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## Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO), Nepal, winner of Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

**7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Daegu, 17 April, 2015** - The Japan Water Forum in partnership with the World Water Council awarded today the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize to Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO), from Nepal, an organization involved in outstanding grass-roots activities dealing with water problems, which may serve as a model for others.

Among the 5 finalists of the competition, ENPHO got the highest score: 252. ENPHO had outstanding scores notably on the impact of its activities (social, economic, environmental and indirect impacts), the innovative and original ideas (drinking water platforms, gender friendly latrines and urinal, child friendly hand washing platforms) or the participation of stakeholders to achieve the organization's goals.

The Kyoto World Water Grand Prize targets all grass-roots organizations from developing countries involved in the field of water. This prestigious prize aims to find and develop outstanding grass-roots activities related to water issues around the world. This edition received 110 applications from 37 countries.

The 2,000,000 JPY (approx. 20,000 USD) Prize will be awarded to ENPHO during the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Daegu & Gyeongbuk, 12-17 April 2015.

This 4<sup>th</sup> edition, co-organized by the Japan Water Forum and the World Water Council, was initiated by the City of Kyoto as host of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum in 2003. Since then, the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize has been awarded every three years, at each World Water Forum.

### Previous editions of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize winners

**2006 Prize Winner** - Awarded at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico City, Mexico: **Gram Vikas** (India) - <http://gramvikas.org/>

**2009 Prize Winner** - Awarded at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey: **Watershed Organization Trust** (India) - <http://www.wotr.org/>

**2012 Prize Winner** - Awarded at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Marseille, France: **Katosi Women Development Trust** (Uganda) - <http://www.katosi.org/>

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**About the World Water Council (WWC)**

The World Water Council is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization, founder and co-organizer of the World Water Forum. The World Water Council's mission is to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all life on earth. The World Water Council, headquartered in Marseille, France, was created in 1996. It brings together over 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries.

[www.worldwatercouncil.org](http://www.worldwatercouncil.org)

**About the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

Necessitating two years of collaborative preparation with stakeholders from around the world, the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum consists of 4 preparatory processes: Regional, Political, Thematic and Science and Technology, within a common framework, so as to catalyze collective action and positive change.

The 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will also be composed of cultural events, side events, a water exhibition, and a Citizen's Forum, including a Youth and Children's Forum, to raise awareness around water issues. The 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum is jointly organized by the World Water Council and the Republic of Korea together with the city of Daegu and the Province of Gyeongbuk.

[www.worldwaterforum7.org/en](http://www.worldwaterforum7.org/en)

**About the Japan Water Forum (JWF)**

Created in 2004, the Japan Water Forum makes a substantial contribution of global water issues, by engaging people and societies through dynamic movement, innovative ideas and resolute actions. It has taken over the knowledge and experiences that were achieved at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka in 2003. It has developed its networks between Japanese society and the international community, for example, it has served as the secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), the Northern Water Network (NoWNET) and the Water Security Council of Japan. In 2007, the Japan Water Forum, as the secretariat, played an important role in organizing the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Beppu, Japan, bringing out political leadership and responsibility for the solutions of water problems. The Japan Water Forum, as Secretariat of APWF, contributed to the 6th World Water Forum in 2012, Marseille, as the coordinator of Asia-Pacific region.

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