



ISO/TC 275 IN DUBLIN



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**International Affairs Department**

In early December 2016, I visited Dublin to attend the fourth meeting of ISO/TC 275. TC (Technical Committee) 275, for Sludge recovery, recycling, treatment, and disposal, was held for the first time in a year after November 2015 in Sydney. I joined the meeting as a member of "Team Japan."

TC 275 consists of seven WGs (Working Groups), and many are trying to develop "Guidelines," including the introduction and explanation of various technologies. We consider WG 5 and WG 7 to be relevant for our global strategy of water business in the future and have willingly been involved in the activities of these two WGs.

	Discipline	Convener
WG 1	Terminology	Austria
WG 2	Characterization Methods	France
WG 3	Digestion	France
WG 4	Land Application	Canada, Israel
WG 5	Thermal Process	France
WG 6	Thickening & Dewatering	Italy
WG 7	Inorganics & Nutrients Recovery	Japan

Each WG arranges its meeting along with the progress of its discussion separately from TC Plenary Meetings. For example, WG5 had its meeting in April 2016 after the previous plenary session in Sydney. Since members of WG5 are in different places around the world, they had a web meeting.

This time, all seven WGs had each session in Dublin. WG 3-6 have completed their Ballots for NP (New Proposal) and proceeded to the phase of standards development. They made further discussions based on each draft, and meetings shall reply to comments made by P-members. WG 4 spent the whole two days dealing with barely 90% of their quite a lot of 350 comments. WG 7 had the first meeting since Japan became a convener in 2016. WG 7 has a story behind it. Though WG 7 was established at the first Plenary Meeting of TC 275 in 2013, no discussion had been made for a long time because of the convener's absence. Therefore, the WG had to start setting up a theme through NP Ballots and then proceed to discussion for standard development. The Dublin meeting was important for WG 7 in that way. "Team Japan" proposed NP Ballots. After the meeting, we have been preparing for NP Ballots consulting.

In Dublin, a Plenary Meeting was held on the third day afternoon after two day's WG sessions. In the Plenary Meeting, each convener shared his progress report of discussions (Photo 1.)



Photo 1: The convener (the second from the right) of WG 7 reporting the progress

Before the Plenary Meeting, many participants asked Team Japan if we would like to host the next one. Or, some people say, "I want to go to Japan ."

We felt that something was going to happen, and we were right. Participants in the Plenary Meeting talked about the next host city and wanted Japan to handle it. We avoided giving an immediate answer, and we felt that we had been given a big assignment and preferred simple paperwork for standard development.

After twists and turns, Japan probably hosts the next meeting this autumn. I'm personally excited about Japan becoming a convener and hosting the

meeting. I hope Japan will show its presence in TC 275 and JS will continue to support the ISO activity as a member of the National Mirror Committee.

## BITS OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DUBLIN

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- **A bus is the main transportation in Dublin.**

We used a bus from our hotel to the meeting venue. Some big bus stops have timetables (Photo 2), but the bus stop near the venue does not. We were worried until we knew the bus came every 15 minutes.



Photo 2: Bus stop in Dublin

A bus timetable sign for route 4. The title is '4 From Parnassus Street Towards Harcourt'. It lists 'Monday - Friday' and 'Saturday' timetables. The sign includes a small map of the route and a copyright notice at the bottom: 'City Council © 2008. Publishers Mapping Centre © 2008. All rights reserved.'

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