

..... March 31st, 2025

ILEC e-zine - Save Water, Save Lakes -
International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC)

.....

■ Vol. 92 _____

ILEC News | A New Perspective for Understanding Water Connectivity from Lakes
(ILLBM)—Announcement of Video Release and Revised Concept Paper ... and more

_____ ■ □

◇INDEX◇

1. A New Perspective for Understanding Water Connectivity from Lakes (ILLBM)—Announcement of Video Release and Revised Concept Paper
2. Cooperation in the FY2025 Regional Understanding Program by JICA Kansai
3. Follow-up on the FY 2024 JICA Training Program

■ A New Perspective for Understanding Water Connectivity from Lakes (ILLBM)—Announcement of Video Release and Revised Concept Paper

Lakes do not exist in isolation. They are part of a continuous water system that connects rivers, wetlands, groundwater, and human livelihoods. However, these connections are often not readily visible and have not always been fully captured within existing frameworks.

At ILEC, we are advancing the concept of Integrated Lentic-Lotic Basin Management (ILLBM) as a new perspective that builds upon Integrated Lake Basin Management (ILBM). ILLBM does not introduce a new system or framework. Rather, it is a new way of understanding water as a continuous system, helping to make existing efforts more effective.

The newly released video visualizes this concept based on the ILBM training modules. It illustrates how the ILLBM perspective can be superimposed onto key governance pillars such as “Policy,” “Institution,” and “Information,” while also highlighting the importance of “Heartware” (values, awareness, and culture).

In parallel, the revised concept paper provides a structured explanation of how this perspective complements existing water management frameworks and supports practical implementation.

<https://ilec.or.jp/en/activities/sustainablelake/#eillbm>

■ Cooperation in the FY2025 Regional Understanding Program by JICA Kansai

From March 10 to 11, 2026, ILEC cooperated in delivering lectures and organizing a field trip for the FY2025 Regional Understanding Program on lessons from development and conservation around Lake Biwa, hosted by JICA Kansai. This marked the seventh time ILEC has cooperated with this program. A total of 15 participants from 15 countries, all long-term international students studying at Japanese universities, took part in the program.

More info and photos are now available on the ILEC website: <https://ilec.or.jp/en/news/18055/>

■ Follow-up on the FY 2024 JICA Training Program

On March 6, 2026, we conducted a follow-up session via Zoom for the JICA Training Program held in fiscal year 2024.

More info and photos are now available on the ILEC website: <https://ilec.or.jp/en/activities/resource/18063/>

★☆☆Support ILEC for Sustainable Lake Management: Online Donations Now Available! ☆★

We sincerely appreciate your support: <https://www.ilec.or.jp/en/support>

-Please kindly share this e-mail with your friends and acquaintances who may be interested in receiving this e-zine.

-For a new subscription request, please fill in the online subscription form at:

<https://www.ilec.or.jp/en/pubs/e-zine>

-Should you wish to unsubscribe from the e-zine, please also access at: <https://www.ilec.or.jp/en/pubs/e-zine>

*Due to registration errors or similar issues, there may be instances where the newsletter is mistakenly sent to an address similar to yours. If you do not recognize this newsletter, we kindly ask that you unsubscribe via the cancellation page linked here. Alternatively, you can reply to this email with the subject line "Request to Unsubscribe," and we will process the cancellation for you.

-Regarding Personal Information: ILEC will respect your privacy through the Personal Information Protection Act. For details, please refer to the “Privacy Policy” on our website at:

<https://www.ilec.or.jp/en/privacy>

•—+ •—+ •—+ •—+ •

International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC)

1091 Oroshimo-cho, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-0001 JAPAN

TEL: +81-77-568-4567 / FAX: +81-77-568-4568

E-mail: infoilec “at” ilec.or.jp (Please replace “at” with “@”)

Website: <https://www.ilec.or.jp/en>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ilec.english>