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| **Report**      | There are about 210,000 irrigation ponds nationwide, which are used not only for the purpose of irrigation, but also for providing places for relaxation and recreation with the local community. It is important to preserve such irrigation ponds considered as the local property. However, heavy rainfalls have frequently occurred everywhere in recent years. For example, the Typhoon #23 and Niigata Tyuetsu Earthquake gave us a great amount of damages last year. Thus, irrigation ponds are more likely to be exposed to such a huge disaster. Furthermore, it has been 10 years since the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake happened. We will hold the symposium based on the theme of "Disaster Prevention of Irrigation Ponds", in order to propel actions for preventing disasters related to irrigation ponds, through the lessons learned from such a huge disaster. |