



Project to Eliminate Blue-Green Algae at the Outer Moat of the Imperial Palace Hibiya, Tokyo

Project Overview

Translator's Note

The Algae problem of the Imperial Palace Moat, Tokyo, has been reported on many occasions in the Japanese media, especially the Hibiya Outer Moat, which is the main focus of this project. Located at the water gate output point, it has a problem not only with Algae layers, but also odour in the main entrance of the Royal Palace. The Japanese Government investigated many solutions, but finally decided that Anzai Kantetsu Co. Ltd., should be involved in this project, using its patented Nanobubble technology.

Normally, a direct government commission is only granted to large scale companies with capital of US\$10 million or more. However, due to the forthcoming Tokyo Olympics 2020, a quick and sustainable solution for the future was crucial. Therefore for Anzai Kantetsu to be invited to participate is a very rare and exceptional case as this is one of the most prestigious commissions in Japan.

The original report consists of 40 pages. I've summarized the main part into the 6 pages below.

Regards,
Aki Takagi
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Project to Eliminate Blue-Green Algae at the Outer Moat of the Imperial Palace Hibiya Moat (Extracts taken from longer report).

Commissioner: Government of Japan

Technology Supplier: Ansai Kantetsu Co., Ltd, Yokohama

Place: The Imperial Palace Hibiya Moat

1. Project Aims:

Improvement of the water environment of the Imperial Palace Hibiya Moat towards the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020. Removal of Blue-Green Algae and ongoing sustainable measures. Diffusion prevention of suspended matter and Algae in the downstream of the other moat areas.

2. Background:

Hibiya Moat, which is the object of this project, is located at the point where the westbound water stream around the Imperial Palace and the eastbound water stream join together, and the numerical value of Chlorophyll is extremely high. The numerical value of Chlorophyll in Hibiya Moat was 910 µg / litre, which was more than 12 times compared with 14 µg / litre of the Gaisen Moat, the west side waterway and 78 µg / litre of the Babasakimon Moat, the eastern waterway, and urgent unsustainable measures were required for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

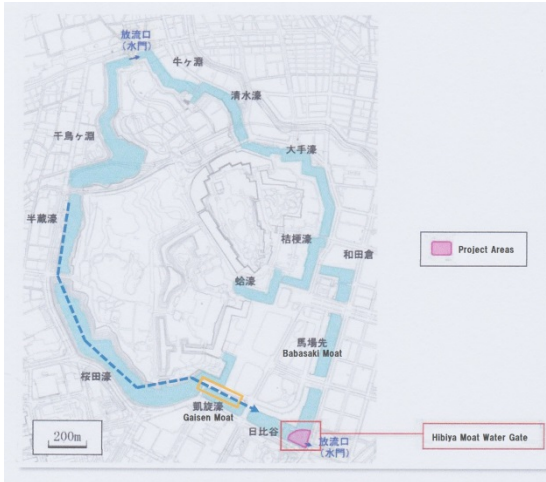


Fig.1 Imperial Palace Outer Moat



Fig.2 Project Site-Hibiya Outer Moat

No.	Moats	7/28	8/5	8/10	8/19	8/26	8/31	9/8	9/16	9/21	9/30
1	桜田濠 (上流)										
2	桜田濠 (中流)										
3	桜田濠 (下流)										
4	桜田濠 (二重橋濠側)										
5	鼠渡濠 (上流)										
6	鼠渡濠 (下流)										
7	鶴濠 (上流)										
8	鶴濠 (下流)										
9	半蔵濠 (上流)										
10	半蔵濠 (下流)										
11	牛ヶ淵 (上流)										
12	牛ヶ淵 (中流)										
13	Chidorigafuchi Moat										
14	牛ヶ淵 (下流)										
15	清水濠 (上流)										
16	清水濠 (下流)										
17	大手濠 (上流)										
18	大手濠 (中流)										
19	大手濠 (下流)										
20	和田倉 (下流)										
21	和田倉 (大手濠側)										
22	和田倉 (鶴濠側)										
23	和田倉 (上流)										
24	和田倉 (下流)										
25	馬場先濠 (上流)										
26	馬場先濠 (下流)										
27	Hibiya Moat (West)										
28	Hibiya Moat (East)										
29	Hibiya Watergate										

Table 1 Distribution of Blue-Green Algae by Moat

	1	2	3	4
	Sakurada	Gaisen	Hibiya	Babasaki
Time	9:25	9:55	8:55	9:05
Weather	晴	晴	晴	晴
Temperature (°C)	32.4	33.9	31.5	32.2
Water Temperature (°C)	30.6	30.8	30.2	30.0
Transparency (cm)	23	20	2	13
Depth (m)	1.0	2.0	0.1	0.4
Ph	2.2	2.0	1.2	1.0
BOD (mg/L)	9.6	9.0	7.1	8.7
BOD (mg/L)	1.4	1.6	0.7	0.9
COD (mg/L)	8.8	9.3	1.0	1.7
Mass of suspended matter (mg/L)	1	10	200	23
DO (mg/L)	11.4	10.1	12.2	9.7
N (mg/L)	0.01	0.77	0.9	2.1
P (mg/L)	0.036	0.037	0.87	0.092
Chlorophyll Chl-a (µg/L)	1.2	1.4	93.0	2.0
Phaeo-Pigment (µg/L)	3.1	2.7	300	33
Total (µg/L)	15.1	16.7	1300	111
Nitrate nitrogen (mg/L)	0.005	0.007	0.006	0.005
Nitrite nitrogen (mg/L)	-0.005	-0.005	-0.005	-0.005
Ammonia nitrogen (mg/L)	0.01	0.06	0.13	0.38
Dissolved organic nitrogen (mg/L)	0.21	0.41	1.8	1.3
Soluble organic nitrogen (mg/L)	0.09	0.29	2.0	0.47
Phosphate-phosphorus (mg/L)	0.001	0.001	0.006	0.002
Suspended Particulate Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.002	0.011	0.83	0.009
Dissolved phosphorus (mg/L)	0.002	0.006	0.037	0.022
Turbidity	4	6	170	17

Table 2 Data-Hibiya Moat

3. Water Improvement Conditions:

- Transparency 1mm.
- Chlorophyll Value Chl-a 25 µg/litre.
- T-P0.05 mg / litre.max.
- to be satisfied.

4. Technical Principle and the Purification System:

By using in combination with an AR agitator, to agitate the sediment (organics sludge) at the bottom of the moat and efficiently support the decomposition reduction caused by the dissolved oxygen rise which is created by the Anzai Kantetsu Nanobubble Generator AF 50 A/L.

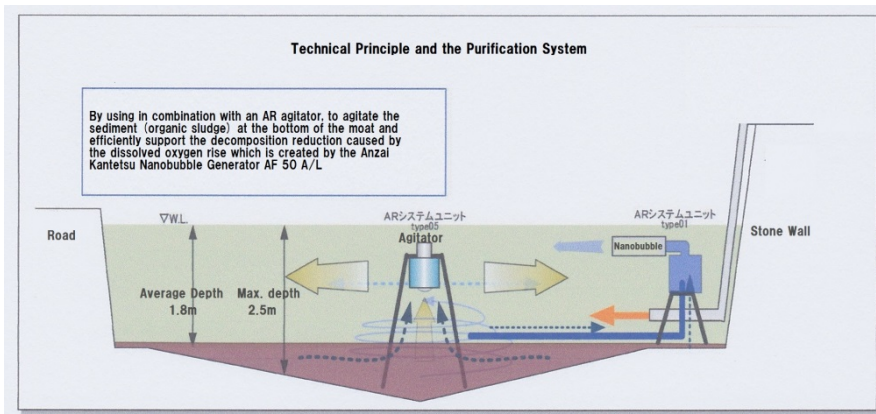


Fig.3 Purification System

Power Source: 100V single phase or 200V three phase power supply required.

Electricity Consumption of Equipment: 48 KW/ Daily

Monitoring: By monitoring cameras and having a stable Internet connection required for camera operation.

Equipment Noise: There is almost no sound accompanying equipment operation.

5. Site Schematic:

Hibiya Moat Area: 35,884m²

Deepest part: 4 m

Average depth: 1.4-2.5 m

Water Volume of Hibiya Moat: 72,000m³

In-flow water volume: 3,000-14,000 m³ (daily max.)

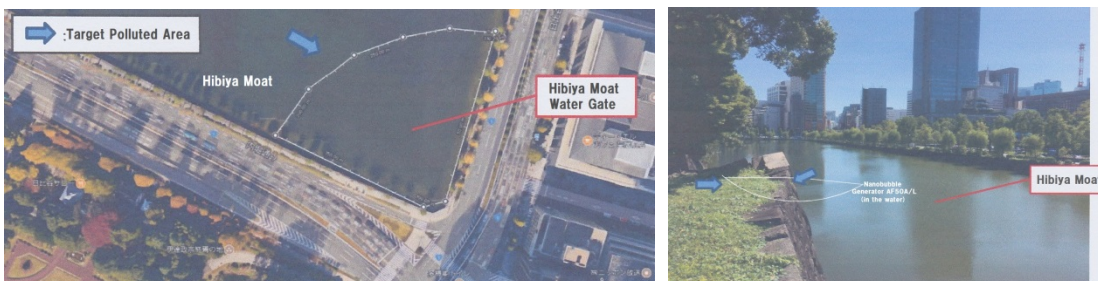


Fig.4&5 Target Polluted Area

6. Project Period:

August, 2018-September, 2018

7. The Results Evaluation Method

In addition to the Chlorophyll Value (Chl-a) of Blue-Green Algae, the evaluation was also made visually by the specialist based on the following criteria.

Evaluation Levels:

Level 1 Transparency rises and light green natural water color is back

Level 2 Lacks transparency, but Blue-Green Algae have been eliminated

Level 3 Blue-Green Algae remaining and still lack of transparency.

Level 4 Blue-Green Algae blown by the wind overlap to form a layer, and it has a strong odor.





Criteria	Reference Photographs
<p>☐ : [Level 1]</p> <p>Water transparency increases and light green colour returns</p>	
<p>☐ : [Level 2]</p> <p>Lacks transparency, and Blue-Green Algae have been eliminated</p>	
<p>☐ : [Level 3]</p> <p>Lacks transparency, Blue-Green Algae still remaining</p>	
<p>☐ : [Level 4]</p> <p>Blue-Green Algae blown by the wind overlap to form a thick layer and has a bad odour</p>	

Fig.6 Visual evaluation

Monitoring camera to be introduced for observing the level of Blue-Green Algae.

8. Results

Regarding the Hibiya Moat project, water sampling for evaluation was conducted in the following three locations:

		Starting Date A		Final Date B		1-(B/A)
		Sample Test	2018年8月9日	2018年8月9日	2018年9月28日	Improvement
Watergate	Chlorophyll a ($\mu\text{g/L}$)		910	42	200	78% Down
Boat House			—	—	64	

		Starting Date A		Final Date B		1-(B/A)
		Sample Test	2017年8月9日	2018年9月12日	2018年9月28日	Improvement
Watergate	T - P (mg/L)		0.87	0.061	0.064	93% Down
	Transparency			12.4	32.5	
	C O D (mg/L)		180	11	8	96% Down
	S S (mg/L)		280	13	8	97% Down
Boat House	T - P (mg/L)		—	0.055	0.025	
	Transparency			15.8	50	
	C O D (mg/L)			10	7.1	
	S S (mg/L)			11	4	

Table.3 The result

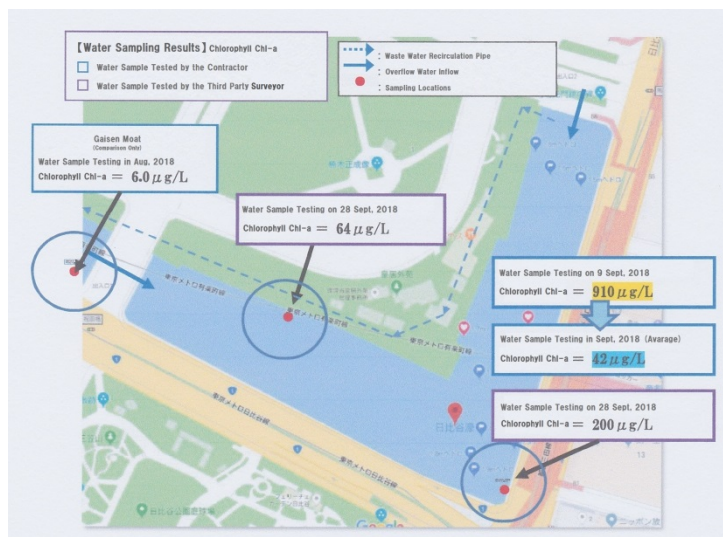


Fig.7 The result

Results Summary

- Chlorophyll Value-Chl-a ($\mu\text{g/litre}$)** fell to 200 from the initial 910 and improved by 78%.
- T-P (mg/litre)** decreased to 0.064 from the initial 0.87, achieving an improvement rate of 93%. ($<0.05\text{ mg}$)
- COD (mg/litre)** decreased to 8 from the original 180, achieving 96% improvement.
- SS (mg/litre)** decreased to 8 from the initial 280, achieving an improvement of 97%.

e. Transparency achieved 1 mormoreasinitiallytargeted.

Certificates & Data issued by the Tokyo Metropolitan Water Authority attached.
(See attached PDF)

Therefore, it is believed that the Nanobubbles will exert similar effects in purifying water quality throughout the entire moat of the Imperial Palace, and also prove that adoption over the whole water environmental improvement project toward Tokyo Olympics with the appropriate technology.

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Mr Anzai reviewing the water



Quality of water after treatment



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