

The 8th Asian Wetland Symposium Saga, Japan (AWS2017) “Wetlands for Sustainable Life”

Third Announcement

Date: 7–11 November 2017

The 6th meeting of Wetland Link International (WLI) Asia

Date: 6 November 2017

Venue: Hotel Grande Hagakure
Saga City, Japan



Keynote Presentations (7 November)

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands towards the Sustainable Development Goals

Martha Rojas-Urrego, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention Secretariat

The Conservation Strategy on Wetlands and Biodiversity of Japan

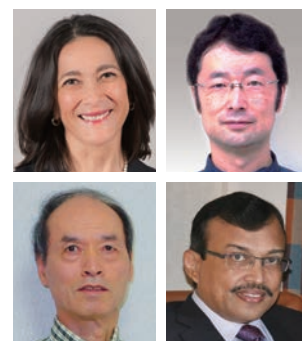
Naohisa Okuda, Director, Biodiversity Policy Division, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

The 25th Anniversary of AWS and the Prospects for the Next 25 Years

Hiroji Isozaki, Visiting Professor, Sophia University

Restoration of Chilika Lake: A journey from the Montreux Record to the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award, and the way forward

Ajit K. Pattnaik, Vice President, Wetlands International South Asia, Ex Chief Executive, Chilka Development Authority



Ariake Sea Session (7 November):

Presentations by local stakeholders on the environment and wise use of the Ariake Sea, and efforts for revitalization

Mayors Round-table Talk (7 November):

Exchange of views among 4 City Mayors responsible for the coastal Ramsar Sites in Korea and Japan

Panelists: Mayors of Suncheon City (Korea), Saga City, Kashima City and Arai City (Japan)

General Schedule:

	Morning	Lunch Break	Afternoon	Evening
6 Nov (Mon)	WLI Asia Meeting		Registration WLI Asia Meeting	
7 Nov (Tue)	Registration Opening Keynote Presentations	Side Event	Ariake Sea Session Mayors Round-table Talk	Welcome Reception
8 Nov (Wed)	Session 1 / Session 2 Poster Session	Side Event	Session 3 / Session 4 Session 5 / Session 6 Poster Session	Session 7 Side Event
9 Nov (Thu)		Field Visit		
10 Nov (Fri)	Session 8 / Session 9		Summary of Sessions Discussion on Saga Statement Closing	
11 Nov (Sat)	Public Symposium (Audience will be local citizens)			



<http://aws2017.org/>

Overall objective of AWS 2017:

To review achievements, practices, progress, and challenges related to conservation and wise use of wetlands in Asia in the past quarter century, and consider what should be done, looking towards the next quarter century and beyond, to mainstream conservation and wise use of wetlands in order to contribute to the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Objectives of AWS 2017:

- To share skills, traditional knowledge, techniques and methods, good practices and examples of failures of conservation and wise use of wetlands in Asia,
- To compile strategies and activities for realizing wise use of Ramsar Sites and other wetlands,
- To expand networks among site managers, wetland centers and stakeholders in Asia,
- To enhance international cooperation and partnership on wetland conservation in Asia,
- To contribute to the Ramsar COP13, particularly to support the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016- 2024 and CEPA Programme 2016 – 2024, through reporting good practices of conservation and wise use of wetlands in Asia, and
- To enhance involvement of the next generation in conservation and wise use of wetlands.

Organization of AWS 2017

Organizers: Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Wetlands International Japan, Ramsar Center Japan, Japan Wetlands Society
Co-organizers: Saga Prefecture, Kumamoto Prefecture, Saga City, Kashima City, Arai City, Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia, International Lake Environment Committee Foundation, Wetland Link International Asia
Supporter: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Collaborators: Ramsar Convention Secretariat, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation, Domestic Committee for Ramsar Sites related Municipalities in Japan, Youth Ramsar Japan, Institute of Decision Science for a Sustainable Society of Kyushu University
Sponsors: Sekisui Chemical Co.Ltd., Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc., MapleToursTravel Agency, INTEM Consulting, Inc., TOKEN C. E. E Consultants Co., Ltd., CTI Engineering Co. Ltd., Asia Air Survey Co., Ltd., Civil Engineering & Eco-Technology Consultants, Oriental Consultants Global, Mitusi & Co., Maeda Corporation, IDEA Consultants Inc., ITO EN Ltd., Nippon Koei Co., Ltd., ANA HOLDINGS INC., Asia Pacific Resources International Ltd., Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Thematic Sessions:

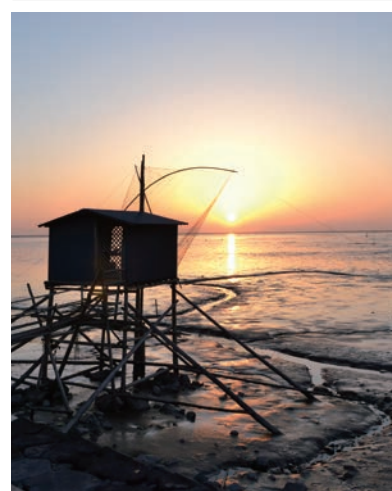
- Session 1:** Wetlands and Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Change (8 November)
Session 2: Wetlands and Policy / Changes / International Cooperation (8 November)
Session 3: Wetlands and Use of Natural Resources / Agriculture / Fisheries / Food Security (8 November)
Session 4: Urban Wetlands / Wetland City / Natural Infrastructure (8 November)
Session 5: Wetlands and Youth (8 November)
Session 6: Wetlands and Sustainable Tourism (8 November)
Session 7: Wetlands and Culture (8 November)
Session 8: Wetlands and CEPA (Communication, Capacity building, Education, Participation and Awareness) / ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) (10 November)
Session 9: Wetlands and Biodiversity / Restoration / Reintroduction (10 November)

Registration:

Online registration is available at:
<http://aws2017.org/registration.html>

Registration fee:

Category		Early bird (until 14 September)	Regular (after 15 September)
Developed countries	General	JPY 20,000	JPY 25,000
	Student	JPY 10,000	JPY 12,000
Developing countries	General	JPY 10,000	JPY 12,000
	Student	JPY 5,000	JPY 6,000



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