Japan's ODA on Water and Sanitation

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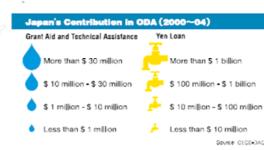
Japan's efforts in Water and Sanitation

- Implemented \$4.6 billion of ODA between 2000 to 2004 (41% of the bilateral donors' total)
 - Provided access to safe drinking water to over 100 million



Water and sanitation coverage both above world average Water coverage below world average Sanitation coverage below world average Water and sanitation coverage both below world average missing data

Source : WHO/UNICEF



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Current Movements of Japan and the World on Water and Sanitation

Mar. 2003 3rd World Water Forum and the Ministerial Conference (Kyoto, Japan) <u>"Initiative for Japan's ODA on Water"</u> "Japan-France Water Sector Cooperation".

Mar. 2006 4th World Water Forum and the Ministerial Conference (Mexico) <u>"Water and Sanitation Broad Partnership</u> <u>Initiative (WASABI)"</u>

Progress and achievements of "U.S.- Japan Clean Water for People Initiative" Japan's own experience

The post WWII reconstruction period

Major cities : Promoted regional water resource management and water supply system development.

Rural areas : Improvement of living environment and irrigation projects promoted in integrated manner.



Main features

 Pursuing sustainability of water use Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)



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2. Emphasizing "Human Security" perspective

Protect each individuals from "fears" and "threats" such as lack of access to safe water, etc.

Strengthen people's ability to choose and take action against threats on their own.



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Main features

3. Establishing broad partnership

- : other donors, international organizations, local governments, NGOs, private sector, etc.
- Ex. "US-Japan Partnership towards New Funding Scheme"





Concrete Measure

Promotion of IWRM Capacity development Monitoring, forecasting and evaluation <u>Support for the establishment of GEOSS</u> International cooperation at transboundary watercourses







Promotion of ILBM (Integrated Lake Basin Management) Unique management method for lake basins Training course based on Japan's experience

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Examples





Uruguay: Water quality improvement project Capacity development (Training course, manuals) Establishment of water quality information system Promotion of public awareness

(Related issue 1) Adaptation to climate change Japan's comparative advantage ·Large donor in related sectors (water, agriculture, health, environment, infrastructure and disaster reduction) Accumulation of expertise in monitoring and forecasting Mainstreaming adaptation in Japan's ODA Conducting a study with Japanese experts **Collaboration with international organizations** ·World bank, OECD, UNDP, etc.

Target: Revision of "Kyoto Initiative" in 2008

(Related issue 2) International Year of Sanitation 2008

- Adopted by UNGA on Dec. 20, 2006 with Japan's initiative.
- Background: Water-related illness (cholera & diarrhea) causes death of 4500 children in the world every day. Improvement of access to basic sanitation is critical.
- Objective: (1) to raise global public awareness, (2) to mobilize much needed financial and human resources for the improve. (3) to draw a concrete "roadmap" with specific steps for each stakeholder.
- Next step: UNDESA will organize coordination meeting for "roadmap" in March 2007 with member countries and related international organizations.

(Related issue 3) Asia-Pacific Water Summit (Dec.2007, Oita, Japan)

- Asia Pacific region has 60% of the global population with (1) 50% of people in the world without access to safe drinking water, (2) 75% of world's people in the world without access to basic sanitation, (3) 80% of the death caused by water-related disasters in 2001 ~05.
- Participants: Top-level policy and decision-makers outside the water sector, such as heads of the government and ministers of finance and planning, as well as leaders from the private sector, civil society and the media.





<u>Clean water for more people...</u>

Thank you very much for your attention.