

KOREAN WATER SPECIALIST

at The Chennai Water Forum

If you are curious about questions relating to water and urbanism, then *The Chennai Water Forum* is the place to be! Over three days, scientists, urban planners, architects, academics, activists, artists, NGOs and proactive citizens will come at this conference together to share their experiences, to listen, to learn...

Asked by the newspaper, The Hindu, what the key shifts in water management were, the water policy expert Mihir Shah, head of several reform committees says: *One, we must take a multidisciplinary view of water. We require professionals from disciplines other than just engineering and hydrogeology. Two, we need to adopt the participatory approach to water management that has been successfully tried all over the world...* (The Hindu, Aug.19, 2016). This quotation describes precisely how the Goethe-Institut Chennai, Germany's cultural institute - along with many partner organizations including InKo Centre and Confluence Ten - intends to focus on water for projects that encourage international cultural collaboration.

The Chennai Water Forum will be an open platform that aims to address the issue of water from a multidisciplinary and transversal approach. Three days of participatory workshops, panel discussions and presentations will bring together a cross-section of people from of varied backgrounds as well as experts in water management, to create a new dialogue on water.

The forthcoming Forum aims to maximize audience participation in order to be as participative and inclusive as possible. While the "Practices / Experiences" sessions present case studies from elsewhere, the "My City My Water - Citizens in Action" section aims to present various water-related initiatives mooted by civil society and local NGO's. With more than 50 experts and participants from India, Germany and Korea, The Chennai Water Forum promises to ask some hard questions and evolve a new perspective on water.

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Venue: Kalakshetra Foundation | Date: 6, 7 and 8 of October 2016 | Time: 9 am onwards

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We are delighted to invite Dr Yang Yoon Jae, former Vice-Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government who was closely involved in the historic Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project in Seoul. Dr Yang will make a presentation and lead an interactive workshop to share the challenges and successful implementation of this project that continues to be hailed as one of the finest examples of best practice in river restoration projects, worldwide.

About Dr Yang , Yoon-Jae



Dr Yang Yoon Jae completed his B.Arch from Seoul National University in 1974 and graduated from the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University in 1975. He went on complete his MArch from the Illinois University of Techonology, USA, in 1978 following which he completed his MLA from Harvard University, USA. A very distinguished professional, Dr Yang was, as Vice-Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government, closely involved in the historic Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project in Seoul and several important water projects in Korea.

Dr Yang's long and prestigious career is as follows:

- 2015 - Present Senior Advisor of Korea Rural Community Corporation.
- 2014 - 2015, Advisor of Eco-Delta City Project, Korea Water Resources Corp.
- 2014 - 2016, Adjunct Professor of Urban Design, Korea University.
- 2012 - Present, Member of the Waterfront Management Committee, Min. of Construction.
- 2010 - Present, U-City Committee reporting to the Prime Minister of Korea.
- 2011 - 2014, Chair Professor, School of Construction & Environment, KAIST.
- 2010 - 2012, Chairman, Urban Design Institute of Korea.
- 2008 - 2010, Member of the Presidential Commission on Architecture Policy.
- 2008 - 2013, Advisor, SK Gas Corporation.
- 2004 - 2005, Vice Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government.
- 2002 - 2004, Director of Cheonggyecheon Restoration Headquarter, Seoul, Metropolitan Government.
- 1981 - 2005, Professor of Urban Design, GSES, Seoul National University.
- 1976 - 1981, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago, Boston & Washington. DC. Office, U.S.A.
- 1973 - 1975, Ilyang Architects Office.

Dr Yang's presentation titled 'Back to a future - The Cheonggyecheon River Restoration Project' will provide a brief history of Seoul and Cheonggyecheon and explain the context of covering the stream and building an elevated highway, during the period of economic growth in Korea in the 1970s. The idea of restoring and revitalising Cheonggyecheon was to make Seoul more sustainable. Through the restoration, several challenges and constraints were overcome. The unique revitalization plan that was initiated as well as the environmental and socio-cultural effect of Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project will be shared during the presentation.

In the interactive workshop session, Dr Yang will discuss the various challenges and constraints that he and his team faced during the Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project in Seoul, which is recognised and acclaimed as one of the finest examples of best practice in river restoration projects, worldwide.



