
Report of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022



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Acknowledgements

As co-organizers of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022, we would like to congratulate the Indian NGO Pragati on winning the prize.

We are pleased to announce that the project entitled *Renewable Energy for Crop Production & Drinking Water* met two newly adopted screening criteria: *Harmony between tradition and innovation*, and *Sustainable activities that contribute to the development of culture and community*.

It was highly evaluated that the project's efforts at utilizing natural energy had contributed not only to the solution of water problems but also to the reduction of environmental impacts.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the Prize Jury at the time, Ms. Yoonjin Kim, Asia Pacific Regional Manager at WWC, Mr. Hiroshi Okada, Senior Director of SDGs and Citizen Collaboration Promotion, General Planning Bureau, Kyoto City and Ms. Aria Aoyama, Executive Officer (International Affairs), CB Co., Ltd.

Furthermore, we would like to thank the six Japanese corporate sponsors that financially supported the prize.

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We hope that the efforts of Pragati will serve as a role model for other organizations who work on solving the water related issues.

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1. Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

1.1 Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

The Kyoto World Water Grand Prize (“the Grand Prize”) is the prestige international award that recognizes outstanding grass-roots organizations addressing water issues in developing countries. This Grand Prize was established in 2003 by the City of Kyoto and the World Water Council in commemoration of the 3rd World Water Forum held in the Lake Biwa and Yodo River Basin including Kyoto, Japan. Since then, the Grand Prize has been awarded at the time of the World Water Forum that is convened every three years.

◆ List of past winners

The 1st Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Winner: Gram Vikas (India)

URL: <http://gramvikas.org/>

Awarding ceremony: 4th World Water Forum in Mexico, 2006

The 2nd Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Winner: Watershed Organization Trust (India)

URL: <http://www.wotr.org/>

Awarding ceremony: 5th World Water Forum in Turkey, 2009

The 3rd Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Winner: Katosi Women Development Trust (Uganda)

URL: <http://www.katosi.org/>

Awarding ceremony: 6th World Water Forum in France, 2012

The 4th Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Winner: Environment and Public Health Organization(Nepal)

URL: <http://enpho.org/>

Awarding ceremony: 7th World Water Forum in Korea, 2015

The 5th Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Winner: Charité Chrétienne pour Personnes en Détresse(Togo)

URL: <https://www.ccpdtogo.org/>

Awarding ceremony: 8th World Water Forum in Brazil, 2018

1.2 Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022



The co-organizers called for applications for the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022 to recognize outstanding projects implemented in the past and their achievements and impacts.

The criteria of the 2022 edition of the Grand Prize highlighted Kyoto's resilience and its long history of development where people pursued creativity through cultural exchange and at the same time valued harmony between tradition and innovation, and the idea that activities harmonized with unique social and cultural dimensions in the project area would ultimately lead to sustainable development. In this context, it aimed to honor a distinguished organization involved in grass-roots activities in developing countries, make the importance of grass-roots activities known throughout the world, and contribute to improving the quality of such activities.


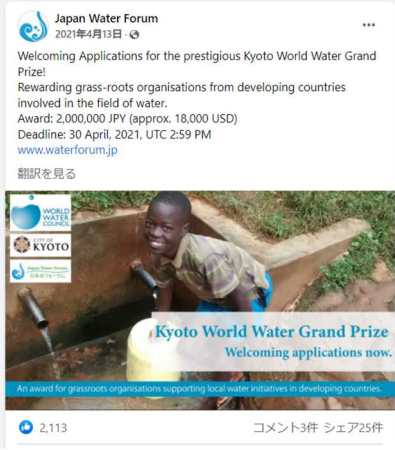
💧 Calling for applications and communication

In April 2021, two PR videos were newly created and released. The open call for applications was communicated using these videos via the websites of each co-organizer and social media. As a result, 50 applications were received from 23 countries.

PR videos

 <p>Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022_PR_1min</p>	 <p>Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022_PR_3min</p>
<p>One-minute version</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jULV9RbNQBo</p>	<p>Three-minute version</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTd5hgloI5s</p>

Communication on social media and websites

 <p>JWF official Twitter</p>	 <p>JWF official Facebook</p>
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◆ Screening and final selection

In line with Kyoto's culture of harmony between tradition and innovation, the screening focused on contributions to the development of culture and community as well as sustainability of the activities. After a rigorous screening process by the City of Kyoto, the Japan Water Forum, the Selection Committee chose Pragati, an Indian NGO, as the winner. The project was highly regarded because of its efforts to utilize natural energy for the solution of water issues as well as for the reduction of environmental impacts. The winner was announced on the websites of the co-organizers, in their e-mail newsletters and through other media.

Outline of the screening process

- Call for applications: 7th September, 2020 to 30th April, 2021
- Total number of applications: 50 applications from 23 countries
- Result of the 1st screening: 30 organizations passed.
- Result of the 2nd screening: Three organizations passed.
- Result of the final screening by the Selection Committee: One organization won the Grand Prize.
- Selection Committee

Chair: Dr. Kotaro Takemura, Secretary General, Japan Water Forum



Vice-chair: Ms. Yoonjin Kim, Asia Pacific regional manager, WWC

Members: Mr. Hiroshi Okada, Senior Director of SDGs and Citizen Collaboration

Promotion, General Planning Bureau, City of Kyoto

Ms. Aria Aoyama, Executive Officer (International Affairs), CB Co., Ltd

Announcement of the winner on social media and websites

 <p>日本水フォーラム / Japan Water Forum @JapanWaterForum</p> <p>Pragati winner of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022 worldwaterforum.org/en/latest-news.....</p> <p>#KyotoWorldWaterGrandPrize #Japanwaterforum #WorldWaterForum9 ツイートを翻訳</p> <p>午前10:56 · 2022年2月16日 · Twitter Web App</p>	 <p>Japan Water Forum 2021年12月20日 · 🌐</p> <p>京都世界水大賞2022年 受賞団体が決定しました！ ▼詳しくはこちら▼ https://waterforum.jp/news/18869/</p> <p>WATERFORUM.JP 京都世界水大賞2022年 受賞団体が決定しました！ - ニュース - 日本水フォーラム</p> <p>👍 2</p>
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 <p>広報資料</p> <p>令和3年12月20日 京都市総合企画局 担当：滝 合 政 彦 SDGx・社会課題推進室 TEL: 075-222-3379</p> <p>「京都世界水大賞 2022」受賞団体が決定しました！</p> <p>この度、公衆及び厳正な審査の結果、「京都世界水大賞[®]2022」の受賞団体を、インドの300「Pragati」(プラガッティ)に決定したのでお知らせいたします。</p> <p>授賞式は、令和4年3月、「第9回世界水フォーラム[®]」(セネガル・ダカール)の会場にて執り行います。</p> <p>記</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 公募期間：令和2年9月7日～令和3年4月30日 応募件数：23 箇所 60 件 大賞賞金：200 万円（金額協賛金により異なります。） 協賛企業：【ゴールドスポンサー】株式会社CB 【スポンサー】株式会社島津製作所、株式会社東京建設コンサルタント、オルガノ株式会社、五洋建設株式会社、川崎重工業株式会社（順不同） 受賞団体：Pragati（プラガッティ）/ インド南オリッサ州コラプット地区 選考理由：「伝統と革新の調和」を実現する京都ならではの管理項目「文化とコミュニティに寄与し持続可能な活動である」という点を満たし、水問題解決のみならず、環境負荷削減にも寄与する自然エネルギーを活用した取組が高く評価されたため。 <p>※1 京都世界水大賞 京都市、世界水会議（World Water Council: WWC）及び世界水フォーラムが主催する国際的な賞。地上型の水利用技術に目をつけて優れた活動を開発する団体の選出を目的とする国際的な賞です。「第9回世界水フォーラム」に選出された2020年に創設され、以降、3年に1度開催される国際会議「世界水フォーラム」に併せて授与。</p> <p>※2 世界水フォーラム 世界の水に関する関係者が一堂に集い、様々な水問題への対応について議論する国際会議。3年に1度、国連「世界水の日」(3月22日)前後に開催。 (主催：WWC及び関係国 参加者：各国元首・閣僚等を含む政府機関、民間企業、企業、NGO等)</p>	 <p>京都市情報館</p> <p>「京都世界水大賞2022」受賞団体が決定しました！</p> <p>【京都世界水大賞2022】授賞団体が決定しました！ この度、公衆及び厳正な審査の結果、「京都世界水大賞[®]2022」の受賞団体を、インドの300「Pragati」(プラガッティ)に決定したのでお知らせいたします。</p> <p>授賞式は、令和4年3月、「第9回世界水フォーラム[®]」(セネガル・ダカール)の会場にて執り行います。</p> <p>※1 公募期間 令和2年9月7日～令和3年4月30日</p> <p>※2 応募件数 23箇所 60件</p> <p>※3 大賞賞金 200万円（金額協賛金により異なります。）</p> <p>※4 協賛企業 【ゴールドスポンサー】株式会社CB 【スポンサー】株式会社島津製作所、株式会社東京建設コンサルタント、オルガノ株式会社、五洋建設株式会社、川崎重工業株式会社（順不同）</p> <p>※5 受賞団体 Pragati（プラガッティ）/ インド南オリッサ州コラプット地区</p> <p>※6 選考理由 「伝統と革新の調和」を実現する京都ならではの管理項目「文化とコミュニティに寄与し持続可能な活動である」という点を満たし、水問題解決のみならず、環境負荷削減にも寄与する自然エネルギーを活用した取組が高く評価されたため。</p> <p>※7 備考 ① 京都世界水大賞 京都市、世界水会議（World Water Council: WWC）及び世界水フォーラムが主催する国際的な賞。地上型の水利用技術に目をつけて優れた活動を開発する団体の選出を目的とする国際的な賞です。「第9回世界水フォーラム」に選出された2020年に創設され、以降、3年に1度開催される国際会議「世界水フォーラム」に併せて授与。</p> <p>② 世界水フォーラム 世界の水に関する関係者が一堂に集い、様々な水問題への対応について議論する国際会議。3年に1度、国連「世界水の日」(3月22日)前後に開催。 (主催：WWC及び関係国 参加者：各国元首・閣僚等を含む政府機関、民間企業、企業、NGO等)</p>
Press release from Kyoto City	Kyoto City website

KYOTO WORLD WATER GRAND PRIZE: THE WINNER REVEALED



Established by the city of Kyoto during the 3rd World Water Forum in 2003 and awarded every three years since then, the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize, jointly organized by the Japan Water Forum and the World Water Council, rewards grass-roots organizations that bring concrete solutions to water-related issues in developing countries.

For its 5th edition, the Prize received 60 applications from 23 different countries. In keeping with the Kyoto tradition of 'harmony between tradition and innovation', this year, the jury was particularly focused on rewarding sustainable practices that respect the community and its cultural habits.

Pragati Koraput, which helps farmers in the semi-arid region of Odisha in Eastern India, was selected this year. The organization, which uses solar energy to pump water and irrigate crops, is being awarded for its initiative to

solve a water issue while limiting its environmental impact.

The winner, who will be officially awarded at the closing ceremony of the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar in March, will receive JPY 2,000,000 (about USD 18,000).

[More informations about the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize](#)

[More informations about the winner 2022](#)

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WWC website

◆ Awarding ceremony at the 9th World Water Forum, Dakar, Senegal

On 25th March, 2022, the awarding ceremony was held at the closing ceremony of the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal.

On behalf of the winning organization, Mr. Prabhakar Adhikari, Secretary of Pragati, delivered a thank-you speech. Ms. Margret Nakato, Coordinator of the Katosi Women Development Trust attended as the prize winner of the 3rd edition of the Grand Prize (2012). She highlighted the importance of developing and sustaining activities in order to build a self-help society through grass-roots efforts.

After their speeches, Mr. Adhikari and Dr. Panda, Executive Director of Pragati received the prize board of JPY2,000,000- from the representatives of the co-organizers, Mr. Kazushi Hashimoto, Councilor of the Japan Water Forum and Dr. Asma El Kasmi, Vice-president of the WWC. The ceremony was closed by two video messages from the Mayor of the City of Kyoto and CB Co., Ltd representing the sponsors.

Outline of the Awarding Ceremony

- Date: 25th March, 2022
- Program:
 - Opening remarks by Mr. Kazushi Hashimoto, Councilor of the Japan Water Forum
 - Speech by Ms. Margaret Nakato, Coordinator of the Katosi Women Development Trust (Uganda)
 - Giving the prize to Pragati / Photo session
 - Speech by Mr. Prabhakar Adhikari, Secretary of Pragati, India
 - Congratulatory video message from the Mayor of the City of Kyoto
 - Congratulatory video message from the Gold Sponsor (CB Co., Ltd)

“It is a great honor for us to receive this prestigious prize, the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize. We believe that our steady efforts at involving socio-economic activities at the field level have contributed to the development of sustainable agriculture and the achievement of women’s financial independence. This prize is sure to inspire us to make further efforts towards realizing related SDG targets.”

Mr. Prabhakar Adhikari, Secretary of Pragati

*Partial excerpt from the awarding ceremony speech

Awarding ceremony at the closing ceremony of the 9th World Water Forum



Mr. Hashimoto, Councilor of JWF, Mr. Adhikari and Dr. Panda of Pragati (the prize winner), and Dr. El Kasmi, Vice-president of WWC (L to R) ¹



Ms. Nakato of the Katosi Women Development Trust making a speech as the past prize winner



Mr. Adhikari, Secretary of Pragati representing the prize winner of the 2022 edition



Representatives of the co-organizers and the winners during a photo session



Video message from the Mayor of the City of Kyoto

¹ Photo by WWC



Video message
from CB Co., Ltd (Gold Sponsor)



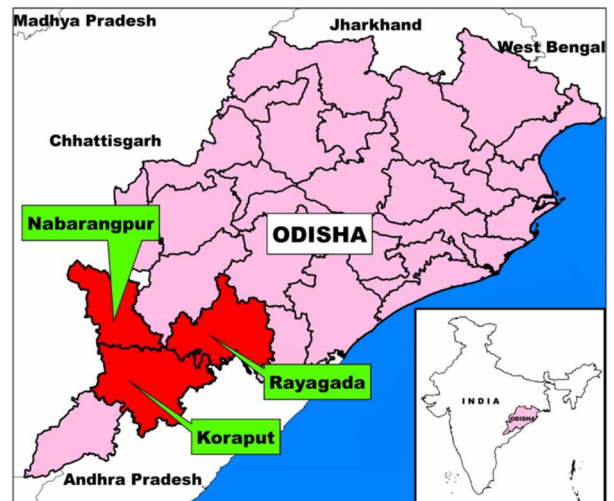
Representatives of the co-organizers
and the winners gathering
at the JAPAN booth

1.3 Outline of the Winner

- ◆ Name of the organization; Pragati

PRAGATI is a non-governmental organization established in 1994 and based in South Odisha, India. The organization has a vision “To build a self-help society, free from hunger and exploitation, where everyone irrespective of caste, creed, sex or language have right to dignified means of livelihood and through collective action ensure socio-economic justice and ecological balance”. Pragati has a mission “To facilitate and strengthen vibrant people’s organizations at different levels of society that will protect, utilize, control and manage local resources and through collective action, ensure dynamic socio-economic change for sustainable development by advocating for pro-poor governance and bring women, children, tribals and downtrodden, to the mainstream of the society”.

- ◆ Main area of activities: Koraput, South Odisha, India
- ◆ URL: <https://pragatikoraput.org/>



2. Outline of the Project by the Award Winner

- ◆ **Title of the project:** Renewable Energy for Crop Production & Safe Drinking Water
- ◆ **Project period:** 2012 to 2018
- ◆ **Project area:** Koraput District, Odisha State, India
- ◆ **Number of direct beneficiaries:** 1,081 households (1,122 male, 1,176 female and 1,907 children)
- ◆ **Objectives and outcomes of the project:**
 - Aiming at promoting enhance income of small and marginal farmers, solar irrigation systems were installed. As the result, individual and community owned solar pumps established in 23 villages benefitted 158 farmers growing vegetables and food crops in 86 hectares of land throughout the year, earning an average of Rs100,000- to 250,000- per annum. It has substantially reduced expenses on use of diesel powered pumps and contributes significantly to reduction in emission of Green House Gases.
 - Aiming at ensuring safe drinking water for rural poor to reduce their vulnerabilities to water borne diseases, solar powered filtration systems were installed. As the result, 923 households in 21 villages have access to safe drinking water through installation of solar powered filtration systems which has reduced water borne diseases and drudgery of women in fetching water.
- ◆ **Comments from members of the Selection Committee**

“I was impressed by the fact that their simple approach to the solution of basic water problems at the household level helped to promote green energy and also had a great impact on each household and the community in terms of increasing household income and women’s empowerment.”

“Installing solar panels in areas where nature worship and sun worship are deeply rooted was an ideal approach to solving problems by utilizing tradition, based on an understanding of the culture and values of local residents. ”

“This is a timely project as the international community is currently addressing global agenda of realizing carbon-neutrality in order to tackle climate change.”

Photo of the project by the award winner



Barren land prior to installation of solar pump



Farmers growing crops after solar pump installation



Half acre model farm with solar irrigation



Farmer with solar irrigation adopting vegetables



Solar powered drinking water filtration systems



Woman collecting drinking water in the village

3. Sponsors

We sincerely appreciate following 6 companies which supported the purpose of the Grand Prize.

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