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 Celebrating 8.27 — World Lakes Day!

We are celebrating the first World Lake Day!

This day commemorates the first World Lake Conference, held on August 27, 1984, on the shores of Lake Biwa. The United Nations officially designated it as an international day last year.

To mark this occasion, ILEC has prepared three special pieces of content, now available on the dedicated page: <https://ilec.or.jp/en/wld>

We invite you to explore them, reflect on the future of lakes and what each of us can do to save them, and join us in celebrating!

ILEC will continue its efforts to promote Sustainable Lake Management (SLM) worldwide.

1. Special Newsletter: Feature on the 20th World Lake Conference (WLC20)

From July 21 to 25, WLC20 was held in Brisbane, Australia. This newsletter features highlights from the opening ceremony, along with an overview of the adopted “Meanjin Brisbane Declaration.” Highlights from the special sessions, breakout discussions, and field trips will be shared in a future edition. Stay tuned!

2. World Lake Day Special: A New Approach to Connecting Lakes and Rivers (Video Clip and Concept Paper)

World Lake Day Special: A New Approach to Connecting Lakes and Rivers (Video Clip and Concept Paper) On the occasion of World Lake Day, we are pleased to share the recording of the international online meeting held on 25 August 2025.

Organized by the ILEC Scientific Committee, the session explored a concept called ILLBM (Integrated Lentic-Lotic Basin Management), which views lakes, rivers, and other flowing waters as one connected system.

Case studies such as Chilika Lake in India and Lake Chapala in Mexico were discussed, combining local knowledge with scientific perspectives to consider future directions for water governance.

Through this initiative, ILEC contributes to World Lake Day by providing scientific insights for sustainable lake management.

3. Youth Commitment to the World (Video Clip)

In July 2025, at the Youth Session of the 20th World Lake Conference held in Brisbane, Australia, we declared our Youth Commitment toward World Lake Day.

Today, August 27, 2025 ? on the historic First World Lake Day ? we proudly share this commitment with the world.

Protecting lakes means protecting our future. The voices of youth will shape a sustainable future for lakes worldwide.

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