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Japan to share water management and sewage system technologies with the Asia-Pacific

TOKYO—Twenty senior government officials, top managers, and business leaders in charge of water/ wastewater and sewage systems are scheduled to convene in Tokyo from 1–5 September 2014. Representing 14 countries from across the Asia-Pacific region, they will be part of the Observational Study Mission on Technology and Management of Water/Wastewater and Sewage Systems funded by the Government of Japan and organized by the Asian Productivity Organization in collaboration with the Japan Sewage Works Association and Japan Water Works Association.

Experts from both associations will lead discussions on policies on management of water/wastewater and sewage systems, strategies and utilization, and best practices that contribute to provision of safe water and sanitation. The mission will include visits to the Ochanomizu Water Treatment Plant, Kobe Water Treatment Plant, International Industrial Fair 2014 Kobe exhibition that will provide networking opportunities for delegates and exhibitors. This mission will also provide a platform for Japanese firms to interact with APO delegates for potential future business collaborations.

The main objective of the mission is to share Japan’s latest technology for managing water/wastewater and sewage systems to enhance the expertise of delegates responsible for managing such systems. The delegates are expected to observe best practices of water/wastewater treatment and sewage systems and identify possible options for rapid transfer to the delegates’ countries throughout the Asia-Pacific.

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About the APO

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.

Observational Study Mission on Technology and Management of
Water/ Wastewater and Sewage Systems
1 September – 5 September 2014 (Tokyo & Kobe)

Date	Place	AM	PM
31 Aug. (Sun)	Tokyo	Arrival <i>Stay at Hotel Niwa Tokyo (Address: 1-1-16 Misaki-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Phone: +81-3-3293-2228)</i>	
1 Sept. (Mon)	Tokyo (APO Secretariat)	09:00 Assemble at the hotel lobby 09:45-10:15 APO Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks • Introductions • Group photo 10:15-10:30 (Coffee break) 10:30-11:00 “APO Introduction & Orientation” by Mr. Masaya Amau, APO 11:00-12:00 “Management of Wastewater in Japan” by Mr. Yosuke Matsumiya, Japan Sewage Works Association and APO chief resource person 12:30-13:30 Lunch hosted by the APO	14:00-15:00 “Waterworks in Japan” by Mr. Toru Tomioka, Japan Water Works Association 15:00-15:10 (Coffee break) Presentations from leading Japanese enterprises on “Best practices of water and sewage treatments and Asia-Pacific ” 1. Yachiyo Engineering Co (1510-1540) 2. Metawater Co Ltd (1540-1610) 3. JFE Engineering Corp (1610-1640) 16:40-16:50 (Coffee break) 4. Hitachi Metals Techno Ltd (1650-1720) 5. Ishigaki Company Ltd (1720-1750) <i>Stay: Hotel Niwa Tokyo</i>
2 Sept. (Tue)	Tokyo → Kobe	08:45 Assemble at the hotel lobby 9:30-10:15 Site visit to Tokyo Waterworks History Museum Two presentations from the Bureau of Water Works of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government 10:30-11:15 “Water Leakage Prevention” 11:15-12:00 “Water Treatment”	12:00-13:00 (Lunch) 14:30 → 17:22 Transfer from Tokyo Station to Shin-Kobe Station by Shinkansen (Nozomi No41) <i>Stay: ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe Address: 1-Chome, Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe- shi, Hyogo Prefecture Phone: +81-78-291-1121</i>

3 Sept. (Wed)	Kobe	08:30 Assemble at the hotel lobby 09:30-11:00 Site visit to rural sewage treatment plant at Nakayama-noze-chiku, Kobe City 12:00-13:00 (Lunch)	Two presentations from the Kobe City Office 13:30-14:15 “Policies of Kobe City on Management of Sewage System” 14:15-15:00 “Sewage, Biogas and Renewal Source” 15:15-16:30 Site visit to urban sewage treatment plant at Higashi-nada-ku, Kobe City <i>Stay: ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe</i>
4 Sept. (Thu)	Kobe → Tokyo	9:00 Assemble at the hotel lobby 10:00-12:30 Visit to the expo of the <i>2014 International Industrial Fair Kobe</i> • Exhibition tour • Business exchanges Lunch in Shinkansen	13:46 → 16:33 Transfer from Shin-Kobe Station to Tokyo Station by Shinkansen (Nozomi No26) 19:00-21:00 Networking reception with key Japanese stakeholders (Venue: Hotel Niwa Tokyo, 2 floor at reception room “SAN”) <i>Stay: Hotel Niwa Tokyo</i>
5 Sept. (Fri)	Tokyo (APO Secretariat)	09:30 - 12:00 Group discussions: “Lessons learnt and preparations for action plans” Facilitated by: Mr. Yosuke Matsumiya, Japan Sewage Works Association and APO chief resource person Supported by: Mr. Toru Tomioka, Japan Water Works Association 12:00-13:30 (Lunch)	13:30-15:00 Action plan presentations 15:00-16:00 Wrap-up of the program 16:00-16:15 (Coffee Break) 16:15 –17:00 Closing Ceremony ▪ Feedback evaluations ▪ Certificate delivery ▪ Closing remarks from APO <i>Stay: Hotel Niwa Tokyo</i>
6 Sept. (Sat)	Tokyo	Departure	