



Comments from the Japanese National Committee for IHP on the 3rd order draft of the strategic plan of the 9th phase of IHP

Overall comment

The IHP is an intergovernmental cooperation programme aimed at addressing national, regional and global water challenges and building a sustainable and resilient society by deepening the scientific understanding of water, improving technical capabilities, and enhancing education. To promote these aims, it is important to innovatively develop science and technology, generate integrated scientific knowledge based on various data as knowledge, experience and objective facts obtained so far, share this knowledge widely, and implement it in society. Furthermore, it is essential to develop human resources who will be responsible for these endeavors. As a result, it will become possible to support governance whereby decisions are made based on science and technology by building a mechanism enabling all stakeholders to participate independently.

The third draft of the IHP-IX Strategic Plan clearly proposes the ideas stated above as priority areas, and the JNC for IHP highly evaluates it. The third draft also shows the perspectives of not only the advancement of science, technology and education but also how these fields and society cooperate to solve various water-related issues. The positioning of the IHP-IX strategic plan was clarified by showing the relationship between the IHP-VIII plan and this plan and describing the synergistic enhancement of the effectiveness of the IHP through the collaboration with the activities undertaken within the framework of the United Nations and regional cooperation.

We highly appreciate that the third draft of the IHP-IX Strategic Plan was properly compiled, and we would like to express our deep gratitude to those who have contributed to the drafting of this plan.

Specific comments and proposal

1. Performance Indicators

It is recommended that the Performance Indicators for Outcomes be described in the Operational-Implementation Plan after showing their relationship with the PIs for Outputs in the Priority Areas.

2. Priority Areas

It is hoped that the description of the Expected Outputs will be simplified.