

Draft Outline of Official Launching Ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)

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on the occasion of the Doubling Water Financing and Results:
Conference on ADB's Water Financing Programme 2006-2010

1. Background

*“During the regional process leading up to the 4th World Water Forum, it became clear that several water-related issues and challenges were common across the entire Asia-Pacific region. Furthermore, with the increased interactions in the implementation of follow-up activities to the 3rd World Water Forum held in Kyoto in March 2003, stakeholders in the region quickly recognized that the region's diversity was not an obstacle but rather an asset to the identification and adoption of solutions to specific water issues. Based upon this common understanding, we will establish a new network, the **Asia-Pacific Water Forum**, to work in complete solidarity to identify and adopt solutions to water issues in the region.”*

Joint Declaration issued by the Water Ministers of the Asia-Pacific Region
Fourth World Water Forum, Mexico City, March 21 2006

2. Objective

To officially launch the “Asia-Pacific Water Forum” and to announce the venue of the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit to be held in fall 2007

3. Agenda

- 16:45 - 17:00 Launching Ceremony Video
- 17:00 - 17:15 Welcome Remarks
- Mr. Yoshiro Mori, President of Japan Water Forum / Former Prime Minister of Japan
 - Chair of the Governing Council of APWF (tbc)
- 17:15 Greetings from Partner Organizations & Sub-regions
- Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President of the Asian Development Bank
- Remarks from the host municipality for the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit (tbc)
- 17:45 Closing
- * followed by the cocktail hosted by President Kuroda & launch of the APWF Website

