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DRAFT OUTLINE for
**The First Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting
for the 5th World Water Forum**
in Singapore on Friday, June 27, 2008
on the occasion of the Singapore International Water Week 2008

1. Date and time: From 9:00 to 12:00 on Friday, June 27, 2008
2. Venue: Learning Oasis Room in WaterHub, 80 & 82 Toh Guan Road East
3. Organizers: Asia-Pacific Water Forum (Japan Water Forum as Secretariat)
Secretariat of the 5th World Water Forum
World Water Council
4. Objectives:
 - to discuss how to coordinate the regional inputs to themes and topics of the 5th World Water Forum
 - to identify 5 sub-regional preparatory meetings at which the discussions on sub-regional inputs would be discussed
5. Draft Agenda:

9:00-9:05	Opening
9:05-9:25	Presentation on the 5 th World Water Forum - Mr. Paul Reiter, Co-chair of the Programme Committee of 5 th World Water Forum - Prof. Zekai Şen, Representative of the Mayor of Istanbul
9:25-9:35	Proposed regional process in the Asia-Pacific region towards the 5 th World Water Forum Mr. Hikaru Shoji, Forum Coordinator/Chief Officer, Japan Water Forum
9:35-9:40	Activities in other region (Europe Water Partnership (tbc))
9:40-9:50	Q&A
9:50-10:30	Short presentations by topic coordinators of the 5 th World Water Forum (5 minutes/topic: Topics 1.3 / 2.4 / 3.3 / 4.2 & 4.4 / 4.5 / 6.2 / 6.3 (tbc))
10:30-10:40	Q&A
10:40-10:55	Coffee Break
10:55-11:20	Short presentations on sub-regional focuses to the themes and topics of the 5 th World Water Forum (5 minutes/sub-region: Northeast Asia / Southeast Asia / South Asia / Central Asia)
11:30-12:00	Discussions on possible contributions from other participants, future schedule and next steps
12:00	Closing

<Annex>

Issues, Themes and Topics of the 5th World Water Forum

Issues	Themes	Topics
Providing Water for Sustainable Development	1. Global Changes & Risk Management	Adapting to climate change in water resources: understanding the impacts of climate change, vulnerability assessments and adaptation measures.
		Migration and changing land uses, human settlements and water
		Managing disasters
	2. Advancing Human Development and the MDGs	Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene for all - ensuring adequate infrastructure - protecting public health in the short term
		Water for energy, energy for water
		Water and food for ending poverty and hunger
		Multiple uses and functions of water e.g. water supply and irrigation
	3. Managing and Protecting Water Resources and their Supply Systems to Meet Human and Environmental Needs	Basin management and transboundary water cooperation
		Ensuring adequate water resources and storage infrastructure to meet agricultural, energy and urban needs
		Preserving natural ecosystems
		Managing and protecting surface, ground (soil) and rainwater
	Enabling Mechanisms for Development	4. Governance and Management
Improving performance through regulatory approaches		
Ethics, transparency, and empowerment of stakeholders		
Optimizing public and private roles in water services		
Institutional arrangements for efficient and effective water management		
5. Finance		Sustainable financing for the water sector
		Pricing strategies for a sustainable water sector
		Water for poverty
6. Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building		Education, knowledge and capacity development strategies
		Water science and technology: appropriate and innovative solutions for the 21st Century (to address the needs of society)
		Using the assets of professional associations and networks to achieve the MDGs
		Data for all
		Water and culture