

The 3rd Governing Council Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum

Asia-Pacific Water Museum Concrete Initiative of 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit

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**National Science Museum
UNESCO**

Japan Water Forum (Secretariat of Asia-Pacific Water Forum)

Background / Introduction

Asia-Pacific Water Museum

- On the occasion of the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit (1st APWS), held in Beppu, Japan, 3-4 December 2007, the National Science Museum of Thailand (APWM), UNESCO and the Japan Water Forum announced the initiation of collaboration between their organizations towards the establishment of the APWM, to be set up in Pathum Thani, Thailand.
- The APWM was announced as a concrete initiative of the 1st APWS, and is linked to the work of the APWF's KRA 1 (Developing knowledge and lessons) led by PUB Singapore and UNESCO and KRA 3 (Increasing public outreach) led by the ADB.
- The APWM will dedicate itself to promoting understanding and awareness on the importance of water to all life forms and for the future of our planet.

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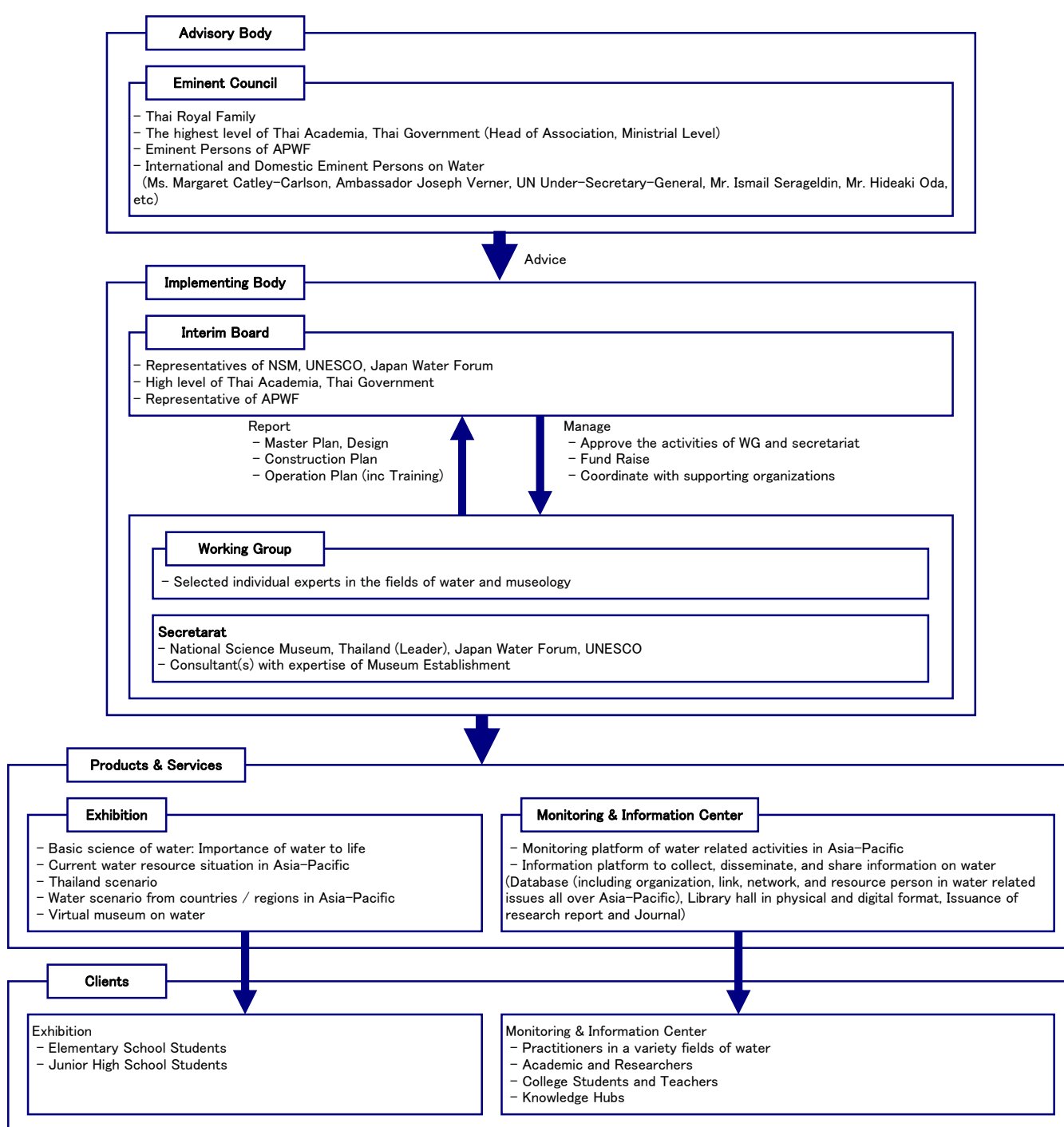
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- The Rama 9 Museum was approved by the Committee for Project and Activity for the commemoration of King Rama 9 80th Birthday Anniversary, chaired by the Vice Prime Minister, to be one of the commemorative projects on June 1, 2007.
- MOU Exchange Between NSM and JWF, June 18, 2007
- Preparation meeting among 3 parties (NSM, UNESCO, and JWF) for 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit, September 25, 2007
- Joint press conference to announce the initiation of collaboration towards the establishment of the APWM from (NSM, Thai Embassy to Japan, UNESCO, and JWF), December 3, 2007



Schedule of APWM

~2007/7	Concept Note Preparation by JWF in collaboration with NSM Exchange of MOU between NSM and JWF
2007/12	Joint Press Conference to Announce the Initiation of Collaboration towards the Establishment of the APWM from NSM, Thai Embassy to Japan, UNESCO, and JWF at the 1 st APWS (2007/12/3)
2008/6-11	Scoping Study and drafting Master Plan Institutional Development: Creation of Advisory and Implementing Bodies (e.g., Interim Board and Working Group)
2008/12~2009/9	Design, Executing Structure Establishment
2009/10~2011/11	Construction
2011/12	Opening Ceremony (His Majesty the King's 84 th Birthday)



Thank you for your kind attention !

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Focus of the Regional Water Knowledge Hub

- Vision -

- Developing Knowledge and Lessons on Water in Asia-Pacific
- Increasing Public Outreach on Water in Asia-Pacific

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- Mission -

- To promote the understanding and awareness of the importance of water to all lives to the future of our planet through exhibition, education activity, public program, academic program, and information service.
- To serve as a linkage for water related activity in the Asia Pacific region
- To contribute to the regional efforts to reaching the water-related Millennium Development Goals."
- To ensure sustainability of water-related activities in Asia-Pacific through monitoring

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- Objectives -

- To honor His Majesty King Bhumibol for His talent and work in improving the quality of life of the people using scientific approaches
- To be a center for information and knowledge sharing on water resources, water management, as well as water related issues in Asia-Pacific
- To raise the public awareness on the importance of water and water resource management for sustainable development
- To monitor water related activities in Asia-Pacific