

# The 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Wetland Symposium

## 7-11 November 2017, Saga, Japan

Second Announcement

Call for Abstracts is open  
Deadline: 19 June 2017

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Wetland Link International Asia  
11 November 2017, Saga, Japan



# Wetlands for Sustainable Life



AWS Saga 2017

Asian Wetland Symposium (AWS) is a "regional forum for all" that provides opportunities to diverse target groups, such as policymakers, managers, NGOs, donors, promoters, academicians, researchers, practitioners and students, to share and learn mutual knowledge, wisdom and practical experience on conservation, sustainable management and wise use of wetlands in Asia.

Following the first AWS that was held in Otsu and Kushiro, Japan in October 1992, the symposium has been held in Malaysia, India, Vietnam, China, and Cambodia, and this AWS Saga 2017 is the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the symposium. As the year 2017 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first AWS, it is a good opportunity to review the record of conservation and wise use of wetlands in Asia for the past quarter century. This will lead to the discussion of how we should achieve the sustainable management of the indispensable wetland ecosystems in the coming quarter century and beyond.

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Wetland Link International Asia will be jointly held with AWS on 11 November 2017.

**Dates:**

7 (Tue.) – 11 (Sat.) November 2017

**Place:**

Saga City, Saga Prefecture, Japan

**Main Venue:**

Hotel Grande Hagakure (Saga City)

**Organizers:**

Ministry of the Environment, Japan, Wetlands International Japan, Ramsar Center Japan, Japan Wetlands Society

**Co-organizers:**

Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia (RRC-EA)  
Saga Prefecture, Saga City, Kashima City, Arao City  
International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC)  
Wetland Link International Asia (WLI Asia)

**Collaborators (TBD):**

Ramsar Convention Secretariat, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation, Domestic Committee for Ramsar Sites related Municipalities in Japan, Youth Ramsar Japan

**Participants:**

300 persons involved in conservation and wise use of wetlands in Asia (governments, NGOs, scientists, students, private companies, media, etc.)

**Working language:**

English

**Programme:**

7 (Tue.) November: Opening and plenary session  
8 (Wed.) - 10 (Fri.) November: Parallel sessions (Oral / Poster)  
11 (Sat.) November: Public Symposium

Wetland Link International Asia Meeting



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### Overall objectives:

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Review achievements, practices, progress, and challenges faced related to conservation of wetlands in Asia in the past quarter century. We will also consider what should be done, looking towards the next quarter century and beyond, to mainstream conservation and wise use of wetlands. This will greatly contribute to meeting the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### Objectives:

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- Share skills, traditional knowledge, techniques and methods, good practices and examples of failures of conservation and wise use of wetlands in Asia,
- Compile strategies and activities for realizing wise use of Ramsar Sites and other wetlands,
- Expand networks among site managers, wetland centers and stakeholders in Asia,
- Enhance international cooperation and partnership on wetland conservation in the region,
- Contribute to Ramsar COP13, particularly to support the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 and CEPA Programme 2016 – 2024, through reporting good practices of wise use of wetlands in Asia,
- Enhance involvement of the next generation in conservation and wise use of wetlands,
- Bring together WLI Asia members to promote wetland centers and share good practice.

### Session Topics:

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- Wetlands and Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Change
- Wetlands and Use of Natural Resources / Agriculture / Fisheries / Food Security
- Wetlands and Biodiversity / Restoration / Reintroduction
- Urban Wetlands / Wetland City / Natural Infrastructure
- Wetlands and CEPA (Communication, Capacity building, Education, Participation and Awareness) / ESD (Education for Sustainable Development)
- Wetlands and Youth
- Transboundary Wetlands / International Cooperation and Partnership
- Wetlands and Business / Corporate Sectors
- Wetlands and Sustainable Tourism
- Wetlands and Culture
- Wetlands and Changes / Monitoring

### Call for Abstracts:

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**Call for Abstracts is open from 17 April to 19 June 2017.**

Abstracts must be written in English and submitted through the online form.

The online form is available at: <http://aws2017.org/callforabstracts.html>

### Registration:

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Registration must be made through the online registration form which will be ready in early June 2017.

### Registration fee:

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Category		Early bird (until 31 August)	Regular (after 1 September)
Developed countries	General	JPY 20,000	JPY 25,000
	Student	JPY 10,000	JPY 12,000
Developing countries	General	JPY 10,000	JPY 12,000
	Student	JPY 5,000	JPY 6,000

For more details, please visit:

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