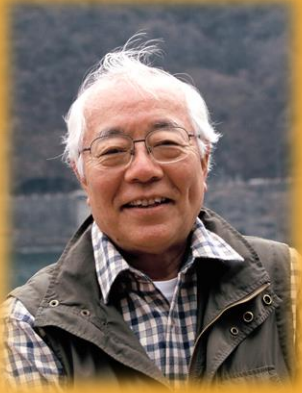


## Water in Japan

the lessons learned from failure in the history



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### Overview

#### **- Ceaseless Efforts Overcoming Water Challenges Japan's Experience -**

Without addressing water, it would be impossible to achieve a sustainable society. Throughout its long history, Japan has faced and overcome various water-related challenges in an effort to realize a sustainable, safe, and secure society. In the past, Japan has also suffered from floods, storms, tsunamis, infectious diseases caused by water, and large-scale pollution. While some of these problems have been solved, we are still facing new challenges in the face of increasingly severe and frequent water-related disasters and pandemics.

This webinar series aim to provide information that will contribute to the implementation of solutions to overcome the various water-related challenges. To make the most of the blessings of water and to protect people's lives and livelihoods from water-related disasters, we will introduce the systems that Japan has built over the years, the inherent knowledge and culture, and the technologies and know-how developed through years of experience.

The first webinar will feature an overview of water issues in Japan.

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He published several books including, among others, “Clarifying the Mystery of Japanese Civilization”(SEIRYU Publishing Co., Ltd, 2003) and “Hydro Energy Saves Japan” (Toyo Keizai Inc.).



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