

Event	Speaker
Opening	MC/ Moderator Angenette Bantiles , Interim co-Global Focal Point of United International Federation of Youth for Water and Climate (UN1FY) Maria Tsuzuki , Student at Linden Hall School Japan
Guest Remarks	H.E. Ms. Yoko Kamikawa , MP, House of Representatives, and Former Minister of Justice, Japan / Chair, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Japan, Japan Parliamentary League for Water Policy Reform.
Organizer's remarks	Dr. Mikio ISHIWATARI , Visiting Professor, The University of Tokyo, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Special Advisor to Secretary General, Japan Water Forum
Keynote speech	Woochong Um , Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank
Panel -Case studies	Onishi Kazufumi , mayor of Kumamoto city Raunak Shrestha , Programme Officer, Global Water Partnership South Asia Eri Noda , Technical Advisor, Water Resources Group, Global Environment Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Yo Sakai , Student at Fukuoka Jonan High School Karin Miyazaki , Student at Kumamoto Commercial High School Maria Tsuzuki , Student at Linden Hall School Japan Takeru Koshi , Student at Kumamoto Commercial High School Dr. Satoquo SEINO , Head of planning of Youth Water Forum, Associate Professor, Ecological Engineering Laboratory, Graduate School of Engineering, Kyushu University Dr. JONAS P VILLAS , Consultant for the United International Federation of Youth for Water and Climate (UN1FY)
Q&A, Discussion	MC/ Moderator
Closing	MC/ Moderator
Photo session	MC/ Moderator

Biography of the speakers

H.E. Ms. Yoko Kamikawa, MP, House of Representatives, and Former Minister of Justice, Japan / Chair, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Japan, Japan Parliamentary League for Water Policy Reform.

Woochong Um

Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank

Woochong Um is the Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank since February 2021. Mr. Um has been with ADB for 29 years.

He supports the President to institute Bank-wide coherence on key initiatives and issues. His leadership covers managing the Department of Knowledge Management and Communications, the Office of Safeguards, and the Transformation Office, and the Special Initiatives Unit. He also provides support to the President in his oversight of the Office of Professional Ethics and Conduct, and the Office of the Ombudsperson. Mr. Um supports strategic initiatives assigned by the President, in close collaboration with relevant Vice President(s) including Implementation of Strategy 2030 and its midterm review; Cultural Transformation Initiative; Innovation Framework; Talent Management; Job Architecture Review; Organizational Transformation as recommended by the organizational review; Organizational resilience and business continuity plan; and any other ADB-wide initiatives requiring President's attention. He supports the implementation of the Knowledge Management Action Plan. He participates in Management Committee Meetings as well as other committees as needed, and other ad hoc activities assigned by the President including representing the President in external and internal events, communication, and consultation missions when needed. Mr. Um has been serving as the concurrent Officer-In-Charge of the Vice President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development) since February 2022.

Mr. Um holds an MBA in Finance from New York University, USA, and a bachelor's degree in computer science from Boston College, USA.

Kazufumi Onishi, Kumamoto city mayor

Kazufumi Onishi is the current mayor of Kumamoto City. He has been in office since 2016 and has been recognized for his leadership during the 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes, as well as his efforts to promote water conservation and management.

During the earthquakes, Onishi worked tirelessly to provide relief and support to the affected communities. He also prioritized rebuilding efforts and worked with other government agencies and NGOs to ensure that the recovery process was as smooth as possible.

In terms of water conservation, Onishi has launched several initiatives aimed at reducing water usage and improving water management in the city. He has also worked to increase public awareness of water issues and encourage residents to take an active role in preserving this vital resource.

Overall, Onishi's leadership has been instrumental in promoting resilience and sustainability in Kumamoto City, particularly in the areas of earthquake response and water conservation.

Mikio Ishiwatari, PhD

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Mikio Ishiwatari is Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Special

Advisor to Secretary General at Japan Water Forum, and Senior Advisor on Disaster Management and Water Resources Management at the Japan International Cooperation Agency. He has been engaged in projects and research works of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, peace building, and water. He led the formulation of the Japanese assistance policies of climate change adaptation and community-based disaster management.

He worked at the World Bank as Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist and produced the “Learning from Megadisaster: Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake”. He worked at various positions at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, Japan for 17 years. He formulated and supervised the national projects of flood risk management and highways in Iwami District as Director of Hamada River and Road Office and was responsible for research and technology development as Senior Deputy Director for River Technology and Information. He worked as Urban Development Specialist at the Asian Development Bank.

He was a member of “Committee on Building Resilience to Natural Disasters” of the Japan Science Society; and experienced members of “Advisory Council of Development Assistance in Climate Change Adaptation” of Ministry of Land Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan, “Steering Committee of Water and Climate Change of Asia-Pacific Water Forum”, and other committees of government organizations. He holds a PhD in international studies and MSc in urban engineering from the University of Tokyo.

Angenette Bantiles, Interim co-Global Focal Point of United International Federation of Youth for Water and Climate (UN1FY)

Anj is a water and climate advocate who hails from the province of Leyte in the Philippines. In 2013, she survived Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest typhoons ever recorded, and have been working to improve local youth capacity to engage in local DRR efforts and global climate and sustainability advocacies ever since. She is currently an intern at the World Meteorological Organization, and concurrently serves as a Regional Youth Focal Point for East and Southeast Asia at UN1FY."

Maria Tsuzuki, Student at Linden Hall School Japan

Yo Sakai, Student at Fukuoka Jonan High School

Karin Miyazaki, Student at Kumamoto Commercial High School

Takeru Koshi, Student at Kumamoto Commercial High School

Raunak Shrestha

Global Water Partnership South Asia

Programme Officer

Raunak Shrestha is a Programme Officer at Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS). His past experiences include engineering design for social impact, transboundary water management, water economics, knowledge management, waste management and youth engagement. Most recently, Raunak was involved in the design, coordination, and implementation of Water Academy for Youth in South Asia, a GWP flagship youth-water programme that fosters collaborative and immersive learning to translate learning to leading. With his range of experiences in different spaces, he utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to advocate for inclusive water management at different scales. Furthermore, he is also a Research Fellow at Geopolitics and Ecology of Himalayan Water, a research initiative by New York University Abu Dhabi and a founding member of Asia Water Council Young Professionals programme. Raunak completed his bachelor's in civil engineering from New York University Abu Dhabi and is currently pursuing a master's in water engineering and management from Asian Institute of Technology. His area of research focuses on the optimisation of Water-Food-Energy Nexus.

Dr. Satoquo SEINO

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Dr. Satoquo Seino is an associate professor in the Department of Urban and Environmental Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Kyushu University, Japan.

She graduated with a specialty in fisheries sciences at the University of Tokyo (undergraduate and graduate schools) and acquired Ph.D.(Engineering).

Her research interests include coastal environmental conservation, ecological engineering, consensus building, endangered species habitat protection and restoration, community-based management, environmental planning and policy, and marine protected areas (MPAs).

Since 2007 she has been studying the problem of marine litter on beaches, particularly on the Goto Archipelago, Tsushima Island, and Fukuoka region in Japan. Member of national and prefectural expert committees on the coastal environment, marine litter, and environmental assessments. Since 2009 to now, she has been involved in amendments to Japan's Coast Act and related policies.

Assumed current position in 2010 after serving as research associate and associate professor at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo.

Deputy Secretary of Planning Committee of Japan Society of Civil Engineers, Director of the Environmental DNA Society, member of the Fisheries Environment Conservation Committee of the Japan Society of Fisheries Science.

Eri Noda

Technical Advisor, Water Resources Group, Global Environment Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Eri NODA is a project manager of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) , responsible for water supply projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to joining JICA, she worked for seven years at Toyohashi City Hall, a local city in Japan. During that time, she joined JICA's youth initiative, namely Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, and was sent to Rwanda as a member of the Water Security Action Team, which she will introduce in the side event.

JONAS P VILLAS, Ph.D.

Consultant for the United International Federation of Youth for Water and Climate (UN1FY)

Dr. Villas is the Executive Director of the Office of Research and Innovation at Leyte Normal University in Tacloban City, Philippines. He is the Research Consultant for the crafting of the Water and Climate Youth Development Plan and Agenda, and the resident consultant for UN1FY and the Water and Climate Coalition.