

# International Sabo Forum 2011

Toward the registration for the World Cultural Heritage

Tateyama and Kurobe

-TateyamaSabo for soil conservation and flood control-

October 5, 2011

Skyhall of Intec Building, Toyama, Japan

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An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with patches of snow. The middle ground shows a deep valley with a river winding through it. A large dam structure is visible in the lower part of the valley, with a reservoir behind it. The foreground is filled with dense, green forest. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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# Outline of the Forum

## ● Objectives

- The Japanese Government designated Shiraiwa Sabo facilities to the Important Cultural Property. On this occasion, we introduce the cultural value of Tateyama Sabo and that Toyama is the birth place of modern Sabo technology spread to the world.
- We acquire the knowledge about international contribution of Sabo technology which has been spread from Japan to the world and contributed to the disaster prevention in each country.

## ● Date

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

## ● Venue

SKYHALL, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Intec Building, Toyama

## ● Organizer

Steering Committee of International Sabo Forum

## ● Support

Japan Sabo Association, Japan Society of Erosion Control Engineering, The Japan Landslide Society, Association of Japan Heritage of Modern Era, Toyama Sabo Association, Tateyama branch of Japan Sabo Association, Toyama branch of Japan Association for Slope Disaster Management, Toyama Construction Industry Association, Tateyama Sabo Ladies Salon, Tateyama Caldera Sabo Museum, Tateyama Sabo Special Engineer, Toyama Sabo Volunteer Association, Tateyama-Kurobe Dream Club, Association of Tateyama-Kurobe for Preservation of the Environment and International Sightseeing Promotion, Toyama Prefectural Board of Education

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# Program

13:00 Open

13:30 Opening Remarks:

Takakazu Ishii Governor of Toyama Prefecture

Congratulatory Address :

Noriyuki Minami Director-General of Sabo Department ,

Water and Disaster Management Bureau, MLIT

13:45 Keynote Speech

“A New Concept of the World Heritage

and the Positioning of ‘Disaster Prevention’ ”

Prof.Yukio Nishimura President of Japan ICOMOS National Committee

—Break—

14:50 Speech and Discussion

○ Video

“The Frontier Days of the Tateyama Sabo

the Struggle of the Citizens of Toyama” etc

○ Speech and Discussion

Mr. Andreas Goetz Vice-Director of the Federal Office

for Water and Geology, Switzerland

Dr. Yoganath Adikari Researcher, PWRI, International Center

for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)

Commentator

Mr. Hidetomi Oi

Senior Advisor, Global Environment Department, JICA

Coordinator

Ms. Kakuko Yoshitomo Advisor, Tateyama Sabo Ladies Salon

16:45 Close

# Profiles of the Speakers

## ◆Keynote Speech

**Mr. Yukio Nishimura** President of Japan ICOMOS National Committee

1996 Professor of Urban Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

2008 Professor of Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (additional post)

2011 Vice-President of The University of Tokyo

Specializes in urban planning, urban conservation planning, citizen-led regional development. Member of the National Land Development Council, MLIT, ad-hoc member of the Cultural Affairs Council, the Agency for Cultural Affairs, and member of the Cultural Policy Committee of the Cultural Affairs Council

Former Vice-President of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)



## ◆Speech and Discussion

**Mr. Andreas Goetz (Switzerland)**

Vice-Director of the Federal Office for Water and Geology

Swiss representative of INTERPRAEVENT

Gained a degree in civil engineering at the Federal Institutes of Technology. Involved in flood protection, water management, and prevention of natural hazards, and appointed as a Vice-Director of the Federal Office for Water and Geology.

1998 President of the Natural Hazards National Platform (PLANAT)

2006 Vice-Director of the FOEN, Risk Prevention and Forestry Departments, (and Climate Department since 2010)



**Dr. Yoganath Adikari (Bhutan)**

Researcher, International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management

Lecturer, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Graduated from Central Luzon State University, the Philippines, and gained doctoral degree (Erosion Control) from Hokkaido University. Specializes in water-related disaster and risk management. Panelist at the side event of 2010 Biodiversity Conference (COP10). Helped organize the World Water Forum, and UN World Water Assessment Programme.



**Mr. Hidetomi Oi (Japan)** Senior Advisor, Global Environment Department, JICA

1962 Ministry of Construction, mainly in charge of disaster prevention and water resources development

1973 Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Economic Cooperation Department)

1977 ESCAP Typhoon Committee (Manila)

1981 Office of United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (Geneva)

1990 Senior Advisor, Global Environment Department, JICA

Awarded by the King of Nepal for his distinguished contribution to disaster prevention while he was a first chief advisor of the Project for Disaster Prevention Technical Center in Nepal.



**Ms. Kakuko Yoshitomo** Advisor, Tateyama Sabo Ladies Salon  
Representative of OFFICE Yoshitomo

Active in the area of human development in and out of Toyama. Career counselor certified by Japan Association for Public Human Resources Development, member of an executive board of SABO Technical Center, and Tateyama Caldera Sabo Museum

Her books include "The Trail of the Gigantic Stone", "Life with the Tateyama Collapse" published by Hokuriku Construction Co., as well as many more.

