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Participatory Irrigation Management In Japan

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1. Irrigation management by the Land Improvement District in Japan

The Irrigation and Drainage Canals for Agricultural Use In Japan

Japan archipelago

Example: aichi prefecture

Altitude	Area	Water Facility
3,000 m 2,000 1,000 500 200		✓ Irrigation
	Paddy	∧ ∕Drainage
	Upland	• Diversion
0	Residential	• Pumpimg

Facilities For Agricultural Use In Japan

Canal about 400,000 km
Reservoir about 210,000
Dam about 1,000



54%

 LIDs+village organization
 commune etc.

LIDs

LIDs:Land Improvement Districts

LIDs manage most irrigation facilities in Japan

17%

29%

Features of Land Improvement District (LID)

- LID is an organization established by farmers
- LID is managed by officers who farmers elect
- LID can levy union dues on membership

Currently there are 6,816 LIDs with membership of 4.26 million people in 2001.

Development of Irrigation System In Japan (1)

Rapid development of new paddy field in Edo period (17 century)

Planning of paddy field irrigation system by farmers, village leaders, or influential merchants.

Construction by the ruling clan or shogunal government.

Development of Irrigation System In Japan

Forming of communal organizations for irrigation management by farmers.

Participatory irrigation management framework became established in all part of the country.

the enactment of the Land Improvement Law in 1949. stablishment of LID

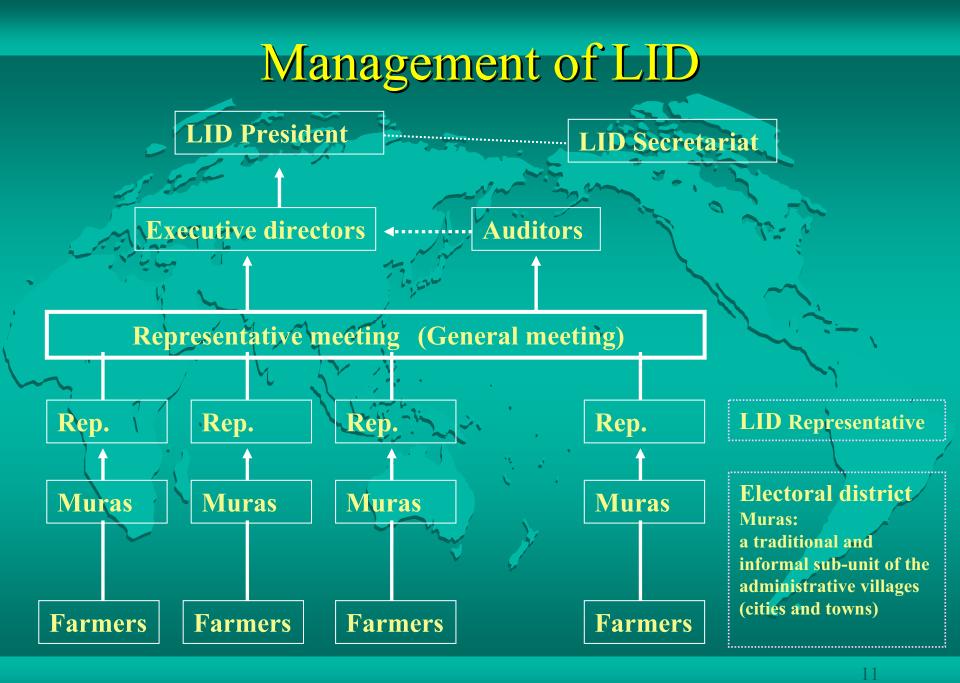
Right and Obligation of LID's Membership

Member Farmers:

have right to use water

 have to pay a membership fee for water allocation management and facilities' operation and maintenance.

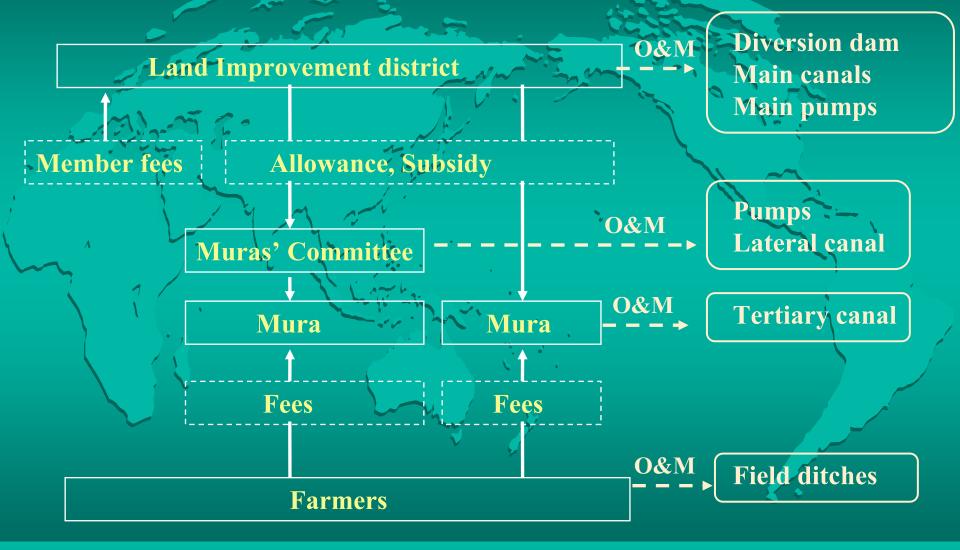
• are <u>required to provide the labor</u> to remove weeds in irrigation canals, to clean, and other tasks.



A sample of periodical leaflet

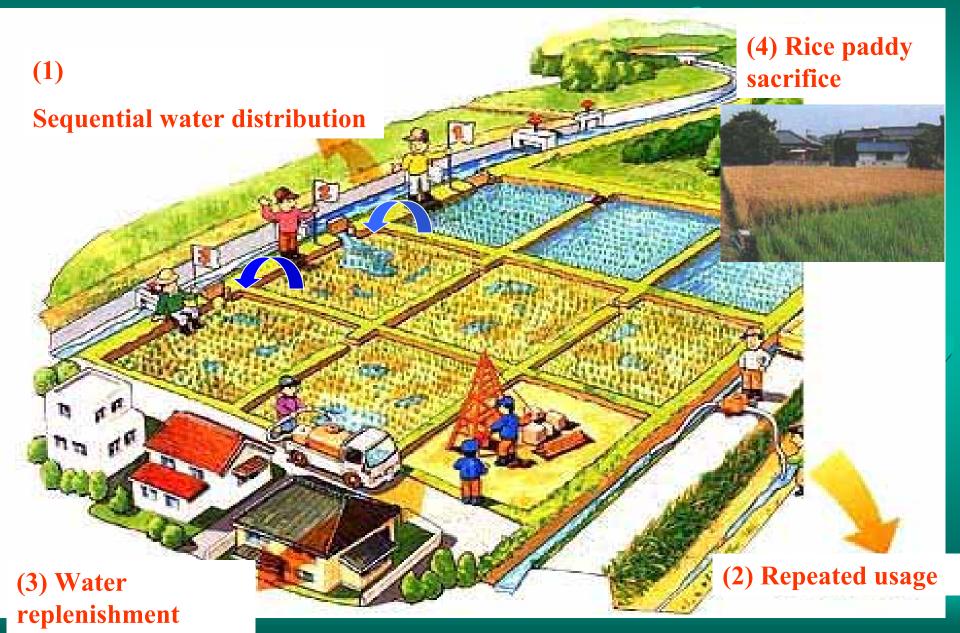


Typical Flow of Money for Operation and Maintenance of Irrigation and Drainage Facilities



2. Water Accommodation between farmers in case of abnormal drought.

The Forms of Water conservation

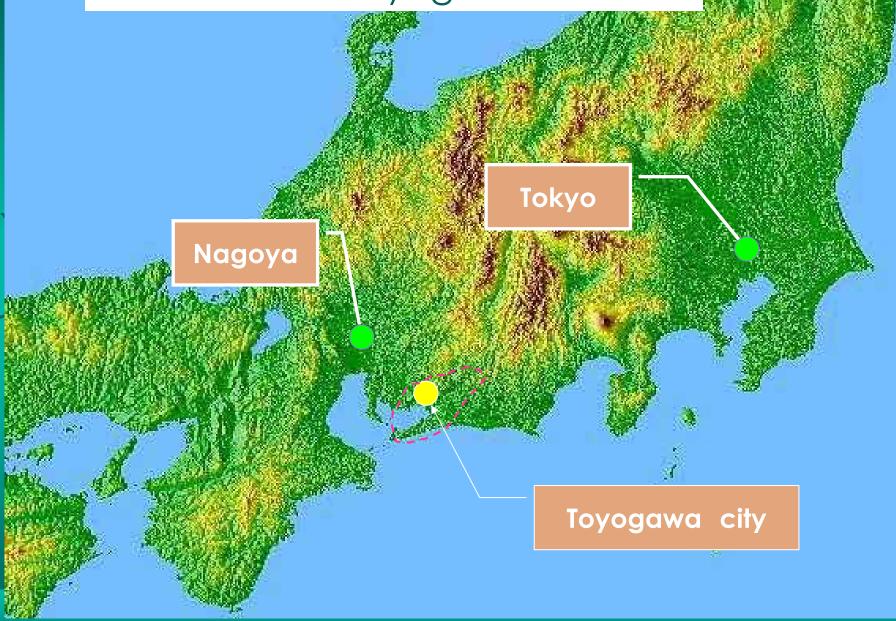


3. Irrigation Management in Toyogawa Canal

Collaboration between Japan Water Agency and Toyogawa Comprehensive Canal Land Improvement District

Complex of JWA and Toyogawa Comprehensive Canal LID

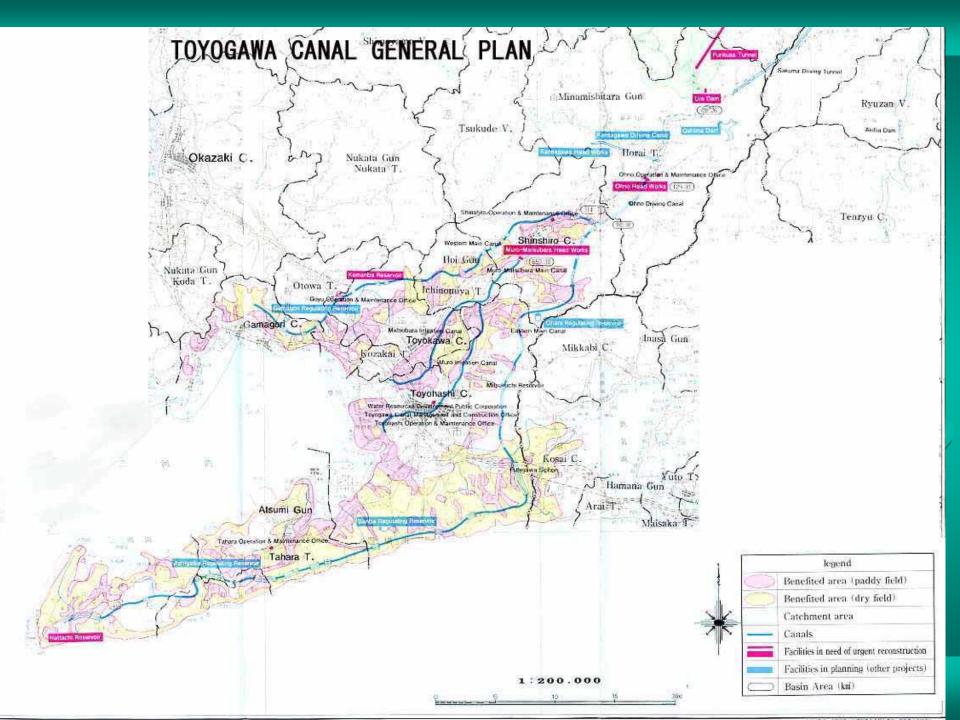
Location of Toyogawa Canal

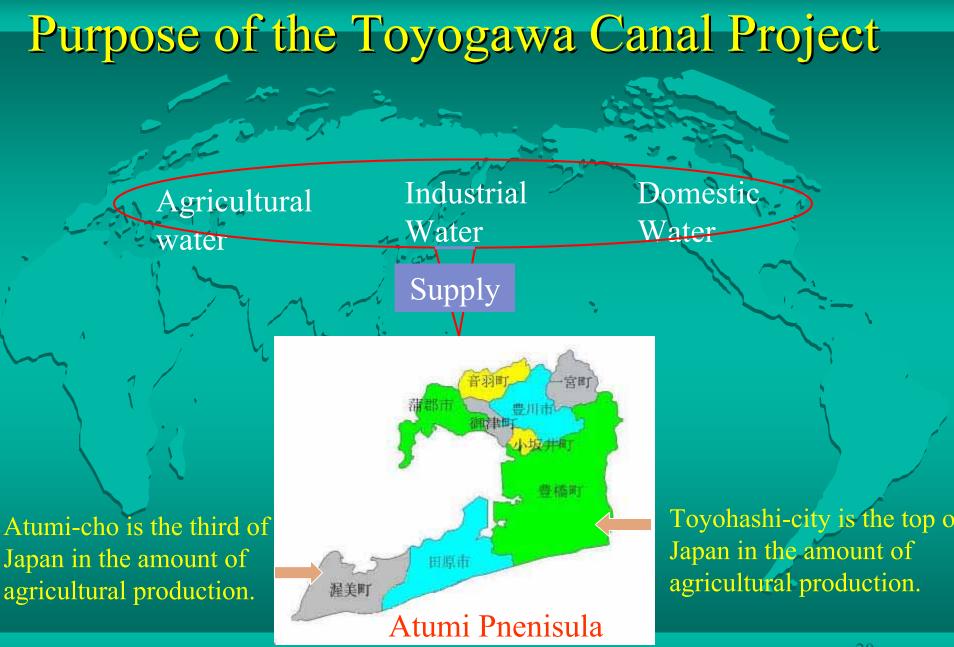


TOYOGAWA CANAL

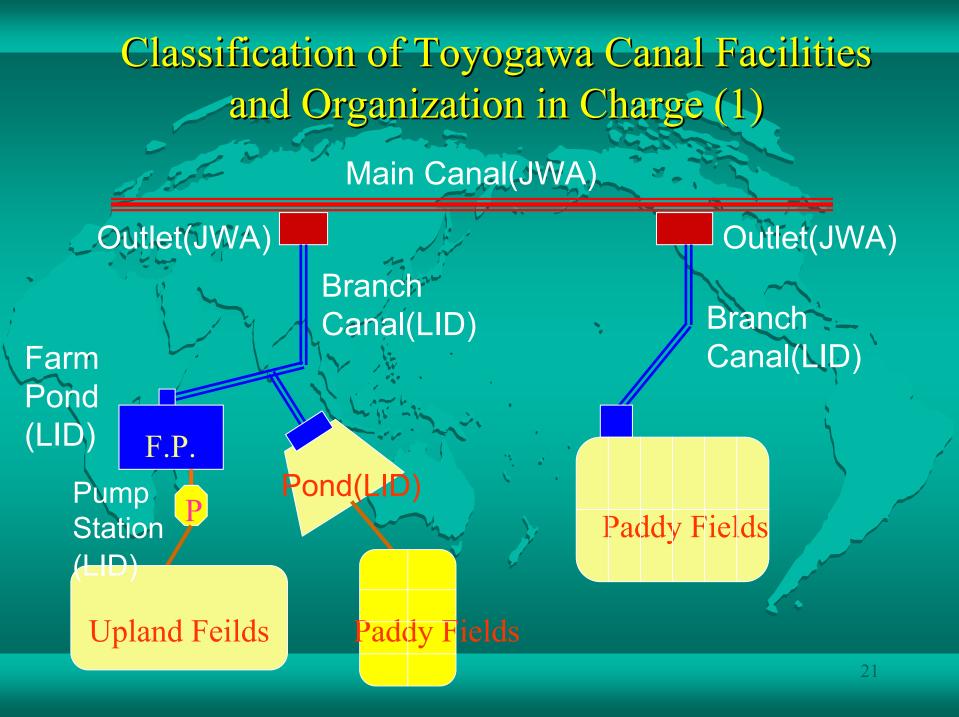
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Classification of Toyogawa Canal Facilities and Organization in Charge (2)

JWA is operating and maintaining 2Dams,5Headworks,7Resevoir, 112km Main canals

Toyogawa comprehensive Canal LId is operating and maintaining

296 farm ponds, 12 pomp stations, 453km branch canals.

Local LIDs are operating and maintaining 317 pomp stations, 2,772km branch canals.

Outline of Toyogawa Comprehensive Canal LID

- The number of membership
 The number of secretariat staff
- Territory
 - History

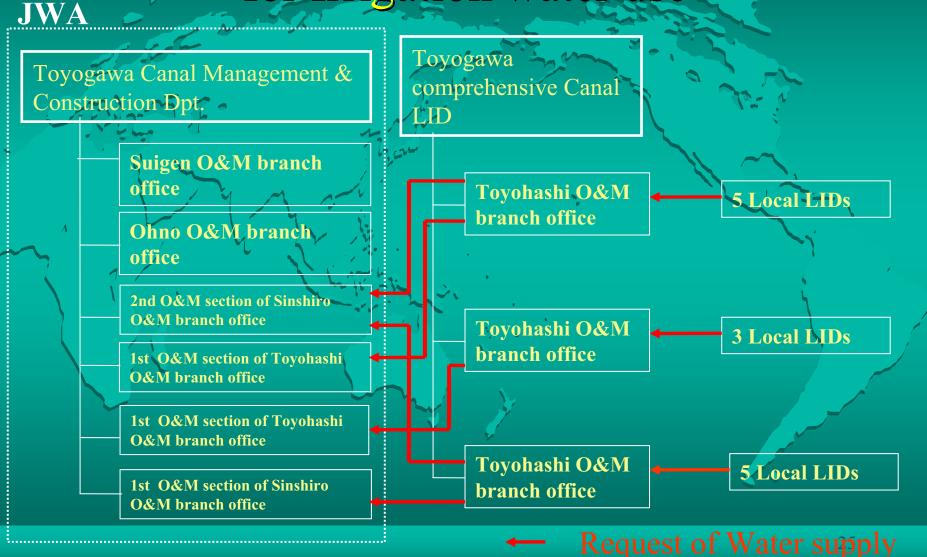


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1952 Establishment of Toyogawa Canal LID
1968 Reconstitution as Toyogawa Canal LID Uion
1986 Reconstitution as Toyogawa Comprehensive Canal LID



O&M System of Toyogawa canal for Irrigation water use



Activities of JWA



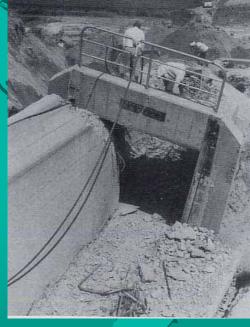
Watching for main facilities and operating



Removing litter of main canal

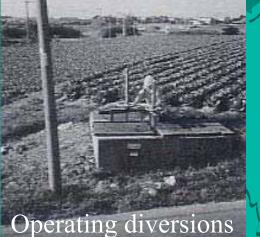


Getting weather information

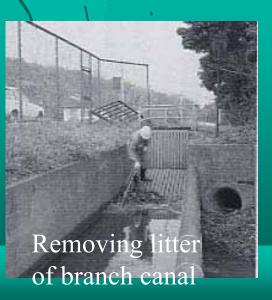


Retrieving main facilities

Activities of Toyogawa comprehensive Canal LID

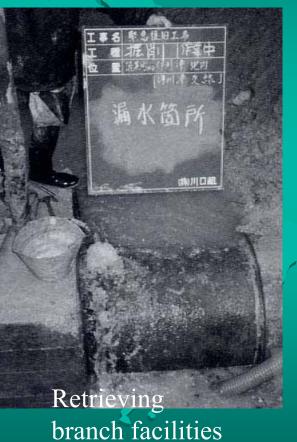


of branch canals



Operating diversions of farm ponds





Deliberation of Important items on Water Management

- Important items are deliberated by <u>Toyogawa Canal Management Board</u>
- The Board is organized by
 JWA
 - 2 Users of agricultural water, industrial water domestic water.
 - 3 Relative divisions of aichi and sizuoka prefecture office.
 - (4) The competent authorities
 - **5** professors

Water distribution at the time of severe water condition

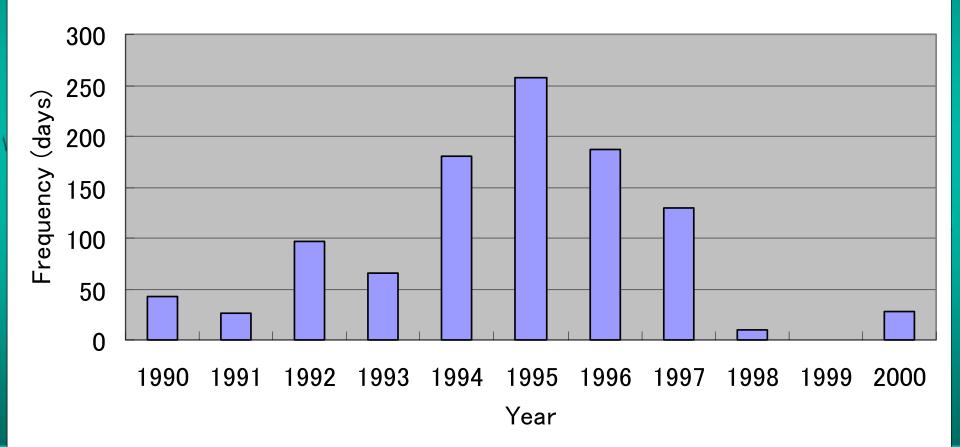
- <u>**Toyogawa Canal Water Saving Measures Committee</u></u> is called at the time of severe condition.</u>**
- In this committee. Next items are discussed.
 ① Water saving measures of water uses.
 ② Proper water distribution rules.

This committee is organized by
 JWA

② Users of agricultural water, industrial water, domestic water.
③ Relative divisions of aichi and sizuoka prefecture office.

Current Water Saving Operation

Operation days for saving water



Conclusion

 The majority of Japan's irrigation facilities are managed by LIDs composed of farmers. This kind of farmer participation-type irrigation management has made possible a smooth supply of water for agricultural purpose.

 Based on a "spirit of compromise", Farmers strive to conserve water by providing extensive labor and shouldering the economic burden by means such as receiving water in turns, using the same water repeatedly.

3. Toyogawa Canal system is managed efficiently by the collaboration between JWA and Toyogawa Comprehensive Canal LID.

