

Exchange and Education



In order to wisely utilize and protect these special wetland areas, it is very important that we learn about the wetlands and have the opportunity to meet and discuss with people living nearby other wetland areas in Japan and around the world.

National Children's Wetland Exchange Meeting

Both Shimane and Tottori prefectures send participants to these forums each year with the hope of encouraging the next generation of leaders to meet and exchange ideas about wetlands, including their home area of Shinji-ko and Nakaumi.



2015

Location: Nakaumi, Japan

(Participants: Korea, Hong Kong, Japan – Toyooka and Shiga)



2016

Location: Upo-numa, Korea



2017

Location: Akiyoshidai Groundwater System, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan

Field Work

There are many ways we can learn about our wetlands – taking a guided boat tour on the lake, researching about the flora and fauna in the streams and rivers that feed the lakes, visiting nature museums to learn more about the birds and fish, listening to local elders tell stories and much more.



Guided Boat Tour



Water Quality Survey



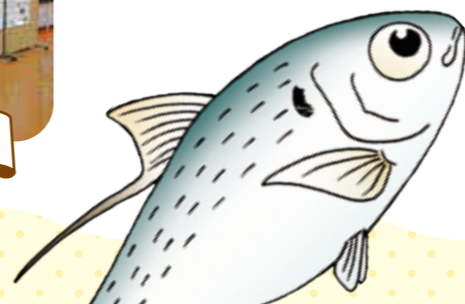
Bird Watching



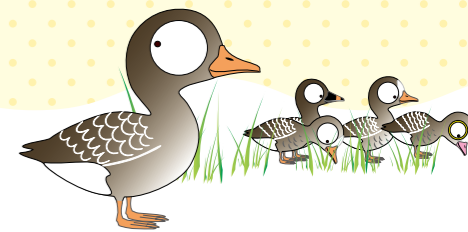
Lake History Study Trip



Presentations



Commemorative Events



We have held special events to mark important anniversaries of Shinji-ko and Nakaumi becoming registered as important wetland areas under The Ramsar Convention.

1st Anniversary Event

In December 2006 (one year after Shinji-ko and Nakaumi became registered wetland areas under The Ramsar Convention), Shimane Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture and municipalities around the lakes worked together to hold a special forum entitled 'Nakaumi and Shinji-ko: 1st Anniversary Commemorative Event.'



Declaration

- We will conserve and restore the precious environment of our treasured wetlands Shinji-ko and Nakaumi, so that we can hand these rich natural treasures down to the next generation.
- We will protect the ecosystems of Shinji-ko and Nakaumi, and at the same time work hard to ensure that 'wise-use' is carried out in order to sustain the rich natural treasures of these wetlands.
- We will start this immediately, making sure that each and every adult and child has a role to play in taking care of these wetlands.

5th Anniversary Event

In 2010 a series of events were organized by Shimane and Tottori prefectural governments, including an exhibition, symposium and an exchange program for children from Japan and Korea.

North-East Asian Children's Exchange Event: We Found a 'Wetland Treasure'!



Commemorative Symposium: Rich Blessings of Nature for the Next Generation



Special Message to the Lakes in the Future



Environmental Education Musical: Ai-to-Chikyu-to-Kyobainin (Love, Earth and the Auctioneer)

10th Anniversary Event

In 2015 both Shimane and Tottori prefectures held special events to mark the 10th anniversary of the wetland areas being designated under The Ramsar Convention. A commemorative symposium was held in Yonago City (Tottori Prefecture) and a Ramsar Fair was held in Matsue City (Shimane Prefecture). Children were also invited to join in a special exchange program with other Asian countries.



Commemorative Symposium



Ramsar Fair



Asian Children's Exchange Program