Overview of the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Yangon, Myanmar

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Tenth Meeting of High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP), Gyeongju, Korea, 21 Sept 2017
Vice President referred to the 3rd APWS and the importance to address water-related disasters in his keynote speech at the 3rd UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters

H.E. Mr. Henry Van Thio
Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Date : 20th July, 2017
Venue : UN Headquarter, NY
Breakfast Meeting to brief about the 3rd APWS on the occasion of the UN Special Session

- Invited the Permanent Missions to UN HQ in NY, on 20th July 2017
- 22 persons from 13 countries participated.
- They welcomed Myanmar to host the APWS
- Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement delivered the opening speech

Resilience to Water-related Disasters and Climate Change are one of key national agenda for Myanmar
3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3rd APWS)

- **Date:** 11 and 12 December 2017
- **Host:** the Republic of the Union of Myanmar & Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)
- **Theme:** Water Security for Sustainable Development
- **Invitees:** Heads of Governments in Asia-Pacific Region, Leaders of international, regional organizations, etc.
- **Venue:** Sedona Hotel Yangon, Myanmar
- **Objectives:**
  - To set out a course toward the sustainable development of the Asia-Pacific region, the center of growth in the global economy, with a perspective on water
  - To provide an share concrete actions, solutions, innovation toward transboundary and multi-partnership cooperation for integrated water resources management an water-based economy
3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3rd APWS)

3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit Yangon Myanmar 2017
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Welcome Reception hosted by Myanmar  
Farewell Cocktail hosted by APWF
## Parallel Thematic Session

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Thank you for your attention and Welcome to Myanmar!

Prof. Koike will continue the Presentation with the “Water and Disaster related Sessions organisation”.
Thematic Session Proposal for 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)

• Outline
  ✓ Time & Date:
    13:30 - 15:00 & 15:30 - 17:00, December 11, 2017
  ✓ Co-Organizers: HELP Secretariat, ICHARM, ICIMOD
  ✓ Session Title:
    Water and Disasters in the Context of Climate Change
    – From the Mountain to the Ocean –

• Objective
  ✓ Focus on the discussion on water from mountain to ocean
  ✓ Discuss to find out the common challenges and their solution,
    and the framework for actions together in the region.

• Structure
  ✓ Part 1: Keynote speeches by the world’s high-level leaders in the
    water and disasters
  ✓ Part 2: Country Reports on New Effort
  ✓ Part 3: Discussion focusing on the water problems from
    mountain to ocean
Title:
Keynote speeches by the world’s high-level leaders in the water and disasters

Chair:
H.E. Ms. Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Keynote speakers:
- Dr. Han Seung-soo, Chair of HELP, Special Envoy of the UN Secretariat-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water
- H.E. Ms. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of Mauritius

Program:
13:30 - 13:35 Opening address by Chair
13:35 - 14:05 Keynote Speeches
14:05 - 14:10 Summary and closing
Title: Country Reports on New Efforts

Chair: H. E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly, Permanent Representative to the United Nations of Fiji

Presenters:
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Country(ies) recommended by SOPAC

Program:
14:10 - 14:15 Opening address by Chair
14:15 - 14:55 Country Reports
14:55 - 15:00 Summary and closing
Thematic Session Proposal for 3rd APWS
– Part 3 –

• **Title:**
  Discussion focusing on the water problems from mountain to ocean

• **Chair:**
  H.E. Mr. Henry van Thio, Vice-President, Myanmar

• **Panelists:**
  WMO, UNESCO, FAO, ESCAP-IDD, ICHARM, ICIMOD, SOPAC

• **Program:**
  15:30 - 15:45 Opening address by Chair
  15:45 - 16:20 Presentations (5min*7)
  16:20 - 16:55 Panel discussion (Chair and 7 panelists)
  16:55 - 17:00 Summary and closing