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1) it is important to assess what progress has, and has not been, made towards achieving the water and sanitation goals.

2) needs all the help to raise the political visibility of water and sanitation issues, by increasing public awareness, and by being advocates for action with governments, civil society and in the media.



(Source: Kofi Annan,
UN Secretary General)

Message by the Board Chair, former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan

We need radical change and swift, resolute action.

For that reason, Kofi Annan in 2003 asked me to lead an Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation to guide him on how to achieve the water goal. The Board draws leaders from diverse fields and our discussions are often fractious. Yet despite our differences, we reached consensus on an ambitious water workplan – this Compendium of Actions – because we are united in the belief that the world must provide better water management, clean water and basic sanitation services to more people.





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- UNSGAB is committed to ensuring that the *International Year of Sanitation* Commitments are fulfilled
- Improve Sanitation and Water for Schools
- Build New Impetus for WasteWater Collection, Treatment, and Reuse

Source: UNSGAB Hashimoto Action Plan2

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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES 2008 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SANITATION

The worldwide sanitation crisis is already of such a momentous human and economic scale that we cannot afford to carry on with “business as usual”. It is high time that all those in positions of responsibility ACT – and this DEG/MWCI PPP provides a solid basis for doing so

This program is another example of what concerned stakeholders can do – to give its share and commitment in showing, demonstrating, and implementing what we should and can do – WE ALL CARE!!!



**UNSGAB Message to the Second East Asia Ministerial Conference on
Sanitation and Hygiene (EASAN-2)**

Manila, the Philippines

28 – 29 January, 2010

I am speaking to you on behalf of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation and its Chair, the Prince of Orange, who regrettably had to decline the kind invitation from the Government of Philippines because of prior commitments. The Prince has asked me to convey his regards and best wishes for a successful meeting.

The foundation of human health, dignity and development is sanitation. Without private, safe and ecologically sound places for defecation, people cannot thrive. Most people agree on this fact. Still, sanitation has too often been overlooked by the international community, national governments, municipal leaders or financial institutions and even some communities in need. To draw renewed attention to this hidden crisis, the Board persuaded the United Nations to declare 2008 the International Year of Sanitation. By all accounts the International Year focused unprecedented global attention on the acute need for expanded sanitation services. Our collective challenge now is to maintain and build on the momentum created and commitments made in 2008.

At the first East Asia Ministerial Conference hosted by Japan in December 2007, you pledged to play active roles in the International Year of Sanitation. And you delivered on your pledges. Workshops, media events, advocacy campaigns and national policy initiatives flourished all across East Asia. Good progress was made on increasing investment in sanitation, demonstrating government leadership and linking budgets to clear lines of governmental responsibility. But more needs to be done in East Asia, and elsewhere, if we are to have any hope of meeting the MDG sanitation target while improving the health, dignity and development of millions of individuals.

We have just completed our new mandate for UNSGAB's work in the coming three years. It is called the Hashimoto Action Plan II and it is available here. It reflects our continued resolve to work with our partners to ensure that the commitments made during the International Year of Sanitation are met. This meeting is particularly important in this regard since you are reviewing your pledges and renewing your commitment through a new declaration. UNSGAB urges each of you to develop clear, measurable, easily monitored and, above all, *achievable* commitments on sanitation in the coming years. For our part, through the Hashimoto Action Plan II, we will work with the Asian Development Bank, the Water and Sanitation Programme, WHO, World Bank, UNICEF, national governments and many others to generate the political will for sustained action on sanitation.

The Board will also generate support for increased sanitation coverage in schools. When schools have safe and clean sanitation facilities, attendance soars. This is especially so for girls. Furthermore, when children learn good hygiene practices at school, they bring those lessons home. Expanding sanitation isn't just a technological challenge, it is a cultural challenge, and by focusing on schools we can make a positive impact on attitudes towards sanitation and hygiene.

As well as working to maintain the momentum of the International Year of Sanitation, we will also galvanize action for improved wastewater collection, treatment and reuse. Only a fraction of wastewater in the developing world is adequately treated. And with population growth and increasing water scarcity, we must address wastewater. Our Hashimoto Action Plan II sets forth what we hope to achieve and we look forward to working with you, our East Asian partners, in this area.

On behalf of the entire Board, please accept my very best wishes for a successful conference.

Millennium Development Goals Target 2015

In 2000, world leaders at the UN Millennium Summit created a series of goals to overcome extreme poverty and extend human freedom. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are founded upon democratic governance, rule of law, respect for human rights, and peace and security; they must be met by 2015. The goals can be achieved if all the actors work together. Poor countries must govern well and support their people by investing in health care and education. Rich countries must embrace foreign aid, debt relief and fairer trade.

**8 Challenges
to change
the world**



1

Eradicate Extreme
Poverty and Hunger



2

Achieve Universal
Primary Education



3

Promote Gender Equality
and Empower Women



4

Reduce
Child Mortality



5

Improve
Maternal Health



6

Combat HIV/AIDS,
Malaria and Other
Diseases



7

Ensure Environmental
Sustainability



8

Develop a Global
Partnership for
Development

The question is not if we can afford to achieve the Millennium Development Goal target...

WHAT TO DO?



- **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**
 - not to pollute
 - for sustainable development
- **COOPERATE**
 - to conserve and restore nature
 - on clean water & sanitation
 - on better housing
 - on good governance
 - on LCA strategies
 - on ECO-Labeling
 - on sustainable agriculture, tourism, mobility, health, education
 - on 3Rs, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Building & Construction
 - Build networks and partnerships, local/regional/global

Source: Howard Belton, UNILEVER



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Strategy for Action

**•Look at the possibilities of application of
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**•Join UNEP-DTIE-IETC-ILEC
Network**

**•Creating the Enabling Environment (good
governance)**

**•Water/Sanitation as the Entry Point for
development**

**•Partner, Network, Collaborate with
international organizations like the above**

Who Cares?

If all we leave our

children are



Dead Rivers and Lakes,

Slum Housing

and Dirty Water

We all Do !!!



Source: Howard Belton, former CEO, UNILEVER



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Thank you very much!

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