# Renovation of Taishakugawa Dam (Shin-Taishakugawa Power Station Project)

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# Location of the Shin-Taishakugawa Power Station



# Shin-Taishakugawa Power Station - Headrace Plan



Enercia Shin-Taishakugawa Power Station - Specifications

	Before redevelopment
Power station	Taishakugawa Power Station
River (River system)	Taishaku River and Fukumasu River (Takahashi River system)
Power generation method	Dam and conduit type
Catchment area	213.2 km <sup>2</sup>
Maximum output	4,400 kW
Maximum discharge	5.7 m³/s
Effective head	95.17 m

After redevelopment		
Shin-Taishakugawa Power Station	Taishakugawa Power Station	
Taishaku River (Takahashi River System)	Fukumasu River (Takahashi River System)	
Dam and conduit type	Conduit type	
120.0 km <sup>2</sup>	92.0 km <sup>2</sup>	
11,000 kW	2,400 kW	
10.0 m³/s	3.1 m³/s	
129.0 m	95.17 m	



# ■Major milestone

#### Commencement: May 2003 Start of Commercial operation: June 2004

-	Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Ite	m	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10
Ma	ajor schedule	Com	nencement/May (main work c	ommencement: June)	Sluice opening	Commercial operation start-up/June
Pre	paratory work					
	Dam		-			
ork	Intake port					
ing w	Headrace					
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ö	Power station				-	
	Discharge channel/outlet					
E	lectric work		_			



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● 1920 Commencement (Implementer: Sanyo Chuo Suiden)
 ⇒ Power transmission to Kansai and Okayama areas

- 1924 Completion (Dam height: 56.4 m)
  \* Japan's highest dam in those days [Reference: Oi Dam (completed in 1924: 53.4 m)]
- 1931 Dam height increased by 5.7 m (dam height: 62.1 m)
  ⇒Remains the same today
- 1966 Renovation of Spillway (111 wooden tumble gates → 2 steel roller gates)



## Unprecedented dam shape

- Crest length is half the height.
- It is like a wedge when seen from the front.

# • Extremely high storage efficiency

- Total storage capacity :14,278,000 m<sup>3</sup>, Effective storage capacity :12,995,000 m<sup>3</sup> (Dam volume :31,000 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Storage efficiency (effective capacity / dam volume) is the fourth highest in Japan (gravity dam).

Rank	Storage efficiency	Dam	Location	Owner
1	915.5	Uryu Daiichi	Hokkaido	The Hokkaido Electric Power Co., Inc.
2	695.6	Hanayama Dam (redevelopment)	Miyagi	Miyagi Prefecture
3	423.8	Yubari Shuparo	Hokkaido	Hokkaido Regional Development Bureau
4	419.1	Taishakugawa	Hiroshima	Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

# Enercia Topography of the Taishakugawa Dam Site (Downstream Side) [Aerial Photo]



Photo of the present status - Viewpoint (6): Aerial photo showing the power plant seen from above the downstream side

# **Energia** Topography of the Taishakugawa Dam Site (Upstream Side) [Aerial Photo]



Photo of the present status - Viewpoint (5): Aerial photo showing the power plant seen from above the downstream side

#### Enercia Taishakugawa Dam (Photo Taken From Downstream)



#### Enercia Taishakugawa Dam (Photo Taken from Upstream)



Photo of the present status - Viewpoint (2): Photo showing the dam and the Taro-iwa Rock from the sightseeing boat position (staged straight line plan)

Characteristics of the Taishakugawa Dam (2)—Dam Body

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#### Enercia Taishakugawa Dam—Plan View of the Surrounding Area







Tunnel (internal diameter: about 7 m)



# Government-designated scenic place "Valley of the Taishaku River (Taishaku-kyo)"

- Act for the Protection of Cultural Properties
- Designated in 1923

# Hiba, Dogo and Taishaku Quasi-National Park (Type 1 Special Zone)

- Natural Parks Act
- Designated in 1963

## One of the most famous sightseeing spots in Hiroshima Pref.

- Annual tourist turnout: about 700,000
  (particularly autumnal leaves attract tourists)
- Sightseeing boats cruise in the reservoir.
- The reservoir itself is a valuable sightseeing resource.

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#### **Energia** Map of Legal Restrictions around the Dam and its Reservoir



#### Enercia Reservoir (Lake Jinryu) and Sightseeing Boat [Autumn]



#### Enercia Reservoir (Ryujin Lake) and Sightseeing Boat [Spring]



Lake Opening (April 29)

# **Energia** Taishaku-kyo—Onbashi [National Monument: One of the World's Top Three Natural Bridges]



Total length: 90 m Width: 18 m Height: 40 m



## Deterioration

- The dam is already over 80 years old since its completion in 1924.
- The discharge capability of the existing spillway tunnel is insufficient.
  - The reservoir water level should be lowered in advance during the flood season to control the discharge volume.
- The head, maximum 35 m, is untapped.
  - No effective use of valuable water resource is made.



The solution is to conduct radical repair in coordination with the redevelopment program of the power plant so as to remodel the dam into a modern one.



# Increasing the flood control capability

- Additional installation of dam overflow spillways
- Increase of flood control capability from 720 m<sup>3</sup>/s to 1610 m<sup>3</sup>/s

# Improving the dam stability

- Additional concreting on the downstream side of the existing dam body
- Increasing the gradient of the downstream side of the dam from 1:0.665 to 1:0.89



# Complying with the current design code

# **Finercia** Taishakugawa Dam—Schematic Illustration of the Preservation Works

#### Sectional View of the Taishakugawa Dam



## Enercia Dam Design Drawing (Plan and Upstream Plan)





# Specifications of the Taishakugawa Dam

Item	Before repair	After repair
Туре	Concrete gravity	Same as left
Dam height	62.1 m	62.43 m
Dam volume	31,000 m <sup>3</sup>	45,000 m <sup>3</sup>
HWL	EL. 369.94 m	EL 369.94 m
LWL	EL. 335.55 m	EL. 356.00 m
Effective storage capacity	1.3 million m <sup>3</sup>	7.5 million m <sup>3</sup>
Flood control capability	720 m³/s	1,610 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Flood control method	Tunnel spillway: 720 m³/s	Tunnel spillway: 720 m³/s Dam overflow spillway: 890 m³/s





Photo of the present status - Viewpoint (6): Aerial photo showing the dam from above the downstream side



- 1. The original dam body was a boulder concrete dam covered with rubble stone. (Concrete before the dam concrete technique was established.)
- 2. A lot of leakage occurred in early years after completion, but over ten grouting applications improved the condition, and currently almost no leakage occurs (only a few liters per minute).
- 3. Physical values of the original dam body concrete (confirmed by survey with three boreholes on the dam crest)
  - Unconfined compressive strength: 20 N/mm<sup>2</sup> (average)

• Unit weight: 2.34 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (average)

4. No neutralization occurred (the effect of the stone finish on the dam body?)

The existing dam body concrete satisfies the properties required of a dam concrete (water-tightness, strength, unit weight, etc.).









# **Rock Grade Distribution**



good quality grade, CH.



# 1. Background

A torrential rainfall occurred in the Sanin area and caused devastating damage in 1983. In response, the scale of a flood practically expected to occur was reviewed in detail.



As it turned out, it is possible that a flood that far exceeds the original release capability (720 m<sup>3</sup>/s) would occur (about 1,000 m<sup>3</sup>/s).





# Design flood discharge

In compliance with the Cabinet Order concerning Structural Standards for River Management Facilities, the flood discharge by the Creager formula, 1,610 m<sup>3</sup>/s, was adopted as the design flood discharge from above Creager discharge, the past maximum flood discharge and the 1/200 probability flood discharge.

The flow (890 m<sup>3</sup>/s) that cannot be handled by the original tunnel spillway capability (720 m<sup>3</sup>/s) should be handled by spillways additionally installed on the dam body.

#### [Reference]

- i. Past maximum flood discharge: 659 m<sup>3</sup>/s (July 12, 1972)
- ii. 1/200 probability flood discharge: 690 m<sup>3</sup>/s
- iii. Discharge by Creager formulation: 1,610 m<sup>3</sup>/s



# • Elimination of Energy Dissipators

Energy Dissipators such as an auxiliary dam were eliminated to reduce the natural area to modify and the cost.

[Grounds]

i. No houses or important structures exist within a few kilometers in radius downstream of the dam. In addition, the flood release from the reservoir will be limited to a range of 200 m downstream of the dam because of topographic conditions.

→ Confirmed by hydraulic model experiment

- ii. Sound rock foundations are exposed on both banks downstream of the dam, which indicates almost no possibility of a major failure of the river bank even if flood release takes place.
  - $\rightarrow$  Confirmed by geologic survey





#### (Model scale - 1:60)




The stability design was conducted based on "Kakitani's dam enlargement formula" that considers the condition that dam enlargement will be conducted based on the reservoir impounding condition.

### "Kakitani's dam enlargement formula"

- A formula derived from the rigid body theory based on the basic idea that the load during construction work is sustained by the former dam body and that the new load to be added after completion is sustained jointly by the new and former dam body.
- This idea was applied to our Odomari Dam (completed in 1959) for the first time and has been used for the majority of dam enlargement projects since then.







- Considering the fact that the reservoir is used for sightseeing purpose, the construction work should be conducted with the reservoir filled with water, but in this case, it is necessary to consider the impact of water storage on the original dam body, and it is not appropriate to apply the new dam construction design principle.
- The basic idea that the load during the work is to be sustained by the original dam body and that the new load added after completion to be sustained jointly by the new and old dam bodies is considered to be applicable as is to this work. Therefore, it is appropriate to use the design based on the idea of Kakitani's formula although no dam enlargement work is included.

The water level during the work is the biggest factor to determine the downstream gradient according to Kakitani's formula. ⇒The lower the level during work, the steeper the downstream gradient can be.

### [What should be considered in determining the water level during work]

#### • The lower the level during work, the better.

- •It allows reduction in the natural area to be modified.
- •It allows control of flooding during work.

#### • The higher the level during work, the better.

•It allows sightseeing boats to be operated.

#### [Determination of the water level during work]

Minimum level that allows safe operation of sightseeing boats: EL 350 m (20 m down from HWL) plus 2 m allowance to set the water level during the work in terms of design calculation to EL 352 m.

## Downstream Gradient: 1:0.89



## Apply consolidation grouting to the area that becomes a new dam foundation.

It is confirmed by boring that the foundation of the original dam body is low in permeability.





#### No curtain (rim) grouting

#### [Reason]

Although there is a part with high permeability (20Lu or more) in the higher part of the original dam body, no HWL change should be allowed, and no leak that may hinder operation would occur as a result of the investigation of the area around the dam with the reservoir fully filled on an experimental basis. Therefore, no curtain grouting would be conducted.





- Since the total amount of concrete placed is not so much, or about 15,600 m<sup>3</sup>, an existing ready-mixed concrete plant should be used [for cost reduction].
  - [Reviews]
    - Concrete production capability
    - Transport time from production to placement
    - Impact on concrete supply, etc.
- The maximum aggregate size of 40 mm should be determined based on the detailed mixing test, thermal stress analysis, and workability tests for compaction, etc. [for cost reduction].
- Moderate heat fly ash cement (30% fly ash replacement rate) should be adopted for cement [for environmental conservation].

## Dam Concrete (Concreting Method)

## Transport

Transport from the local ready-mixed concrete plant to the dam site on an agitator vehicle (traveling distance: about 13 km)

## Concreting

Concreting with bucket (2.25 m<sup>3</sup>) using an 80-ton crawler crane installed on the temporary platform on the downstream side.

## Concreting method

Joint use of extended layer construction method and block layer construction method

## • Concreting lift 1m (50 cm × two layers)

## Dam Concrete (Mixing Review)

#### 1. Mixing conditions

• Strength

Match the strength of the original dam body (20 N/mm2) to ensure monolithic structure of the new and old dam body.

Durability and water-tightness

Water-binder ratio should be not more than 60% since mixing is conducted outside the site.

• Slump and air ratio

The appropriate mixing that considers workability should be used.

#### 2. Determination of mixing

- Cement used: Moderate-heat flyash cement
- Max. coarse aggregate dimension: 40 mm
- Slump:  $4.0 \pm 1.0$  cm ( $8.0 \pm 2.5$  cm for the structural parts)
- Air volume: 4.0 ± 1.0%
- W/C: 60%

	Water	Cement	Fine aggregate	Coarse aggregate	Remarks
Dam body	147	245	741	1178	
Structure	165	275	750	1096	



	Maximum aggregate 40 mm	Maximum aggregate 80 mm
Quality (strength, durability, heating properties)	It is confirmed from mixing test and thermal stress analysis that it satisfies the performance requirements of dam concrete.	Same as left
	Δ	0
Workability	Applicable (Fewer past applications) → It is confirmed from workability test that excellent applications will be possible by remodeling part (caterpillar part) of the buyback.	Applicable (Plenty of past applications)
	0	0
Economic efficiency	No remodeling of existing plant necessary	Remodeling of existing plant necessary
	0	X
Judgment	0	Δ



Specific Problem in Case Additional Concrete is Poured on the Downstream Side of the Original Dam Body

## Dam stability

Design with reservoir impounding condition considered
→ Kakitani's formula

## Integration of the new and old dam bodies

 Confirmation of strength of the construction joints between new and old concrete

## Review of thermal stress

•Review of thermal stress unique to dam enlargement project (additional concreting on the back of the original dam body)



Integration of the new and old dam bodies has no problem when the shear strength is estimated from the compressive strength of the original dam body. But validity of estimation of the strength of the rubble concrete from the boring core is debatable.



#### [Test results]

- Shear strength: 2.0 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Shear stress of the new and old concreting joints: 0.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>



Integration of new and old dam bodies allowed

Additional actions to take: chipping and joint bar



#### [Problems related to thermal stress for dam enlargement project]

- 1. Reduction in thermal stress (the same measures as those for general mass concrete)
- 2. Measures for tensile stress on upstream side of the existing dam body
- 3. Review on the impact of the restricting conditions (existing dam body as a restricting condition)



**Example of Thermal Stress Measures (1) [Measure to treat local stress on construction joints of the new and old concrete]** 

- Large tensile stress occurs locally on the construction joints between new and old concrete at the top part (flat part) of the original dam body.
- It is potentially the most vulnerable point for the structure, and full stress measures and cut-off water measures are necessary.





- Reinforcement by rebars
- Water-stop plates in the dam axial direction
- Monitoring of behavior with buried metersVerification of thermal stress analysis

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#### Example of Thermal Stress Measures (2) [Measures against Tensile Stress on the Upstream Side of the Existing Dam Body]

- Although thermal stress that occurs is smaller than the concrete's tensile strength, the part is in direct contact with water, and in case any crack occurs, it could lead to leakage of the dam reservoir.
- Since the work is conducted with the reservoir filled with water, it is difficult to conduct any drastic measures that fully covers the areas where tensile stress will occur.



## Apply grouting to the upstream side of the existing dam body.



#### Plan view



- Maintenance flow Apr. to Nov.: 0.687 m<sup>3</sup>/s (0.57 m<sup>3</sup>/s/100 km<sup>2</sup>) Dec. to Mar.: 0.360 m<sup>3</sup>/s (0.30 m<sup>3</sup>/s/100 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Considering the impact on the downstream area (reduction of water temperature because of released water), porous selective intake facility should be installed.
- To preserve the river environment, additional release (flashing discharge: max. 4.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s) should be conducted using this facility.

#### **Outline of Maintenance Flow Release Equipment**





### Radial gate (rear wind-up type) is adopted for the purpose of better aesthetics.









[Strict topographic conditions and environmental restrictions]

- The dam site area is characterized by extremely steep and narrow topography with limestone-based steep cliffs continuously flanking the river.
  - →No road available for access of work vehicles to the dam site nor any yard of a sufficient area
  - Any change of the natural condition isn't allowed in principle.

Construction using machine as in the case of ordinary dam construction work is difficult.





## Plan View of the Temporary Facility



## **Energia** Photo Showing Temporary Facilities Around the Dam Reservoir





Improvement of Dam Management Road (Road expansion of the Hairpin Curve)





## **Transport of 80-ton Crawler Crane**



# **Temporary Platform in the Reservoir**



## Enercia Temporary Platform in the Reservoir (Cable-stayed Erection - Sqc Method)



No work at the foundation part  $\rightarrow$ 

Cutting work on the slope or level adjustment work not necessary

Work will not be affected by the water level of the reservoir.

## **Energia** Temporary Platform in the Reservoir (Sqc Method)



## **Energia** Temporary Platform in the Reservoir (Conventional Method)



## **Energia** Temporary Platform on the Downstream Side of the Dam



 Temporary platform was constructed using the conventional method in order to place concrete on the downstream side of the dam.

• With the progress of dam concreting, the temporary platform was removed span by span.

## **Finercia** Temporary Platform on the Downstream Side of the Dam





### Temporary Platform on the Downstream Side of the Dam (Seen from Downstream Side)





#### [Selection of the subject flow discharge]

When a concrete dam is constructed, even though water overflows during the construction work, it will not generally cause any fatal damage providing the work is conducted with the possible place of overflow properly taken into consideration. Therefore, the subject flood discharge adopted for the design of a gravity concrete dam is generally that of a flood that will occur once or twice a year.



Now the subject discharge at this point is determined to be the flood discharge of once a year probability, and the appropriate flood discharge was calculated from the flood discharge data in 56 years from 1943 to 1998.







# *Diversion Works (Photo showing the Completed Works)*



Inlet

#### Outlet (outlet of the original spillway)
























Riverbed of the downstream channel before excavation

Excavation completed (foundation ground investigation)



#### Excavation work

















## Chipping of the Original Dam Body



### **Energia** Removal of the Upper Part of the Original Dam Body (Intake Tower Part)



### **Enercia** Removal of the Upper Part of the Original Dam Body (Intake Tower Part)



# Removal of the Upper Part of the Original Dam Body (Right Bank)



Right-bank removal completed (July 2005)

### **Energia** Dam Concrete Placement (Compaction with Mini Buyback)



### **Energia** Dam Concrete Placement (Compaction with Manual Vibrator)







### **Fnercia** Ready-mixed Concrete Transport Truck Fitted with Thermal Insulant









## Dam Concrete Placement (January 2005)





### Dam Concrete Placement (March 2005)





### Dam Concrete Placement (May 2005)





### Dam Concrete Placement (June 2005)





### Dam Concrete Placement (August 2005)



















# Photo showing Dam Work Completed







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Action	Description
Protection of valuable fauna and flora	(1) Protection and monitoring of rare birds of pray (hawk eagle)
	(2) Moving, relocation, and monitoring of valuable fauna and flora
	(3) Enhancement of the work-related people's consciousness of protection
Landscape design	(4) Landscape design for the area around the dam
	(5) Landscape design for the area around the power station
Cyclic use of construction by- products	(6) Recycling of sludge produced from treatment of turbid water
Reduction in the natural area to modify	(7) Use of already developed or changed areas
Preservation of the river environment	(8) flashing discharge, treatment of turbid water, and water quality monitoring

# Protection and Monitoring of Rare Birds of Prey (Hawk Eagle)

- Noise control measures
  - No use of dynamites in the breeding period (January to July)
  - Use of soundproof doors and sound-insulation sheets (all through the year)
- Use of appropriate lighting for the night-time work (use of sodium vapor lamps)
- Monitoring of growth and breeding by specialists
- Use of bister, a subdued color, for penstock coating (Our standard is gray).



# *Moving, Relocation and Monitoring of Valuable Fauna and Flora*

 $\bigcirc$  Valuable species confirmed in the work area

- Fauna: 5 species (Stereophaedusa costifera, Sasakia charonda, etc.)
- Flora: 19 species (Buxus microphylla var. insularis, Anemone nikoensis, Adonis amurensis, etc.)
- Valuable fauna and flora in the work-affected area should be moved and relocated before commencement of the work.

Monitoring of the inhabitation condition by specialists



Stereophaedusa costifera



Buxus microphylla var. insularis



### **Enhancement of the Work-related People's Consciousness of Protection**

- Distribution of a leaflet describing the valuable fauna and flora to all work-related people.
- Holding of field workshops for work-related people.

To the Work-related People (Regarding Protection of Valuable Fauna and Flora)



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Leaflet (notebook size)



### Field workshop

### **Energia** Landscape Design of the Area around the Dam (1/2)

- Dam design with the harmony with the surrounding landscape (continuous presence of limestone cliffs) taken into consideration
  - Instructions of specialists
  - $\odot$  Shape, size, and coloring of structures; and the color of the gate



### Expected as-built photo (CG) of the dam and its surrounding

## *Landscape Design of the Area around the Dam (2/2)*

 Subdued color (gray) is also entirely used for the temporary facilities to ensure harmony with the surrounding landscape.



Temporary platform in the reservoir

### **Energia** Recycling of Sludge Produced from Treatment of Turbid Water (Cycling Use of Construction By-products)

 Sludge generated from turbid water treatment is mixed with coal ash for quality improvement, and the mixture is recycled as construction materials for the project site.





### **Dewatered** cakes

Improved soil

# (Reduction in the Natural Area to Modify)

- The dam management road for the existing dam is reused, with its road width (3.5 m) almost unchanged, for a construction road for vehicles entering to the dam site (which is located in one of the government-designated scenic places).
- Various pieces of construction equipment are placed on the already modified areas.



Dam management road (80-ton crane driving on the road)

## **Energia** Flashing discharge, treatment of turbid water, and water quality monitoring (Preservation of the River Environment)

- Flashing discharge is conducted to improve the downstream river environment of the dam.
  - Changing the normal release moves sand and sediments in the river water to prevent adhesion or deposition of sludge.
- Treatment of turbid drainage water  $\Rightarrow$  Sludge after treatment is recycled.
- Monitoring of river water quality



Flashing release of water


- The number of dam redevelopment projects is predicted to increase for the purpose of elongating the dam service life or making effective use of dams considering the ongoing aging of dams, depletion of new dam sites, and increasing difficulty in finding dam sites.
- The redevelopment project of the Taishakugawa Dam covers the majority of technical tasks related to redevelopment of concrete dams, and it is understood to be the model case for future concrete dam redevelopment as a case of systematization and compilation of all those techniques.



## Thank you for your attention.