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■ Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, Science Advisor, Receives Minister of the Environment Award

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Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, Science Advisor to ILEC (and former Vice President), has been awarded the Ministry of the Environment's Regional Environmental Conservation Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his longstanding contributions to environmental conservation.

The award acknowledges his distinguished achievements in promoting environmental protection, including disseminating the Lake Biwa Model internationally and advancing sustainable lake basin management not only in Lake Biwa but also in lake and watershed regions around the world.

The award ceremony photos are available on the ILEC website: https://ilec.or.jp/en/news/18172

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■ Generous Donation from Kinki Rokin (Kinki Labour Bank)

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ILEC received a generous donation of 1,227,498 yen through the "Smile Plus" social contribution deposit from Kinki Rokin (Kinki Labour Bank) on June 12, 2026. The "Smile Plus" social contribution deposit supports the activities of non-profit organizations and community groups in the Kinki region working in such fields as child support, disaster relief and disaster preparedness, international cooperation, support for people with disabilities, support for women and minorities, and environmental conservation. ILEC has been

selected as a recipient organization in the fields of “international cooperation” and “environmental conservation.” We sincerely appreciate their understanding of ILEC’s mission and their generous contribution.

This donation will be meaningfully used to support the operation of an event to be jointly organized by ILEC and Shiga Prefecture on World Lake Day, a United Nations commemorative day, on August 27, 2026, at AEON Mall Kusatsu in Shiga Prefecture.

The event will feature a session aimed at fostering the next generation of leaders in the field of sustainable lake management. Young people from Japan, Africa, which will host the 21st World Lake Conference in 2027, and Asian countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia will be connected online to share their activities related to lake conservation and to engage in active exchange and discussion.

The ceremony photo is available on the ILEC website: https://ilec.or.jp/en/news/18183

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■[Reminder: Deadline July 10] Call for Youth Presenters: Lake Conservation Initiatives!
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As part of the World Lake Day 2026 International Event (tentative title), which is scheduled to be co-hosted by Shiga Prefecture on August 27, 2026, a special session entitled “Lake Impact Challenge” will be held to showcase practical initiatives led by youth for lake conservation and sustainable water environments.

This session will provide an opportunity for youth engaged in activities related to lakes and water environments to share their initiatives with an international audience and engage in dialogue with policymakers, researchers, and practitioners.

We are now inviting presenters for this session as outlined below. We warmly encourage interested individuals and teams to apply.

For more information, please visit the ILEC website: https://ilec.or.jp/en/news/18144

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