



"<u>Regional Inclusive Public-Private</u> <u>Collaboration for Water Conservation</u>"



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Date and Time: 24th November 2021 (Wed) 7:00 – 8:00AM (UTC) / 4:00 – 5:00PM (JST)

Overview

- Ceaseless Efforts Overcoming Water Challenges Japan's Experience -Kumamoto City boasts some of Japan's most plentiful groundwater resources, with tap water for all 740,000 residents supplied from groundwater. Unfortunately, recent years have seen issues with water quality and quantity arise, including rising nitrogen-nitrate concentrations and lower groundwater levels. To solve these issues, we have worked together with the residents, businesses, and governments that use this groundwater to understand and improve the situation.

This webinar will explain the public-private groundwater conservation projects underway between Kumamoto City and the neighboring municipalities that share its groundwater resources. By getting the word out about these groundwater conservation projects, we hope to contribute to achieving SDG #6.

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Speaker: Mr. Tsutomu Nagata

Born in 1963 in Kumamoto, Japan.

Mr. Tsutomu Nagata was hired in the field of chemistry by Kumamoto City in 1980 and has spent years involved in the protection of Kumamoto City's groundwater resources.

Although the conditions of most of Kumamoto City's groundwater are favorable, some regions face urgent issues related to rises in nitratenitrogen concentrations.

To combat this, Mr. Nagata has made a number of contributions, including developing a nitrate-nitrogen reduction plan and establishing the Kumamoto City Tobu Compost Center.

Kumamoto City holds wide-ranging groundwater conservation projects that incorporate residents, businesses, and the government, and was awarded the Water for Life Award from the UN, during which Mr. Nagata was the main contact between Kumamoto and the UN.



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