



Japan Water Forum Statement of Determination

At the occasion of
the 20th anniversary of its establishment

We, at the Japan Water Forum (JWF), have consistently endeavored to address multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral collaboration in the past 20 years.

The experience of the 3rd World Water Forum held in Lake Biwa and Yodo River basin, highlighted that collaboration among all sectors—including political leaders, private companies, governments, academia and civil society—is key to overcoming water challenges. The JWF has since spearheaded the implementation of this agenda.

With the engagement, support and cooperation from its members and partners, the JWF has strived to fulfill its mission and has successfully carried out activities in collaboration with them. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all of you involved.

Twenty years after the establishment of JWF, addressing water use, sanitation, disasters, the environment, and culture in isolation is no longer sufficient. These themes must be interconnected and approached from a holistic and comprehensive perspective.

The JWF is committed to expanding beyond its traditional partnerships. By actively engaging with the diverse needs and interests of wider water-relevant ministries, public and private entities, and their affiliated organizations, we aim to foster innovative and impactful initiatives that respond to evolving challenges.

Our role at JWF is to act as a bridge, connecting various water sectors and water-related sectors, and fostering collaboration to address pressing issues effectively.

We aim to build a society capable of ensuring effective water cycle management. To achieve this, we will strengthen both “vertical and horizontal linkages,” breaking down barriers across sectors and generations. By leveraging advanced methodologies, practical solutions, successful case studies, and historical insights, we will drive meaningful progress.

Together with you, we will continue to lead as an NGO in the water sector, both domestically and globally—delivering significant benefits to local watershed communities and the international community.

We deeply value your ongoing participation and support as we strive to achieve these shared goals.

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