

Meaning of Hosting the Third World Water Forum (WWF3) and the Ministerial Conference (MC)

Importance and Various Aspects of Water

- Limited water resources (only a fraction of the 2.5% of the total water on Earth, which is freshwater)
- 1 in 5 people of the world (about 1.2 billion) don't have access to safe drinking water
- 2 in 5 people of the world (about 2.4 billion) don't have access to basic sanitation
- About 6,000 children die every day from water-related diseases (about 2 mil./year)
- Global population growth increased food production needed necessity of more efficient water use
- Deforestation and degradation of the world's forests
- Increased damages from floods and other disasters



- Necessity of consideration of water issues from various aspects : water supply and sanitation, agriculture (irrigation), the environment, disaster prevention, energy, etc.
- Different regions have different problems that require different approaches : arid and semi-arid areas Monsoon and rainy areas
- Different needs for urban and rural areas

Water is Global Issue

Earth Summit (Rio de Janeiro 1992) Water ranked high on the agenda
 WWF1 (Marrakech 1997)
 WWF2/MC (The Hague 2000) "Making water everybody's business"
 Millennium Development Goals (September 2000)
 World Summit on Sustainable Development(WSSD)(August 2002)
 2003 is the International Year of Freshwater

Established the goals to halve by 2015 the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and that without access to basic sanitation

Japan's Leadership in Solving Water Problems

Japan's ODA

- Assistance amounting to about 650 billion JPY in the water sector for the past 3 years
- Japan's ODA for drinking water and sanitation (past 3 year average: about 1 billion USD) occupies
 - 1/3 of the world's total ODA to this area
 - 6% of Japan's total ODA (DAC average = 3.7%)

Announced the Japan-US Partnership "Clean Water for People" at the WSSD
 Japan has **abundant experience** in river management, water quality management, realizing multiple functions, water recycling technology, water supply/sewerage management, development and protection of forestry, etc. Japan is developing **advanced technologies** such as the desalination of seawater, greening of deserts
possibilities for technological contributions

WWF3 (March 16-23 in Kyoto/Shiga/Osaka) • MC (March 22-23 in Kyoto)

G8 Evian Summit (June) (the French Presidency shows strong interest in water and Africa)
 Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III, September to October in Tokyo) Water is a key to African development