

## How to Enter

The application form for the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize is available only through the 5th World Water Forum's Virtual Meeting Space:  
<http://portal.worldwaterforum5.org>.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. The form must be completed in English.

## Deadline

Applications will be accepted until October 31st, 2008.

## Eligibility

Any individual or organization is eligible for the Prize, with the following exceptions:

- National governments;
- Local self-governing bodies
- Commercial corporations;
- The Headquarters of the World Water Council;
- The Secretariat of the Japan Water Forum;
- Organizers of the 5th World Water Forum (State Hydraulic Works (DSI), Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI), Istanbul Metropolitan University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs);
- Organizations represented by members of the Bureau of the World Water Council;
- Members of the Prize Committee;
- Organizations represented by the Members of the International Panel of Judges;
- Past winners of this or other similar prizes.

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## Partners

### Kyoto City

"As the ancient capital of Japan for over 1000 years, with its outstanding natural beauty and the host city of the 3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto City sincerely wishes for the resolution of the world's water issues. We hope to support people who are taking the initiative and putting their efforts into solving world water issues by offering them this award and an opportunity to present their own activities on the international stage."

- **Daisaku Kadokawa, Mayor of Kyoto**  
[www.city.kyoto.jp/koho/eng/](http://www.city.kyoto.jp/koho/eng/)



### Soroptimist International of Kyoto

Soroptimist International of Kyoto is a volunteer organization which consists of female professionals and managers working toward the promotion of women's rights, the cultivation of international understanding and protection of the natural environment over a 40-year period. "We are confident that this award will be able to introduce remarkable activities to the world toward solving world water issues."

- **Shinobu Koizumi, President of Soroptimist International of Kyoto**  
[www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)



### Japan Water Forum

The Japan Water Forum (JWF), created in 2003, as a non-profit organization, aims to develop the human/information networks to adapt the know-how cultivated through the 3rd World Water Forum in expanding water-related knowledge and activities, in order to support organizations in their international water activities.

[www.waterforum.jp](http://www.waterforum.jp)



Japan Water Forum  
日本水フォーラム

### World Water Council

The World Water Council is dedicated to strengthening the world movement for an improved management of the world's water resources and services. Its 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."

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



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# Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Contributing to the Millennium  
Development Goals through  
grassroots initiatives

Second  
Edition

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5th WORLD WATER FORUM  
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BRIDGING  
DIVIDES  
FOR WATER



## Purpose

The Prize aims to honour a distinguished individual or organization whose grassroots activities work towards addressing critical water needs of communities and regions. These activities include water and sanitation, health, environmental and sustainable development issues, for example sustaining safe drinking water and preventing water contamination, but may take the form of a multitude of other actions.

## History of the Prize

In March 2003, Kyoto City hosted the 3rd World Water Forum in Japan and wished to contribute to the success of future World Water Fora through the establishment of a World Water Prize. In conjunction with "Soroptimist International of Kyoto" and the World Water Council, the "Kyoto World Water Grand Prize" was created during that Forum.

This prize of JP ¥3,000,000 (or approximately US\$25,000) is to be presented at the World Water Forum. The first edition, awarded at the 4th Forum in Mexico in March 2006, was awarded to Gram Vikas, an NGO from India. The 2nd edition will be awarded at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul in March 2009. The prize money must be used by the winning organization to continue the award-winning exercise or similar ones. The intended use of the funds is to be announced at the prize ceremony.

### What it means to win the Kyoto Prize

*"Winning the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize at the 4th World Water Forum is an important event in the history of Gram Vikas. Our work in Orissa State of India was recognized by the world water community as a sustainable and replicable model. The support from the governments of Orissa and India increased. The bilaterals and multilaterals took a little more time and interest to understand our model. It has been very beneficial for us to win the Prize."*

**- Joe Madiath, Executive Director of Gram Vikas**

## Relationship to the 5th World Water Forum

The second edition of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize will aim to illustrate in tangible terms the overarching theme of the 5th World Water Forum, "Bridging Divides for Water", by providing excellent examples for consideration of Forum participants of how barriers are being overcome at the local level as regards water management.

The World Water Forum is a step to achieving all of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and gives the international water community and decision-makers the opportunity to connect, debate and attempt to find solutions to achieve water security.

It has been widely recognized that local action is a prerequisite to reaching the MDGs. The main objective of the 5th World Water Forum is to bring together the various entities involved in water-related activities to enhance their collaboration and support their joint efforts.

Candidates for the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize will be identified throughout the Forum's preparatory process and encouraged to apply. The submitted activities will be compiled and interlinked with other ongoing initiatives, as a contribution from the 5th World Water Forum to the ongoing water cause.

All of the finalists and pre-selected organizations will be given the opportunity to present their activities during the week of the 5th World Water Forum. As such, the solutions identified through the Prize will be held up as examples to be considered by other local actors around the world.

### 5th World Water Forum

The World Water Fora are built on the knowledge, experience and input of different types of organizations active in global water policy. It is a venture founded on the principles of collaboration, partnership and innovation. The 5th World Water Forum will take place in Istanbul in March 2009.

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## Finalists

Ten finalists (one representative per organization) will be invited to attend the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul in March 2009 to present their activities to the International Panel of Judges. Depending on funding possibilities, other pre-selected organizations may also be invited to participate in the Forum. The Prize will be awarded at the closing ceremony of the 5th World Water Forum on March 22nd, 2009.

## Prize Committee

The Kyoto World Water Grand Prize Committee is made up of:

- 2 Representatives from the City of Kyoto
- 2 Representatives from the World Water Council
- 2 Representatives from the Secretariat of the 5th World Water Forum

This Prize Committee joins with six international water experts to form the International Panel of Judges that will determine a winner during the week of the 5th World Water Forum.

## Criteria for Evaluating Water Actions

Proposals submitted will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- A brief and clear description of the water problem in question and the solution implemented;
- A description of the divides that were overcome by implementing this activity;
- The impact of the activity in alleviating or eradicating the water problem;
- Involvement and contribution of all types of stakeholders to implement or design the activity;
- Sustainability of the activity;
- Commitment to pursuing the activity or following it up;
- Originality or innovative ideas for unsolved problems.

### Enter your application now:

Take this opportunity to apply for the Prize - the form can be found on:

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