



Rainwater harvesting as an effective means of flood prevention

**A presentation of the case of Seoul Metropolitan Government
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**Monday, 21 February 2005, 14.30 – 16.30
International Environment House, Room 3**

Per-capita water resources will steadily decline over the coming decades due to population growth, pollution, increased poverty, conflict and climate change. The water crisis already touches every facet of life, from the health of children to the ability of nations to secure water and food. At the same time, flooding after heavy rainfalls is becoming ever more frequent; the flooding of large areas of Europe during the summer of 2002 is just one dramatic example.

The collection and management of rainwater can contribute to water conservation while reducing the risks of flooding after heavy rainstorms. It can be considered a valuable aid to disaster reduction strategies. That is exactly what the Seoul Metropolitan Government is trying to achieve through its project through its newly passed regulations dealing with the installation and monitoring of rainwater tanks.

The project will be presented by Professor Mooyoung Han and Mr. Byoung Hyo Kwon, who both have extensive experience in water-management issues.

programme

14.15 Coffee

14.30 Presentations by the guest speakers

• Rainwater Harvesting: A new Paradigm of water management in Korea

Professor Mooyoung Han, Seoul National University, President of the Korean Rainwater Catchment Systems Association and Chairman of the International Water Association Rainwater Harvesting Task Force

• Guidelines for Rainwater Tank installation and maintenance for the purpose of flood prevention and water conservation

Mr Byoung Hyo Kwon Section Chief of Architecture Division for the Seoul Metropolitan Government

16.00 Discussion

17.00 Close



Registration form

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