



## **Visit to Japan by the Saudi Arabian Water Environment Association**

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Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East (JCCME) hosted a water technology inspection mission in Japan from August 28 to September 1, 2023, inviting seven (7) executives from the Saudi Arabian Water Environment Association (SAWEA) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, an organization affiliated with Saudi Aramco. The mission aimed to make a presentation on the Japan's state-of-art technical expertise and cutting-edge technological advancements and facilitate the creation of business opportunities for Japanese companies in the Kingdom.

The mission included both classroom sessions with 12 Japanese professors and industry experts and also on-site inspections at four (4) locations in Japan.

During the lectures and inspections, SAWEA participants actively asked questions and made comments, and the Japanese side was also proactive in providing information, leading to a mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge. At the closing ceremony, Eng. Mohammad Al-Abdulatif, the former Chairman of SAWEA, expressed gratitude for the meaningful visit to Japan as well as for kind cooperation from JCCME, and expressed his desire to maintain a strong collaborative relationship with JCCME in the future.

Furthermore, during informal discussions after the program, SAWEA reiterated their gratitude and expressed their intent to encourage Japanese water technology companies to expand into Saudi Arabia. They also revealed a commitment to establish participation opportunities for young Saudi engineers and students in Japan, who can gain exposure to Japanese water technology at an early stage, even before joining SAWEA's parent organization, Saudi Aramco.

In recent years, Saudi Arabia has shown ambitious aspirations to lead the global desalination market and to work internationally on developing environmentally friendly, safe, and sustainable water resources using advanced technologies, as highlighted by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's announcement of the establishment of a Riyadh-based Global Water Organization.

JCCME will continue to support the activities of Japanese companies to invest in the field of water in the Kingdom through close collaboration with relevant organizations in both Japan and Saudi Arabia.



Visit to the Kosuzume Water Purification Plant, a joint facility of Yokohama and Yokosuka cities.



Visit to the Kurita Innovation Hub, R&D center of Kurita Water Industries, in Akishima City, Tokyo.



A presentation on carbon nanotube materials by Dr. ENDO Morinobu, Distinguished University Professor at Shinshu University in Nagano City.



Visit to DMW CORPORATION, Machinery Manufacturing Company in Mishima City.



Classroom session



Group photo after the closing ceremony

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