

## The Kawasaki Water Business Network FY2020 General Assembly

The Kawasaki Water Business Network (KaWaBiz NET) held the Kawasaki Water Business Network FY2020 General Assembly from July 17th to 29th, 2020. Normally, the General Assembly is held at the Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry Conference Hall. However, this fiscal year it was held using a paper based format for the first time to limit the spread of Covid-19. 54 members and 14 supportive organizations participated.

The General Assembly started with a report of activities for FY 2019 followed by a confirmation hearing over the FY 2020 Agenda. All participating members approved the plan, and agreed to carry out the following four points therein: 1) support companies attempting to expand abroad, 2) activities abroad (by Kawasaki City), 3) providing information to members and disseminating information abroad, and 4) other points of discussion (KaWaBiz NET review implementation and KaWaBiz NET's website renewal).

Along with the deliberation matters, we heard many opinions concerning KaWaBiz NET. The results were that a majority of the opinions favored meeting directly instead of the current format for the General Assembly. Next fiscal year we plan to set up the General Assembly so that members can meet directly while also staying safe from infections. We also plan on exploring online options.

KaWaBiz NET will continue to function as a public-private networking platform that strives to enhance the international water environment through achievements in water business.



FY 2019 Activities Report



FY 2020 Agenda

### 【Opinions from members】

#### ① 『Regarding the KaWaBiz NET FY 2020 Agenda』

##### ⇒Requests for support

-providing information on activities , continued activity support for members, etc.

##### ⇒Cooperation with the KaWaBiz NET

-sharing latest information

#### ② 『Regarding the KaWaBiz NET FY 2019 Activities Report』

##### ⇒Opinions in favor of the report

-extensive content, being able to expand business overseas, etc

### 【Questionnaire to members】

#### ① 『Effects of Covid-19』

##### ⇒Moving towards an online environment

introducing working from home (28 votes), running online meetings (25 votes)

##### ⇒Restricting and delaying projects

not being able to conduct business trips abroad (19 votes), postponing tenders (11 votes), international workers returning to their home country (10 votes), etc.

#### ② 『Regarding General Assembly meeting format (including how to conduct discussions)』

##### ⇒Members who want to meet in person

meet in person (13 votes), want to meet in person but remain online for the meantime (8 votes), etc.

##### ⇒Members who want to meet online

conduct meeting online (9 votes), stream videos on website (3 votes)

##### ⇒Members who want to use a paper based meeting format

paper base is preferable (9 votes)

Opinions from members

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