



WEPA

Water Environment Partnership in Asia

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What is WEPA?

WEPA : Water Environment Partnership in Asia

- The Japanese Ministry of the Environment proposed the initiative at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003.
- Registered in the “Portfolio of Water Actions” (PWA), an outcome of the ministerial conference of WWF3. The initiative is registered as a regional action in CSD- WAND (CSD Water Action Network Database)
- WEPA started in April 2004 and will finish in March 2009.

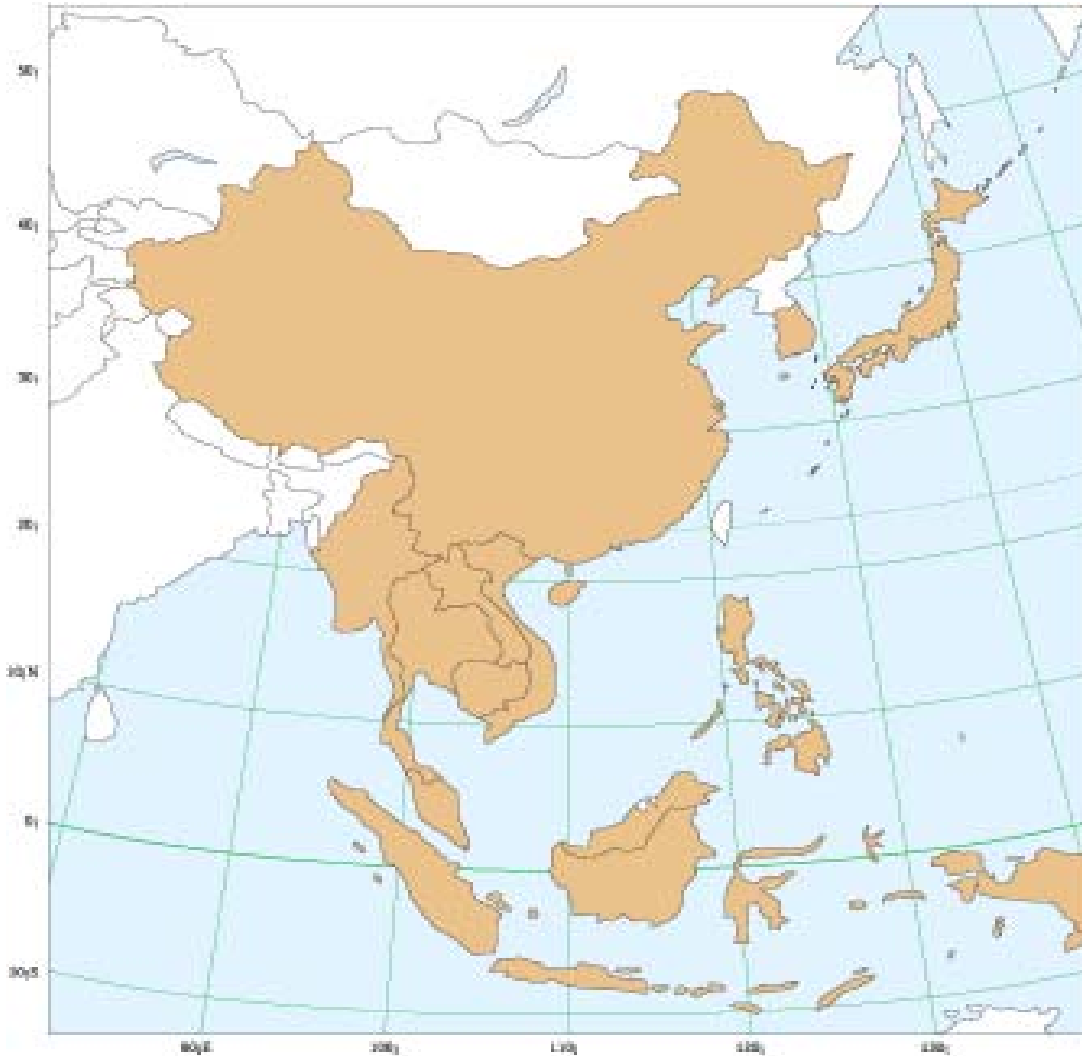


Objectives of WEPA

- **To strengthen governance and management capabilities on the water environment;**
- **To contribute to the human resource development;**
- **To share data/information, knowledge, and experiences among WEPA countries through WEPA Database.**



Partnership of 11 Asian countries



WEPA Partners

Cambodia
China
Indonesia
Japan
Lao PDR
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Thailand
Viet Nam



WEPA Database launched in March 2006

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WEPA Database

- POLICIES**
 - State of water
 - Administrative structure
 - Policies and measures
 - Law enforcement
 - Cases
 - Policy comparison
- TECHNOLOGIES**
 - Database of technologies in operation
 - Information on appropriate technologies
- NGOs & CBOs**
 - Activities by NGOs and CBOs
 - Governmental activities
- SOURCES**
 - Global level
 - Asia regional level
 - National level

“Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)”

WEPA, in cooperation with 11 countries in East Asia, aims to promote good governance in water environment management by providing necessary, relevant information and knowledge, through a series of databases. Information collected through WEPA activities is shared by the WEPA Database, which consists of 4 individual databases, namely Policies, Technologies, NGOs' and CBOs' activities and Sources of water-related information.

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- Coming Event: the Third WEPA International Forum on Water Environmental Governance (23-24 October 2008, Putrajaya, Malaysia)
- Papers and presentations presented at the 2nd International WEPA Forum (3-4 Dec. 2007 in Beppu, Japan) are now on line
- Meeting report of a dialogue with the Philippines (23-24 Oct. 2007 in Manila, the Philippines)
- Meeting report of a dialogue with Viet Nam (8 Feb. 2007 in Hanoi, Viet Nam)
- Papers and presentations presented at the 1st International WEPA Forum (14-15 March 2007, Bangkok, Thailand) is now on line
- Papers and presentations presented at the International Symposium on Community Activities for Conservation of Water Environment" (8 December 2006, Bangkok, Thailand) are now on line
- 17 March 2006: The WEPA database is open to the public!

Principles of WEPA database development

- Primary target users: Government officials and aid-agency staff
- Provision of original information through cooperative work between countries
- Effective utilisation of existing databases

<http://www.wepa-db.net/>



4 categories of information in the WEPA DB

4 databases

**Policy-related
information**

**Technologies for
environmental
water conservation**

**Activities by NGOs
and CBOs**

**Information
sources**



WEPA - benefits

- **Re-evaluation of policy responses during the information gathering and reconstruction for the database.**
- **Promotion of information exchange with other countries, which will be useful for policy making**
- **Development of networks among domestic institutions and overseas organizations, which will be promoted further to acquire more useful information**
- **Enhancement of capacity of the staff in charge through collaborative work through WEPA activities, such as database development, international forum, and dialogue.**



Objectives of the dialogue

WEPA dialogue is one of the key activities of WEPA to

(1) to exchange views on water environment management between Malaysia and Japan;

(2) to enhance WEPA database contents with information to be presented at the dialogue.

Presentation made at this dialogue will be uploaded to the WEPA database and also will be good information for the fact sheet of the WEPA partner countries on the water environment management which will be produced under WEPA.



Please provide your information to us!

- **Please provide information for the WEPA database.**
- **To provide the information on water environment in Malaysia**

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Thank You !

