

Background Information:

Time and date:

12/11 13:30- 15:00

Lead Organizer:

JICA

Co-lead Organizer:

YCDC

Session Chairs:

H.E. Dr. Maung Maung Soe
(Mayor of Yangon)

Mr. Kunihiro Yamauchi
(Director General, Global
Environment Department,
JICA)

Presenters/Panelists

- Prof. Satoshi Takizawa
(The University of Tokyo,
Japan)
- H.E. Ek Sonn Chan
(Secretary of State,
Ministry of Industry and
Handcraft, Cambodia)
- Ms. Daw Thi Thi Khaing
National Water Resource
Committee (NWRC)/
Deputy Director at
Department of Urban and
Housing Development,
Ministry of Construction
(Myanmar)
- Ms. Daw Hlaing Maw Oo
Secretary, Yangon City
Development Committee
(YCDC) (Myanmar)

Overview

Referring to the case of Cambodia, which has drastically improved its water governance in recent years, and the case of Myanmar, where strengthening of governance is an urgent issue, we will discuss the key principles necessary for strengthening governance and the approaches for achieving SDGs target 6.1.

Discussions

To achieve the target of SDGs, governance such as establishing and implementing national water supply policy and water supply law is important. Governance is deeply influenced by the historical and social background, and institutions of each country, as well as the stage of development. Therefore, in this session while capturing the principle of good governance, we will also have a panel discussion keeping in mind of the perspective that appropriate governance can differ according to the circumstances of each country.

Presenters

H.E. Ek Sonn Chan



H.E. Ek Sonn Chan is well known for a large contribution to the drastic reform of Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority (PPWSA), where he gave his full commitment as General Director to rehabilitating this troubled public utility, bringing safe drinking water to a million people in Cambodia's capital city.

Awards (Recent):

- 2004 ADB Water Prize (PPWSA)
- 2006 Ramon Magsaysay Prize for Government Service
- 2010 Récipient of Chevalier dans l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur of French Président
- 2010 Stockholm Industry Award (PPWSA)

Employment (Recent):

- 2013- present Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry & Handicraft (MIH)
- 2012-2013 Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Mines & Energy
- 1997-2012 General Director, Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority (PPWSA)
- 1993-1997 Director, Municipal Water Supply

Prof. Satoshi Takizawa

Dr. Takizawa is one of the leading experts of waterworks engineering in Japan. For long years he has been enthusiastically engaged in research and projects for urban water systems in the world, particularly in the Asian region and made a big contribution to its improvement. Also Dr. Takizawa was seconded to the Environmental Engineering Programme, Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand as a JICA Expert from 1997 to 1999.



Presenters

Ms. Daw Hlaing Maw Oo



Ms. Daw Hlaing Maw Oo is Secretary of YCDC and former Director (Architect) of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under Ministry of Construction. She has strong initiative for the improvement of water supply sector and other urban infrastructure development of Yangon City.

Ms. Daw Thi Thi Khaing



Ms. Daw Thi Thi Khaing, Deputy Director at Department of Urban and Housing Development, Ministry of Construction, has been leading urban water supply and sanitation in housing projects since 2000.

Chair

H.E. Dr. Maung Maung Soe



H.E. Dr. Maung Maung Soe is Chairman of YCDC and Mayor of Yangon. He is also Minister for Yangon Region Development Affairs and a former professor of Applied Economics Department at Yangon Institute of Economics as well. YCDC is responsible for water supply management of Yangon City. He has a great desire to fulfill increasing demand for safe water of the people in Yangon City and also other urban and rural areas in Yangon Region as well.

Educational Background:

Ph.D University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland
Doctor of Ministry Manila, Master of Ministry Manila
Master of Development Studies, ISS Hague

Key Messages

- The roles of the central and local governments are essential for supplying safe and sustainable drinking water for the entire nation. The central government needs to establish standards to be met by the water supply utilities, enforce them, and conduct monitoring.
- Sharing information with other countries, learning effective measures and good practice, and referring to the different situation of each country are important.
- For the case of Myanmar, the central government needs to designate the ministry and the division responsible for urban water supply, which shall improve governance by enacting the water supply law, developing various standards and guidelines, establishing a monitoring system, and so forth.

Schedule

Time	Title	Presenter	Duration
13:30-13:35	Opening: Explanation of the Theme	YCDC	5 min
13:35-13:55	Keynote Presentation Governance and Institution for Water Supply	Prof. Satoshi Takizawa (The University of Tokyo)	20 min
13:55-14:10	Case study 1 : Water Supply Governance in Cambodia	H.E. Ek Sonn Chan (MIH)	15 min
14:10-14:20	Case study 2 Water Supply Governance in Myanmar	Ms. Daw Thi Thi Khaing (NWRC)	10 min
14:20-14:30	Case Study 3 Water Supply Governance in YCDC	Ms. Daw Hlaing Maw Oo (YCDC)	10 min
14:30-14:55	Panel Discussion Essential elements for Water Governance	Moderator: JICA Panelist: Speakers of keynote presentation and case studies	25 min
14:55-15:00	Closing: Summary of the Session	JICA	5 min
Total time			90 min

