computer games, teenagers are naturally interested in the idea of creating, planning and living in healthy urban environments.

The half-hour documentary, "A Cyber-Tale of Three Cities", takes three youngsters - a boy in Manila (The Philippines), a boy in Fortaleza (Brazil) and a girl in Beirut (Lebanon) and shows them exploring particular urban issues facing their home cities. Chatting to each other over the Internet, and using computer visual imagery to simulate their cities, they identify pressing issues in the urban environment around them. They discover that the solutions being found to the problems of their cities were recognized as "Good Practices" by HABITAT II - the United Nations City Summit - and could help to improve living conditions in cities around the world.

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