



Kyoto World Water Grand Prize Open for Candidatures

Marseilles – June 28, 2005. The World Water Council, the City of Kyoto, Soroptimist International of Kyoto and the 4th World Water Forum are pleased to invite individuals and organizations to submit their candidatures for the first Kyoto World Water Grand Prize.

An award of JP¥5,000,000 (or approximately US\$45,000) will be given to the winning individual or organisation whose grassroot-level activities address critical water needs of communities and regions, corresponding to the overall theme of the 4th World Water Forum, "Local Actions for a Global Challenge."

Thirty pre-selected individuals will be invited to attend the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico City in March 2006, of which ten finalists will present their activities to the International Panel of Judges and share their experiences with Forum participants, in view of generating interest in these activities and reproducing them in other contexts. Efforts are also being made to ensure that the greatest number of worthy local actors identified through the Prize will be able to come to Mexico City to present their experiences to the world.

"We are very excited to be associated with this prize," stated Daniel Zimmer, Executive Director of the World Water Council. "It's an opportunity for us to have an impact at the local level and provide concrete solutions to those who are in need of clean water on a day to day basis. It is also an occasion to facilitate the participation of grass-root NGO's in the Forum."

The 4th World Water Forum organizers have designed a database to record "Local Actions of the World" in preparation for the 4th Forum. In order to be considered for the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize, applicants must first register their local actions in this database and indicate their candidature for the Kyoto World Water Prize.

The application form is available only through the Prize's webpages:

www.worldwatercouncil.org/kyoto_prize

Electronic submissions will be accepted until October 31st, 2005.

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For more information, please feel free to contact the Secretariat of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize:

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