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**Japan and Singapore confirmed that they would cooperate closely to promote the sanitation hub**

In the context of Japan's endeavor for the resolution of world sanitation issues as a sanitation hub supported by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT Japan) and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE Japan), the Sanitation Knowledge Hub Seminar was held jointly by the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), the Japan Global Center for Urban

Sanitation (GCUS), the Japan Sanitation Consortium (JSC), the PUB Singapore, and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in the morning of June 30th at the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) 2010.

Under the chairmanship of JWF's International Mentor, Mr. Ravi Narayanan, CBE, the panel and participants discussed the role that regional KnowledgeHubs must play to promote the most suitable technologies for wastewater treatment.

At the panel, Japan and PUB Singapore, which serves as a regional water knowledge hub for urban water management, confirmed that they would cooperate closely to promote the sanitation hub in the field of wastewater collection, treatment and reuse by sewerage, *johkasou* and other systems including energy recovery and maintenance of sewer pipelines. In addition, ESCAP confirmed its commitment to further strengthen its cooperation with JSC in the implementation of the IYS follow-up action, particularly activities related to wastewater management as part of its road map on the development of eco-efficient water infrastructure for Green Growth.

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