

SYSTA Awardee Report 2025

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I had a wonderful time attending the 2nd International Sociohydrology Conference in Tokyo, Japan. We had many activities, ranging from site visits, keynote speeches, conference day, poster presentation, a discussion with young professionals, ceremonies, and even a dinner banquet. I feel at home with many attendees who are coming from different academic and professional backgrounds, making sense of what sociohydrology is all about. It is still an open discussion, and we would like to keep it that way, to anticipate developments. I also found new friends within the 3-day conference and 1-day site visit, and even made good friends with the other SYSTA awardees, Apoorva and Nura.

The first day was the site visits day, where it was extremely important to get the context of how sociohydrology has taken center stage in the Japanese experience of managing water resources. We got to see how hydrology sciences are used, and the social approach is intertwined within the decision-making processes in Japan's experience.



The second day was the opening of the conference, and also an important day for us, SYSTA Awardees, as we all had a role then. Apoorva and Nura with the oral presentations, and I with my poster. As we got to know better, we decided to watch each other's presentations.



It is my first time presenting a poster; usually, I present orally, which I think was arranged effectively, as I had many people attending my poster. I even had a long discussion with Prof. Sivapalan about my plan to publish an article based on the poster.



On the third day, particularly, the Water Scholar Awardees section was very much eye-opening. These scholars are very important, but they are humble, easy to talk with, and still interested in a wide range of topics. They are also exploring the road to socio-hydrology from a different perspective, so my interpretation of this science can still evolve in any direction.



This opportunity has been the highlight of my post-doc experience in scientific ways. I have also expanded my network, not only in hydrological sciences, but also in other related social sciences, even architecture, urban planning, history, etc. All of which are making me feel that my work has found a place in this sociohydrology sphere. I am thankful that the SYSTA provided by the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) has inspired my future work.