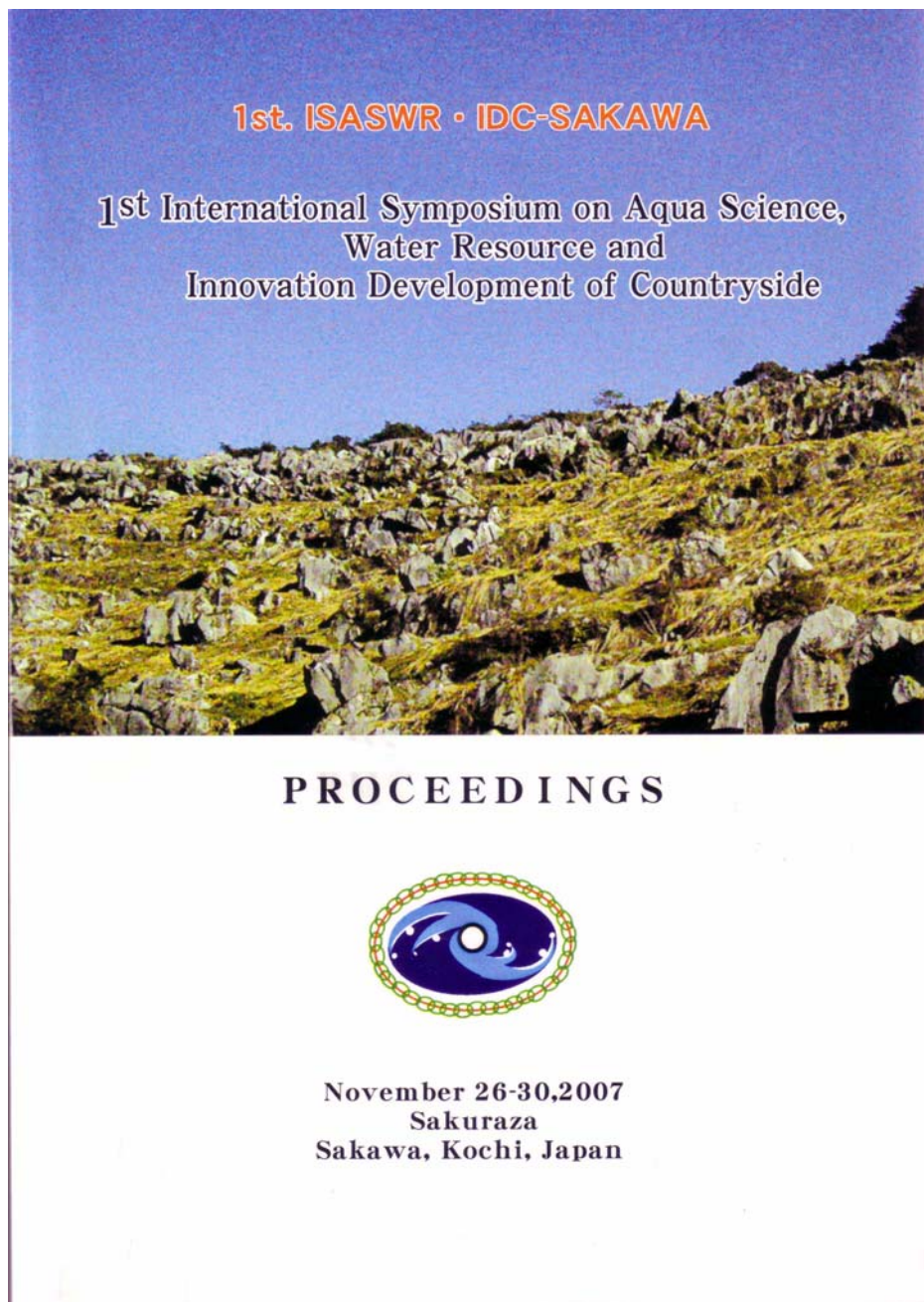


# Book Review

**Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Aqua Science, Water Resource, and Innovation Development of Countryside. November 26-30, 2007, Sakawa, Kochi Prefecture, Japan.** 450 pages, 20.8 x 29.4 cm, soft cover. Edited and published by the Organizing Committee [Chairman: Professor Emeritus Nakamichi Yamasaki]. Available from the Government of the Town of Sakawa. E-mail: [sk-529@town.sakawa.kochi.jp](mailto:sk-529@town.sakawa.kochi.jp)



The book is composed of 7 plenary lectures that range from technical papers such as the mechanism and application of water in lubrication, to historical reviews such as the theory of four elements: water, air, earth, and fire. Other interesting topics in this collection is water and the human body, projects based on global aspects of aqua science and technology, and the principle of fossil fuels formation.

- Session 1: Micro Science. It deals with water, hydrothermal reactions, production of hydrocarbons in nature, and synthesis of framework materials in nature (5 papers)
- Session 2: Macro Science and Technology. It deals with water management, hydrothermal slag chemistry, biogas energy for countryside in India (6 papers)
- Session 3: Global Problem and Strategy of Countryside Innovation. It deals with fracture systems, mechanical properties of hydrothermal silt, artificial seaweed beds on the coastal barren areas (3 papers)
- Round Table 1: Toxic and Hazardous Waste. Asbestos and its treatment, detection of asbestos in buildings (4 papers)
- Round Table 2: Basic and Fine Chemistry (5 papers)
- Round Table 3: Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> Control (5 papers)
- Round Table 4: Soil Decontamination (6 papers)
- Round Table 5: Materials Research (4 papers)
- Round Table 6: Plans for Country Strategy (2 papers)
- Poster presentations (51 posters)

The book is very well edited and produced. It has an author index and serves as an excellent introduction to the problems of water, carbon dioxide, asbestos, etc.

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