



PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSION No.5

Water & Sanitation / Wastewater management

**Toward the Realization of
Appropriate Wastewater Management
To Contribute to Sustainable Development**

17:30-19:00, April 23, 2022

Kumamoto-Jo Hall, Kumamoto City, Japan

Target 6.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), enacted in 2015, set the goal of halving the proportion of untreated wastewater. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary to further promote efforts to reduce the proportion of untreated wastewater, especially in the Asian Pacific region where water pollution is increasing due to urbanization. However, the prevalence of wastewater treatment facilities is low in many countries of the region.

This parallel thematic session will focus on wastewater management in order to contribute to sustainable development and move towards achieving the SDGs by 2030, taking into account climate change and the recent transition in the situation of the world, and more specifically Asia Pacific region, due to the global epidemic of new coronavirus infections. The main objective is to provide an opportunity for the governments of Asian Pacific countries to collaborate on different aspects (budgets, legal systems, technical standards, etc.) and determine improvement measures based on regional characteristics.

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| Opening Remarks | Mr. Norihiro Nakayama; State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; Japan Mr. Yasushi Hosaka; Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Environment; Japan |
| Keynote Speech | Mr. Seiichi Onodera; Senior Vice President; Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) |
| Speech | Mr. Andre Dzikus; Head of Urban Basic Service; UN-Habitat |
| Panelists | Mr. Ryuji Uematsu; Director General; Sewerage and Wastewater Management Dept.; Water and Disaster Management Bureau; Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) |
| | Dr. Pham Ngoc Bao (for WEPA); Deputy Director; Adaptation and Water; Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) |
| | Ms. Allison Woodruff; Principal Water Security Specialist; Asian Development Bank (ADB) |
| | Mr. Numeri Zaman; Joint Secretary (Policy Support Branch); Local Gov. Division; Ministry of Local Government; Rural Development & Co-operatives; Bangladesh |
| | Ms. Meena Shrestha; Joint Secretary; Ministry of Water Supply (MoWS); Nepal |
| | Dr. Mai Thi Lien Huong; Director General; Administration of Technical Infrastructure; Ministry of Construction (MOC); Vietnam |
| Moderator | Dr. Taku Fujiwara; Professor; Graduate School of Engineering; Kyoto University |
| Facilitator | Dr. Pierre Flamand; Manager – International Affairs; Japan Sanitation Consortium |