**[Proposed Floating City "Expands" Into Forests, Farms and Homes](http://www.greenbuildermedia.com/news/proposed-floating-city-expands-into-forests-farms-and-homes)**

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**A Japanese firm has created plans for a self-sustaining city that can float in the Pacific, complete with forests and gardens.**

The Shimizu Corp. likes to think big. One of their latest brainchilds is something called **Greenfloat**. It's a new environmental city concept that, from a bird's eye view, resembles the bioological process of cell division.Tha't no accident.

The floating islands begin as small villages, "with a walkable radius of 1km defined as a cell (district). Cells are added to form modules (cities), which join to form units (countries)."

Ultimately, upper level islands are added, including places for work, and even floating forests.

Part of the project is a so-called "city in the sky," built on a floating, counterbalanced platform. They describe the construction process this way:

"We will build the ultra-high-rise tower with "Smart" system float-over deck marine construction, employing the unique properties of marine construction. The building is not erected above the surface. Construction of the framework is conducted above sea level, but as the structure is completed it is temporarily submerged. Once the framework is assembled, it is lifted in one movement using the buoyancy of sea water. Rather than moving people and equipment to the upper levels, we can consistently perform construction at the surface platforms, thus ensuring safe, efficient construction."

**Give employees biometrics day**

THE Cebu City Council wants business establishments in the city to grant one day off to their employees, allowing them to update their records before the Commission on Election (Comelec).

In his resolution carried unanimously by the body, Councilor Alvin Dizon wants business owners to grant their employees a biometrics day when employees can visit Comelec offices to update their voters' records.

Dizon said that based on Comelec's latest records, about 4.7 million voters in the country have yet to have their biometrics taken.

"This is the biggest problem the commission is facing," said Dizon.

**Excuse**

"The Comelec noted that the usual excuse that voters cannot go to their office to register is work," Dizon's resolution also read.

Dizon's resolution is in answer to Comelec Spokesperson James Jimenez's earlier appeal to business owners for a biometrics day, for employees to update their Comelec records during a work day when the election offices are open.

Dizon cited Republic Act 10367 or An Act Providing for the Mandatory Biometrics Voter's Registration, which requires the establishment of a clean, complete, permanent and updated list of voters through a biometrics technology.

The law further states that voters who fail to have their records validated before the May 2016 elections will be deactivated from the voters' list and will not be allowed to vote.

**Deadline**

The deadline for the registration for the 2016 polls is on Oct. 31, 2015.

Dizon said granting a biometrics day will strengthen the employees' civic duty through the exercise of the right to vote and participation in the public affairs of the country.

People eligible to vote are those at least 18 years of age and who have resided in the country for at least a year and in the place where they will vote for at least 16 months immediately preceding the election.