

Past Asia-Pacific Water Summits and 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit

4 June 2019

1st Joint Executive Committee Meeting of the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit

1. Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)

- ◆ International Network, which consists of a variety of organizations that address water issues in Asia and the Pacific
 - Collect voices and knowledge on water issues in the region
 - Raise the priority of tackling water security issues highlighted in the development agenda throughout the region and world to solve the issues
- **APWF President:** H.E. Yoshiro Mori, Former Prime Minister; President, Japan Water Forum
- **Secretariat:** Japan Water Forum (JWF)



H.E. Ryutaro Hashimoto, Former Prime Minister of Japan, declared the establishment of the APWF
(March 2006, 4th World Water Forum (Mexico))



APWF Inauguration Ceremony
(September 2006, ADB HQ (Manila))

Governance Structure of the APWF



President

H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori

Former Prime Minister of Japan / President of Japan Water Forum

Governing Council

Chair of APWF Governing Council

- Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Former Chief Executive of WaterAid

Vice-Chairs of APWF Governing Council

- Ms. Changhua Wu, Chair of China Redesign Hub, Office of Jeremy Rifkin
- Prof. Eduardo Araral, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Key Member Organizations

• Lead Organizations

ADB, UNESCAP, FAO, UNESCO, UNHABITAT, FANSA, GWI UNSW, GWPO, GWP China, ICEWaRM, ICHARM, ICIMOD, IUCN, IWMI, IWC, JSC, NARBO, Singapore PUB, AIT, World Toilet Organization, etc.

• Sub-regional Coordinators

Secretariat of Pacific Community (Oceania & Pacific), GWP CACENA (Central Asia and Caucasus), GWP South Asia (South Asia), GWP Southeast Asia (Southeast Asia), Korea Water Forum (Northeast Asia)

Secretariat: Japan Water Forum

2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



Primary Objective of the APWS

- To create an opportunity for ***political leaders*** of the region to recognize the significance of ***water issues*** for ***human security*** and ***sustainable development***.

Organized by APWF in collaboration with hosting country and city.

Three summits have been held so far...

- The 1st APWS, **Beppu, Oita**, Japan December 2007
- The 2nd APWS, **Chiang Mai**, Thailand May 2013
- The 3rd APWS, **Yangon, Myanmar**, December 2017

2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



(1) The 1st APWS

– *Water Security: Leadership and Commitment*

- Organized in Japan in Dec. 2007
 - 371 leaders (incl. **10 Heads of Country** & 32 Ministers) attended
 - Adopted the “**Message from Beppu**”
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- The first water summit which highlighted the necessity to address water-related disasters as higher priority of the global development agenda
 - Set up a target to achieve universal access to safe water and sanitation by 2025

2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



(2) The 2nd APWS

– *Water Security and Water-related Disaster Challenges: Leadership and Commitment*

- held in Thailand in May 2013
 - Over 300 leaders (incl. **18 Heads of Country** & 16 Ministers) attended
 - Adopted the “**Chiang Mai Declaration**”
- Integrated the first quantitative and comprehensive research outcomes into the water security agenda
 - The achievement of the 2nd APWS contributed to the fact that the risk reduction of water disasters was reflected into some targets in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



(Photo by IISD)

2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



(3) The 3rd APWS

– *Water Security for Sustainable Development*

- held in Myanmar in Dec. 2017
 - Over 700 leaders (incl. 20 Heads of Country & Ministerial-level delegates) attended
 - Adopted the **“Yangon Declaration: the Pathway Forward”**
- Emphasized safe and affordable drinking water and basic sanitation for all in the region by 2025, five years in advance compared to the SDGs
- Showed the Pathways forward for sustainable development in terms of Water Cycle management, Governance and Inclusive Development, and Financing the implementation of water-related SDGs



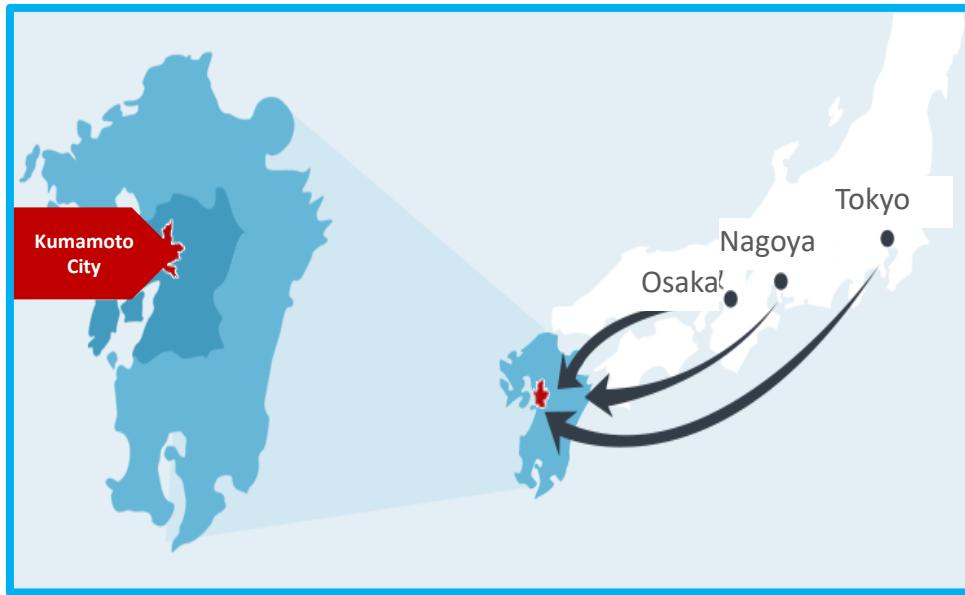
(Photo by Myanmar News Agency)



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3. 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit

- Date: 19 (Mon) - 20 (Tue) October 2020
 - Location: Japan (Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Prefecture)
 - Theme: Water for Sustainable Development -Best Practices and Connecting to the Next Generation-
- ※Venue: Kumamoto Castle Hall



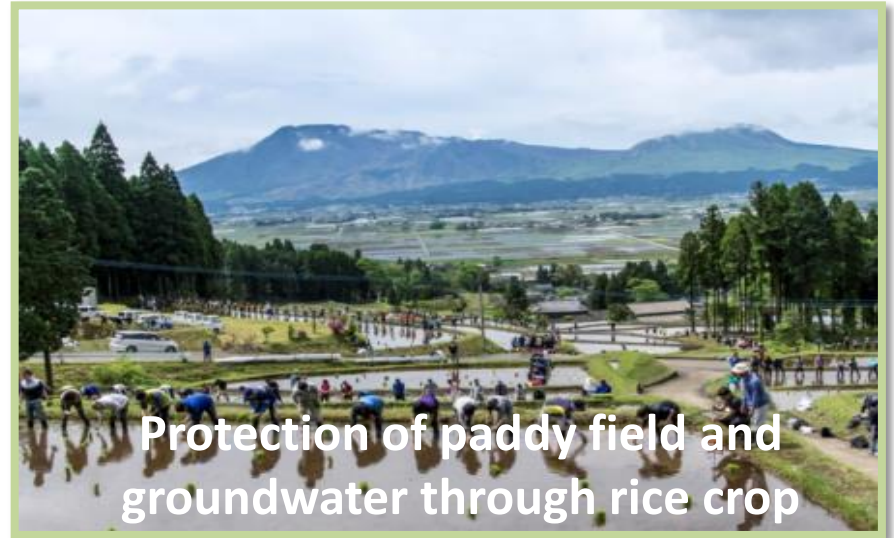
26th March 2019: Cabinet Approval to conduct the necessary cooperation in order to implement the 4th APWS smoothly (cooperative cabinet decision from Minister of Foreign Affairs; Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare; Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport; Minister of the Environment)

Significance of organizing the 4th APWS in Kumamoto City:

Wide array of collaboration and cooperation to solve water issues and promote sound water cycle management



Agreement with private sectors to provide water from their wells when disaster occurs



Protection of paddy field and groundwater through rice crop



Volunteers' cooperation to create Forestry on groundwater recharge



Waterlogging Practice Utilizing Converted rice-crops

Photo: Department of Water Conservation, Kumamoto City

Expected Participating Countries and the targets for the Invitees

**49 countries of Asia and the Pacific, including the
host country (i.e. Japan):**

Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Korea, Kyrgyz, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, and Japan

Other Invitees

(1) International

- Heads of State and Governments, heads of UN organizations addressing water-related issues in the Asia-Pacific region, other international and interregional organizations, research institutions, NGO/NPOs, private companies, etc.

(2) Domestic (Japan) :

- Top leaders and counterparts from the relevant government ministries and department, municipalities, water utilities, private sector, academic and research institutes, NGO/NPO

(3) Others

- Speakers, panelists, and audience of the Thematic Sessions, and participants of the side events

- **<Expected Participants> 300 to 400 participants**

Deliverables of the 4th APWS (Plan)

- 4th APWS Outcome document
(Kumamoto Declaration)
- Final Report of the 4th APWS
- Outcome reports of Thematic Sessions
- APWF Policy Brief