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Report on WWF10 from Japan

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The 10th World Water Forum (WWF10)



May 18th to 25th, 2024 Pali, Indonesia



75,000 attended from 160 countries



The World Water Council (WWC), together with the host country, holds one of the world's largest international conferences on water every three years around World Water Day (March 22).

Stakeholders around the world gather to discuss and exhibit solutions to various issues related to water and sanitation on the planet.



Opening Ceremony



Video Message by the Japanese Emperor







How did Japan contribute to WWF10?

Exhibition Booth

Workshops

Thematic Sessions





Exhibition Booth

In Japan Pavilion, we (1) displayed posters showing the activities of ICID and International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields (INWEPF), (2) showed a video promoting Japanese irrigation and drainage technology, and (3) distributed pamphlets introducing the multifunctionality of paddy fields and beautiful Japanese rural scenery.

More than 500 people, including the Minister of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia (PUPR),

visited MAFF's booth.



The Exhibition Booth



Posters



Minister of PUPR, Indonesia





Exhibition Booth



Dr. Marco Arcieri, President of ICID and Dr. Tsugihiro Watanabe, Vice President of ICID





Workshops

INWEPF Japan Committee organized a workshop on water use efficiency in paddy agriculture.

After opening remarks by Dr. Marco Arcieri, President of ICID & Mr. Kenji Seiyama, Deputy Director-General of MAFF, Dr. Tsugihiro Watanabe, Vice President of ICID facilitated presentations by Japan (Dr. Keigo Noda, Dr. Kyohei Matsushita, MAFF, JIRCAS, and JICA), India, and Korea, followed by an active Q&A session.







Dr. Marco Arcieri, President of ICID delivered an opening speech and Dr. Tsugihiro Watanabe, Vice President of ICID facilitated the workshop.





Workshops

- INWEPF Korea Committee and INWEPF Japan Committee co-organized a workshop on water use efficiency and climate change adaptation in paddy agriculture.
- INWEPF Korea Committee organized a workshop on modernization of irrigation systems in response to climate change, and INWEPF Japan Committee made a presentation on "ICT water management initiatives in Japan."



Joint Workshop by Korea & Japan





A workshop organized by INWEPF Korea Committee





Thematic Sessions

- The INWEPF Japan Committee and UNESCO co-organized a session "Nature-based solutions (NbS) / ecosystem protection and restoration to improve water supply" under the sub-theme 1) Water Security and Prosperity.
 - Dr. Keigo Noda, University of Tokyo & Dr. Kyohei Matsushita, Shiga University made presentations on the importance of an appropriate hybrid of green infrastructure (the multifunctionality of paddy fields) and grey infrastructure (irrigation facilities).



Presentation by Dr. Keigo Noda



Room at Full Capacity



Concluding remarks by Mr. Kenji Seiyama, Deputy Director-General of MAFF





Thematic Sessions

- FAO organized a session "Revitalization of existing irrigated areas to be water-wise and climate-smart" under the sub-theme 1).
- From INWEPF Japan Committee, Mr. Kenji Washino, Director of MAFF, introduced Japan's initiatives and technologies for irrigation management to balance paddy rice production and climate change adaptation.



Presentation by Mr. Kenji Washino



Session Organized by FAO



His presentation was reported during the synthesis session.









