1. Background and Objectives
   It seems quite challenging to attain the sanitation target of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Worldwide, there are still 2.58 billion people (in 2010) with no access to improved sanitation. Sixty-six percent of them, or 1.69 billion people, live in Asia and the Pacific region. Moreover, most of those who practice open defecation are concentrated in South Asia.

   Considering the current situation, it is necessary to make every effort to improve sanitation in the Asia-Pacific region. While accelerating our efforts to achieve the sanitation target of the MDGs, we should set the specific international target for improving sanitation beyond 2015.

   At the same time, the proportion of people who have access to improved sanitation has greatly increased in the past two decades since 1990: from 33% to 57%. It is also true that sanitary conditions in this region have significantly improved compared with those in other regions. It is therefore essential to use the accumulated technologies and experiences in tackling the remaining sanitation challenges in the Asia-Pacific region as well as across the world.

   This workshop aims to affirm the necessity of setting a new international goal: to realize universal and sustainable access to sanitation by 2025. It also aims to identify practical methods for establishing sustainable sanitation systems targeted mainly at low-income groups living in rural and suburban areas.

2. Organizers
   Japan Water Forum (JWF), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT)

3. Date and Time
   Date: Saturday, 18 May 2013   Time: 9:30 – 12:00

4. Venue
   Meeting room 26 Kran-krao at the International Convention Center and Exhibition Centre Commemorating His Majesty’s 7th Cycle Birthday Anniversary in Chiang Mai, Thailand

5. Language
   English

6. Program (tentative)

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- "National Commitments and Progress of the Improvement of Sanitation in Bangladesh (tentative)" by Engr. Taqsem A. Khan, Managing Director, Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA), Bangladesh
- "Community Approaches to Sanitation (tentative)" by Mr. Guy Mbayo Kakumbi, Emergency Specialist, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, UNICEF EAPRO (East-Asia Pacific Regional Office)
- "A simple plot: Connecting agriculture, nutrition and health through vegetable gardens" by Dr. Robert Holmer, Director, AVRDC East and Southeast Asia (tbc)

Speakers:
- Mr. Arthur Wood, Total Impact Advisors
- Mr. Deepak Jolly, Senior Vice President, Coca-Cola India

12:00 Closing

**Speaker Profile**

**Dr. Kotaro Takamura** started his career at the Ministry of Construction in 1970 after completing his master's degree in Civil Engineering at Tohoku University. He successively held posts as Director General of the Kinki Regional Construction Bureau and Director General of the River Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. After his retirement from the Ministry in 2002, he received a Ph.D. in engineering in 2004 and has been serving as the Secretary General of the Japan Water Forum since 2006. Dr. Takamura plays an active role in advancing and expanding on the theory of civilization from the perspective of infrastructure.

**Mr. Donovan Storey** is currently Chief of the Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP. Prior to joining the United Nations he was a researcher and academic at several universities specializing in urban planning and environmental management.

Over his professional career Mr. Storey has coordinated projects related to urban planning and governance, environmental management, social inclusion and sustainable development, principally in relation to the urban experience in Asia and the Pacific. Much of his journalistic work has argued for a balance between sustainable urban development and inclusive and pro-poor outcomes, focusing on water pollution, informal housing, solid waste management and governance.

**Mr. Andre Dzikus** is the Coordinator of the Urban Basic Services Branch at UN-HABITAT. This is one of the seven Core Branches of the agency which covers its urban mobility, energy, water and sanitation and waste management.

He has been with UN-Habitat for 22 years and previously he was Chief of Section for water and sanitation. Mr. Dzikus was instrumental in setting up the Water and Sanitation Trust Fund in 2002 as an outcome of the World Summit for Sustainable Development. Over the last few years he introduced innovative partnerships between the private sector, amongst others Coca Cola, BASF and Oz Mines, and UN-HABITAT for improved water and sanitation.

**Mr. Guy Hutton** has been applying economic studies in the fields of water and sanitation, health, air pollution and climate change for two decades. He has held Senior Economist position for the World Bank Water and Sanitation Program from 2007-9 where he led the Economics of Sanitation Initiative (ESI). Since May 2011 he has been serving as global coordinator of the process to select global WASH targets and indicators after 2015 (for the WHO / UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme). Since 2011 he has been working with UNICEF to develop a WASH bottleneck analysis tool, and during 2012 he has developed with UNESCO a paper explaining how to apply ‘Impact Investing’ to sanitation in Asia.

**Mr. Ram Chandra Sah** is currently working as the Sanitation Section Chief (Equivalent to under secretary level of the Government of Nepal) of Department of Water Supply and Sewerage, the leading government organization for drinking water supply and sanitation of Nepal. He is also working as the member secretary of the National Sanitation and Hygiene Coordination Committee of Nepal. Prior to working for the Government of Nepal, he obtained P.G.Diploma (Water & Waste Water Enng. AIT,Bangkok 1996) and B.E. Civil from India in 1984.

**Engr. Taqsem A. Khan** is the Managing Director and CEO of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA), a service oriented autonomous organization in the Public sector of Bangladesh. Taqsem has 30 years of vast management experience in water, sanitation, training and environment. From 1988 to 1998 Taqsem worked in the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B), one of the largest health research organizations of the Southeast Asia, as Chief Engineer. Prior to joining WASA, Taqsem involved with different NGOs in USA and Bangladesh from 1999. Before that Taqsem also worked as Senior Management Consultant in TACK, a British Management Training Company.
Mr. Guy Mbayo Kakumbi, with more than sixteen years of overseas international experience in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, providing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene related assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons through emergency, short and long term interventions, contributed to the construction and rehabilitation of basic services in harsh post-war zones. After few years of development work with a European Union funded project in Congo (DRC), he joined UNHCR, CRS, OXFAM, UNICEF, UNOPS and WHO respectively. Holder of an MSc in Environmental Engineering and Project Management (Leeds University), he facilitated several workshops and conferences for various audiences.

Dr. Robert Holmer is the Regional Director of AVRDC – The World Vegetable Center in East and Southeast Asia, located in Bangkok, Thailand. His areas of expertise are in sustainable vegetable production, postharvest and marketing in community and school based settings of Southeast Asia, with a particular focus on the nexus between agriculture, nutrition and health. He joined AVRDC in 2010 from Xavier University, Philippines where he coordinated a research and development program for urban and periurban vegetable production funded by the European Union and the German government. He manages and coordinates regional development projects for AVRDC in East and Southeast Asia.

Mr. Arthur Wood, for over twenty years, was a main stream banker (Merrill, Coutts, Kleinworths). He has worked in development since 2005 when he joined Ashoka in the US - the world’s largest supporter of Social Entrepreneurs. He is now a Founder partner of a Social Finance intermediary called Total Impact Advisors, specializing in creating innovative financial and new legal mechanisms to drive capital to social causes. He is a recognized Innovator in Impact Investing engaging many key banks in Impact Investing as well as assisting many Global Social Entrepreneurs to scale social businesses. His own innovations in this space include as the creator of the idea of the Social Impact Bond / Development Impact Bond.

Mr. Deepak Jolly is Vice President Coca-Cola India and South West Asia. In his current assignment he heads Public Affairs & Communications function for the India and Southwest Asia Business. Deepak specializes in the field of Corporate Communications, Public Policy, Corporate Social Responsibility, Consumer Response and Corporate Security. He has been working with Coca-Cola since year 2005. He has also spear-headed number of water conservation and sanitation initiatives like Support My School Campaign. This project has impacted already 100 schools and 43,000 children. He plans to take up the project to 1000 schools impacting at least 5 lac students in the next 3 years.

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Mr. Kazushi Hashimoto, a graduate of Faculty of Law, Tokyo University, joined the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), an implementing body of Japan’s official development assistance, in 1978. Mr. Hashimoto used to be in charge of Japan’s ODA Loan operation, as Director General of OECF, then JBIC, now JICA. After retiring JICA in 2009, he joined Yachiyo Engineering Company and also took the position of the Councilor, Japan Water Forum, and the Advisor, Japan Sanitation Consortium (JSC), the knowledge hub for sanitation under the Water Knowledge Hub Initiative of Asia-Pacific Water Forum. Recently, Mr. Hashimoto, as the advisor to JSC, is active in promoting the modern septage management in Asian countries.