

The Asia Wastewater Management Partnership (AWaP) Operations Committee

1. Background and Objectives

In September 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit. Among the different selected goals and targets was established an important target for wastewater management: SDG target 6.3, which aims at “halving the proportion of untreated wastewater by 2030”.

To contribute to the achievement of this target and the SDGs at large, six Asian countries launched the Asia Wastewater Management Partnership (AWaP) at the AWaP First General Meeting held on 25th July 2018 in Kitakyushu, Japan. During this meeting it was agreed that the AWaP secretariat would be located in Tokyo, Japan, and jointly operated by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan, and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Japan.

Among the different meeting agenda items, the participating countries discussed the implementation guidelines and the work plan of AWaP. Based on these implementation guidelines, the partnership consists of government officials from Asian countries engaged in policy-making for wastewater management and other related fields. The main objectives of AWaP are to organize regular meetings, share information on wastewater management, and discuss solutions for future improvements in this field. AWaP targets the mainstreaming of wastewater management in each participating country and among all the stakeholders involved in wastewater management. In addition to sharing the information needed for the improvement of wastewater management, AWaP targets the creation of models that can solve the existing challenges in order to promote each country’s efforts towards the achievement of the SDG wastewater-related targets by 2030.

In accordance with the AWaP work plan, the Asia Wastewater Management Partnership (AWaP) Operations Committee is to be attended by the representatives acting as focal points for the participating countries. Currently, the first AWaP annual report is under preparation and due to be completed by the end of September 2019.

2. Contents of Meeting

In the AWaP Operations Committee, the following points will be shared and discussed among the participating countries.

- Comments on the AWaP annual report
- Updates on the progress made in the mainstreaming of wastewater management
- Plans for the Second General Meeting of AWaP, which will take place at the location of the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (2020 in Kumamoto, Japan)

On the day before the meeting is planned a site visit of a wastewater treatment facility. Following the AWaP Operations Committee will be held a technical seminar in which Japanese private companies will introduce

some of their technologies and products for wastewater management. After the technical semina, an observation tour of the Sewage Works Exhibition will be conducted.

3. Participating Institutions

- Asian Countries
 - Cambodia: Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)
 - Indonesia: Ministry of Public Works (MPW)
 - Myanmar: Ministry of Construction (MOC)
 - Philippines: Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
 - Vietnam: Ministry of Construction (MOC)

- Government Ministries and Agency from Japan
 - Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
 - ◇ Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Sewerage and Wastewater Management Department
 - Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
 - ◇ Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau, Waste Management Division, Office for Promotion of Johkasou
 - ◇ Water Environment Division, Environmental Management Bureau

- International organizations/ development assistance organizations
 - Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

- Other Organizations
 - National institute for environmental studies (NIES)
 - Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)
 - Japan Sewage Works Agency (JS)
 - Japan Sanitation Consortium (JSC)

4. Organizer

Asia Wastewater Management Partnership (AWaP) Secretariat

5. Date, Venue

- Date: 8th August 2019
- Venue: Meeting Rooms 502, PACIFICO Yokohama (City of Yokohama, Japan)

6. Language

- English

7. Program

AWaP Operations Committee

- Time: 8th July 2019, 9:30-11:00

Venue: Meeting Rooms 502, PACIFICO Yokohama (City of Yokohama, Japan)

- Language: English
- ◇ Moderator: Dr. Pierre Flamand, Senior Advisor, International Affairs Office, Japan Sewage Works Agency (Manager - International Affairs, Japan Sanitation Consortium)

Time	Contents
9:30	Group Photo
9:35	Opening Welcome Remarks <i>Mr. Ryuji Uematsu</i> <i>Director General, Sewerage and Wastewater Management Department, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</i> Introduction of Participants
9:40	Explanation of the AWaP annual report form <i>Mr. Natsuki Hisaoka</i> <i>Director for Overseas Projects of Sewerage, Sewerage Planning Division, Sewerage and Wastewater Management Department, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</i>
9:45	Comments from each country on the AWaP annual report and updates on progress of wastewater management mainstreaming Presentation from each country (5 minutes x 6 countries = 30 minutes, others 5 minutes)
10:20	Q&A and Discussion
10:40	Planning for AWaP Second General Meeting <i>Mr. Tatsuhiro Ueda</i> <i>Director, International Affairs Office, Japan Sewage Works Agency</i>
10:45	Q&A and Discussion
11:00	Closing

Technical Seminar

- Date and Time: 8th July 2019, 11:15-12:15
- Venue: Meeting Rooms 502, PACIFICO Yokohama (City of Yokohama, Japan)
- Language: English
- ◇ Moderator: Dr. Pierre Flamand, Senior Advisor, International Affairs Office, Japan Sewage Works Agency (Manager - International Affairs, Japan Sanitation Consortium)

Observation of the Wastewater Exhibition

- Date and Time: 8th July 2019, 14:00-17:00
- Venue: Annex Hall, PACIFICO Yokohama (City of Yokohama, Japan)