

Visit of the Governor of SWCC, KSA to Japan
- Field Inspection for Introducing Japanese Advanced Technologies
and “SWCC Water Symposium” -

November 7, 2023

JCCME invited a delegation of 16 members from **the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC)**, a Saudi governmental institution, headed by H.E. Abdullah Al Abdulkarim, the Governor of the SWCC, for four days from September 19 to 22, 2023 in Japan.

During their visit, they made inspection visits to the research facilities and factories of three Japanese companies in Nagasaki and Osaka, where they were introduced to Japan's cutting-edge technologies, expertise and products.

Subsequently, **“the SWCC Water Symposium”** was held in Tokyo, where the Governor made key note speech on the current status of seawater desalination industry in Saudi Arabia, followed by lively exchanges of views on the topics of Future Innovation and the Supply Chains between the participating Japanese companies/universities/research institutions and SWCC.

In addition, **B2B meetings** between the SWCC and Japanese companies/universities/research institutions were hold.

Further, a **Letter of Cooperation** was exchanged between the SWCC and JCCME to further strengthen the current collaboration in the desalination water business. It is particularly worth noting that JCCME has been collaborating with the SWCC for many years and has continued to host webinars on the seawater desalination technology, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.



(Visit to Nagasaki Carbon Neutral Park of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries on Sept 20)



(Visit to TOYOBO MC in Osaka on Sept 21)



(Visit to Torishima Pump Mfg. in Takatsuki on Sept 21)



(SWCC Water Symposium on Sept 22 in Tokyo)

“SWCC Water Symposium”

JCCME hosted “the SWCC symposium” in Tokyo on Sept 22, 2023, where a total of 96 people participated including the delegation of the SWCC, representatives from Japanese companies/universities and so on. The symposium began with opening remarks from JCCME and a message from Mr. MIYAKE Yasujiro, Director of the Middle East and Africa Division of the METI, followed by a keynote speech by the Governor of the SWCC, and presentations from the following three people from the Japanese side.

- **Dr. ENDO Morinobu**, Distinguished University Professor, Division for Supra-Disciplinary Research, Shinshu University.
- **KITAMI Katsunobu**, Assistant Director of Kurita Industries Innovation Division and Director of KIH Center
- **Dr. YASUNAGA Takeshi**, Associate Professor, Institute of Ocean Energy Research, Saga University

After that, Eng. Tariq Al-Ghaffari, Deputy Governor for Research & Execution of Innovative Projects of the SWCC, gave a presentation, and with that the symposium ended. Finally, a networking lunch for all the participants was served.



(JCCME Opening Remarks)



(Keynote Speech by the SWCC Governor)



(Mr. MIYAKE, METI)



(Presentation by SWCC Deputy Governor)



(Dr. ENDO, Shinshu Univ.)



(Mr. KITAMI, KURITA)



(Dr. YASUNAGA, Saga Univ.)

List of Participants: METI, NEDO, Shinshu Univ., Saga Univ., Kobe Univ., Yamaguchi Univ., Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Kurita Water Industries, Toray Industries, TOYOBO MC, Nitto Denko, Sasakura Engineering, Torishima Pump Mfg., Ebara, DMW, Kubota, Kyowakiden Industry, Yokogawa Electric, Nihon Suido Consultants, Mitsui & Co., ITOCHU, ITOCHU Plantech, Sumitomo, Marubeni, Toyota Tsusho, Sojitz.

(1 ministry, 1 national agency, 4 universities and 20 private companies from Japanese side)

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