Organization

[Department] [Division] [Duty]

Board

Director General

Deputy Director General (2)

Administrative & Communication

General Affairs

Member Control & Board Secretariat

Accounting

Financial Control

Public Relations

Public Awareness Enhancement & Exhibition

Planning

Management Research

Research on Utility Management

Program Development

Creation of New Service Program

Technical

Guideline

Development of Technical Guideline

International

Collecting Overseas Info & Disseminating Domestic Info

Education

Seminar & Lecture on Basics to Hot Topics

Standardization & Certification

Standardization of Sewer Products & Factory Certification

District Offices (7 locations)

Inspection of Certified Factories

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Activities of Japan Sewage Works Association

In the late 50’s, sanitation and water environment were growing worse in Japan due to the rapid industrialization, urbanization, and lack of necessary wastewater infrastructure. Under this circumstance, some mayors’ serious activities to speak out for addressing the situation led to the establishment of JSWA in 1964 by highlighting the need for public spending. The mission of JSWA is to represent the interests of Local Governments (LGs) in wastewater management. For this purpose, JSWA acts as spokesperson and custodian of knowledge networking.

JSWA Membership

The core members of JSWA are LGs, namely prefectures and municipalities. The number of municipalities’ members is 1469 out of a national total of 1719 as of September 2012. Around 1,000 private companies are also members as supporter of JSWA.

1. Study on Technology and Management
JSWA’s study is conducted by forming a committee. The committee members are selected from local government officials, university professors, national government officials, and industry representatives. The outcomes of studies include the publications; Standard for Jacking Concrete Sewer Pipe, Guideline for Planning & Design of Wastewater Facilities, Standard Methods for the Examination of Wastewater, etc.

2. Assurance of Sewer Product Quality
Standardization of sewer products is very important to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of sewage works. For the benefit of all the local governments providing sewer service, JSWA has standardized sewer products since 1969. The first standardized product was a reinforced concrete sewer pipe. In addition to standardization, JSWA certifies the factories that manufacture the standard products. JSWA continues to inspect the factories as long as they keep manufacturing them.

3. Public Relations for Locals and Internationals
JSWA works to raise awareness among local citizens about sewer service together with LGs. For this purpose, JSWA hosts a website, issues posters and leaflets, makes videos, and organizes events such as contest of essay, slogan, picture, and poster.
JSWA has partnership with the counterpart association in China, Europe, Korea, and the U.S. JSWA is committed to learn the best practices and advanced technologies from overseas and to spread local expertise to the world.

4. Sewage Works Exhibition
JSWA holds Sewage Works Exhibition annually in summer. It drew more than 100,000 professionals & citizens in 2011. The exhibition is the opportunity not only for water business but also for kids to learn the importance of wastewater system, for clean water environment.

5. Lobbying
National subsidy is indispensable for capital investment. Commitments of national government are necessary for smooth operation of sewer service in the form of subsidies and regulations. JSWA lobbies national governments and lawmakers to convey the requests of LGs to the relevant authorities.

6. Sewer Service Insurance
JSWA offers insurance for LGs to compensate for the damage they caused while providing sewer service. This insurance reduces the payment of LGs in case they are liable for the damage.

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GCUS is a consortium of the water industry, the national and local governments and the academia. The aim of the consortium is to promote sustainable sewage system overseas by transferring Japanese know-how and expertise.

JSWA facilitates the smooth operation of disaster relief among LGs working closely with national government. It is impossible for the afflicted LGs alone to do recovery works to a large-scale disaster such as 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Relief professionals and workers are sent to the disaster areas.

Topic : Disaster Relief

Staff of Higashigama Wastewater Treatment Plant watch Tsunami hitting from the roof of the control tower.

Local meeting to discuss first response among Sendai City, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and JSWA.