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# Global Capacity Building for Sustainable and Climate-resilient Water Management

## Smart Energy Infrastructure Study Tour

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# 1. Introduction to K-water



## Korea Water Resources Corporation

World's Best Comprehensive Water Platform Provider

### Establishment

- In 1967
- Headquarters in Daejeon



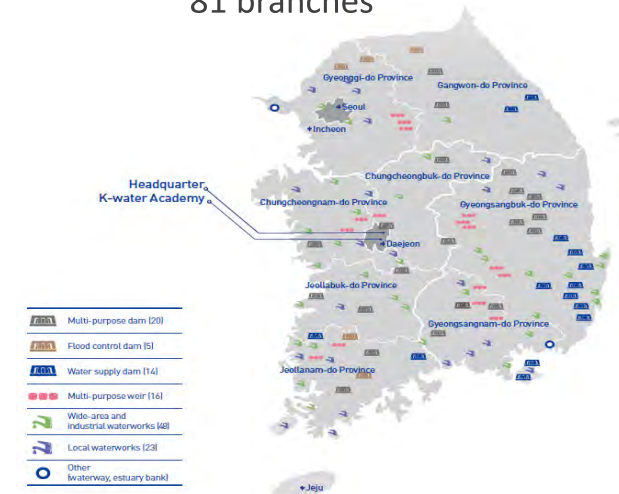
### Financial Highlights

- 100% Government-owned enterprise
  - (Total Assets) USD 27 billion
  - (Revenue) USD 4 billion
  - (Credit Rating) Aa2 (Moody's)
- \* as of `22 Dec.



### Employees & Offices

- (Employees) 6,234 people [as of `24 Oct.]
- (Organization) [as of `24 Oct.]
  - (HQs) 8 divisions, 37 depts
  - (Region) 7 head offices, 25 depts, 81 branches



(Source: 2023 K-water Sustainability Report)



# Main Business Areas

(as of `22 Dec.)

## Water Sharing

Developing a climate change—  
proof integrated  
water management



- Creating a comprehensive water disaster response system through dam–river linkages
- Strengthening response capabilities against basin-wide climate change
- Reinforcing the integrated water management system in the basins
- Improving the water environment in the basin for the harmonious coexistence between humans and nature
- Pioneering the digitalization of basin water management

The leading multipurpose dam  
management in Korea

**94%**  
of the flood control capacity

**830**  
times the size of Seokchon Lake

## Water Safety

Ensuring trustworthy  
drinking water supplies for all



- Committing to providing tap water that is safe and reliable, meeting the public's expectations
- Developing a robust system for utilizing basin water that contributes to the growth of the national industry
- Implementing innovative changes in the water supply system to address challenges posed by the climate crisis
- Ensuring equitable access to water services across regions and enhancing the overall reliability of tap water
- Establishing a smart water supply management system leveraging digital transformation technologies

No. 1 tap water supply in Korea

**49%**  
of the nation's water facilities

**34,000km**  
long water pipes

## Water Convergence

Striving for global leadership in the  
water value nexus



### Water-Integrated Cities

- Laying the foundation for creating climate-resilient environmental cities
- Leading innovative technology—integrated smart water cities
- Establishing carbon-neutral, sustainable cities

## Smart-City

Development of Korea's first  
smart city

Residents experience  
innovative and improved  
technologies  
Vitalization of living labs



### Water-Integrated Energies

- Leveraging current water management facilities to expand water energy
- Harnessing emerging technologies, enhancing energy management, and engaging in new business ventures
- Transitioning systematically toward a net-zero society

No. 1 renewable energy  
producer in Korea

**2,461 GWh**

Annual consumption of  
**740,000**  
households



### Global Platforms

- Securing global water cooperation initiatives
- Promoting significant international investment projects
- Utilizing global platforms to share and disseminate technologies

The world's only  
global water industry

**30** projects in  
**14** countries

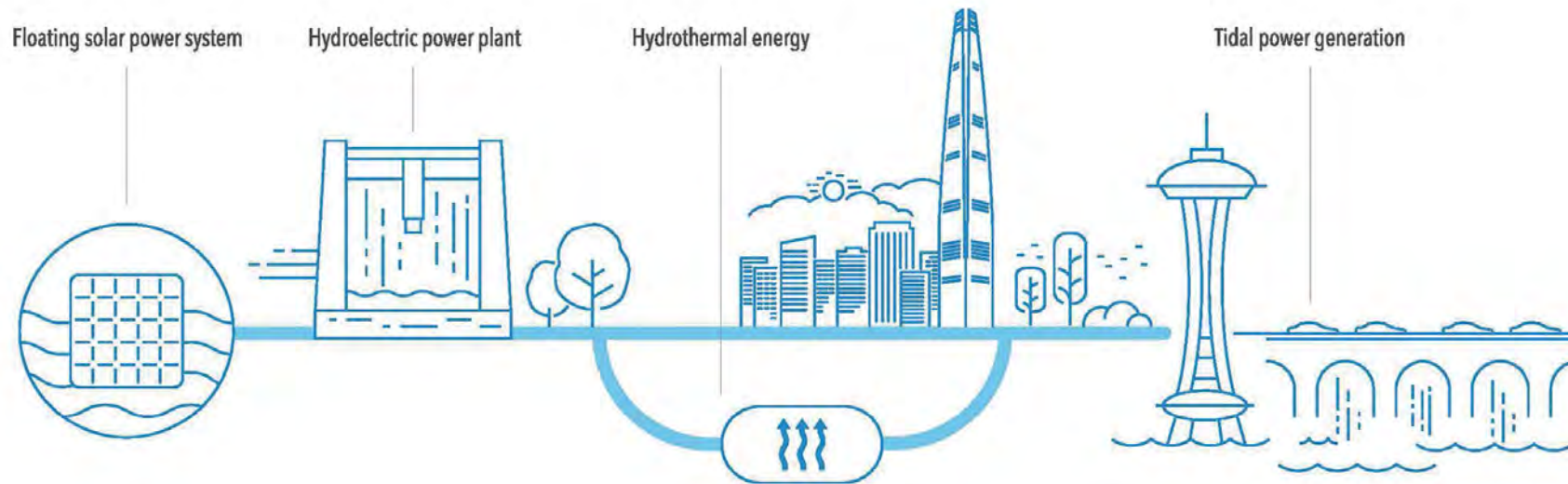
Implementation of  
overseas projects throughout  
the entire water cycle

(Source: 2023 K-water Sustainability Report)

# Pioneering the Country's Transition to Low Carbon Energy

**We increase the value of water energy and lead to realization of national carbon neutrality**

As the largest new and renewable energy producer in Korea, K-water strives to develop eco-friendly energies. We are creating a sustainable future through the expansion of clean energy businesses by participating in RE100 which is an initiative to replace 100% of the nation's power supply with renewable energy.



(Source: 2023 K-water Brochure – YOUR TRUE ESG PARTNER)



## Creating new and renewable energy for a sustainable society



Capacity of K-water's renewable energy facilities

# 1,417<sub>MW</sub>

• 1,093 MW (HPP), 254 MW (tidal), 62 MW (solar), and 8 MW (wind)



## Implementing net-zero water management in response to climate change

### Korea's No. 1 public corporation for renewable energy

- Producing 2,431 GWh of renewable energy per annum through hydroelectric power, solar power, wind power, etc
    - Reduction of the 1,120,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions with the electricity that 700,000 households can use for about a year
  - Expanding the scope of energy business model to an eco-friendly model involving residents
- Renewable energy** | energy sources that can be recycled and used continuously without being depleted such as solar, solar heat, hydro, wind, bio, waste, etc

### Expanding the application of floating solar power systems for eco-friendly green transformation

- Operating 49.6 MW-capacity power facilities at 5 locations, including Hapcheon, Boryeong, and Chungju
  - Developing 1.1 GW-capacity power facilities by 2030 in an eco-friendly and regional-friendly manner by utilizing the water surfaces of dam reservoirs
    - Capable of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 659,000 tons and fine particulates by 715 tons per year
- Floating solar power system** | An eco-friendly power plant that installs solar modules on the surface of dam reservoirs and a fusion facility that combines renewable (solar) energy with marine technology (shipping + mooring)

### Supplying sustainable clean hydrothermal energy

- Development of 286,000 RT (1 GW) by 2030 by utilizing dams, lakes and swamps, and water metropolitan water sources
    - Reduction of annual energy consumption by 978 GWh and greenhouse gas by 240,000 tons
  - Promotion of a project to create a hydrothermal energy fusion and complex cluster in Gangwon-do (construction 2020-2027, operation 2028-2057)
    - Utilization of hydrothermal energy generated from the Soyanggang Dam reservoir for the cooling data center facilities (16,500 RT in scale)
- Hydrothermal energy** | A system for heating and cooling with water (river water, dam-lake water, etc.)
- 1 RT** | The amount of heat needed to turn 1 ton of water at 0°C into ice at 0°C within 24 hours (air conditioning and heating available for a space around 33 m<sup>2</sup> space)

### Operating the world's largest tidal power plant

- Operating the world's largest Sihwa Lake Tidal Power Plant (254 MW) to generate up to 552 GWh of electricity
    - Reduction of annual greenhouse gas emissions by 250,000 tons
- Tidal power generation** | A power generation method that produces electricity with water-turbine generators using the water level difference between the tides, and the external and internal seas


### Converting to net-zero water management by establishing an efficient water supply system and producing new and renewable energy


- Low-energy water management such as recycling, seawater desalination, and eco-filtering
- Net-zero management for metropolitan water treatment plants, development of floating solar panels, and expansion of hydrothermal energy supply


# 1. Introduction to K-water


Carbon Neutrality Rate 158% (as of 2023)

Annual Electricity Usage: 1,717GWh/year (97% at WTPs)  
Annual Renewable Energy Generation: 2,726GWh/year

 HPP (2,194GWh)

 Tidal (438GWh)

 PV(90GWh)

 Wind(4GWh)

Pioneering Water-related Renewable Energy

- ✔ Explore Diverse Energy Sources (113 plants, 1,431 MW in total)
- ✔ Tailored and Diverse Business Models (Investment Project, Gov-commissioned Project, community-shared Project, etc.)

(as of Sep `24)

Item	HPP	Tidal	PV	Wind
Capacity (MW)	1,093	254	76	8
Number of plants	64	1	45	3

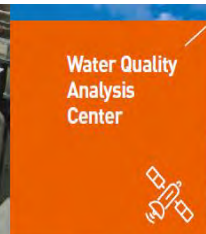
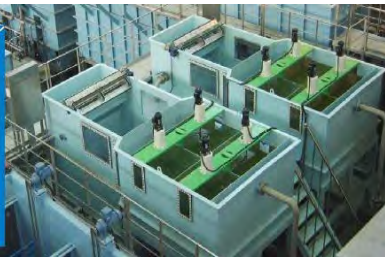
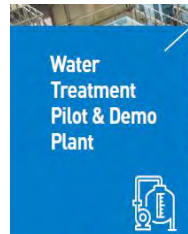




### K-water HRD Institute (K-water Academy)

Global Water Capacity Building for Better Future

- A hub of practical learning and knowledge sharing across the water sector since '97



Lectures & Workshops



Study Visits



Hands-on Exercises



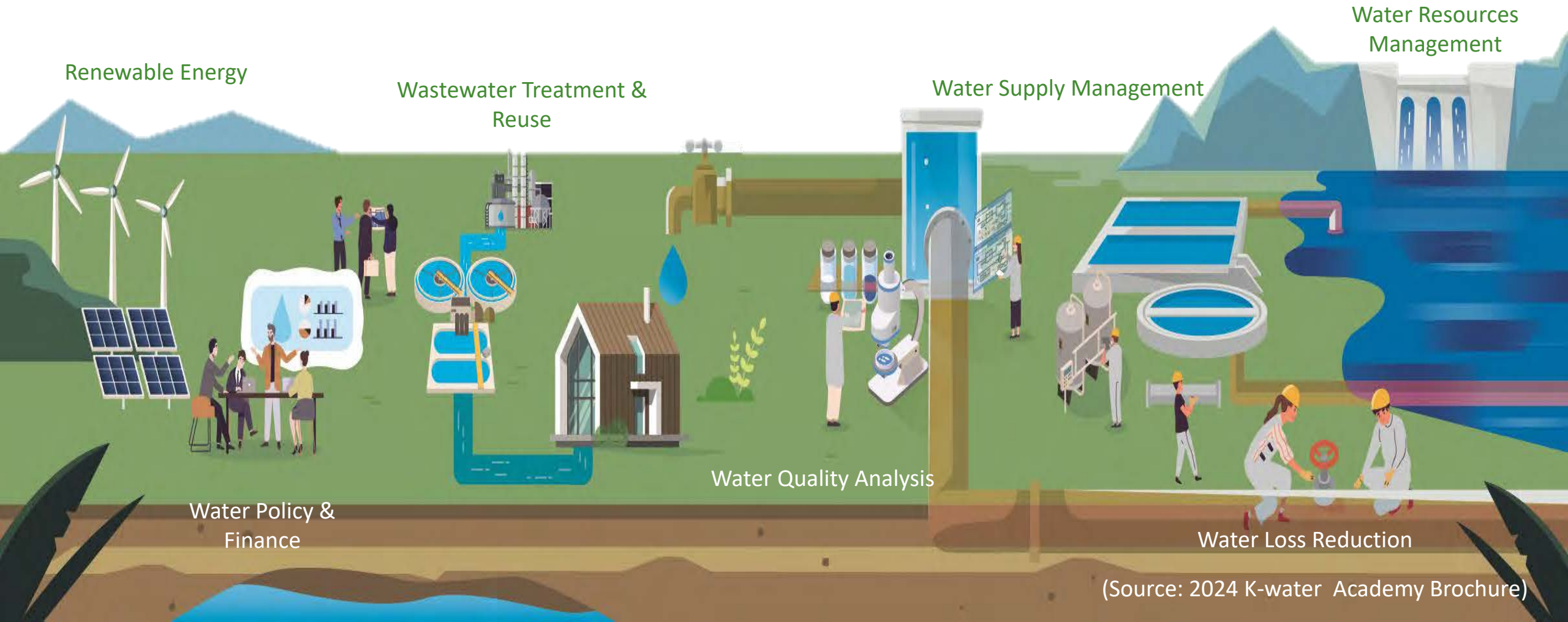


## 2. Global Capacity Building with K-water Academy



# Features

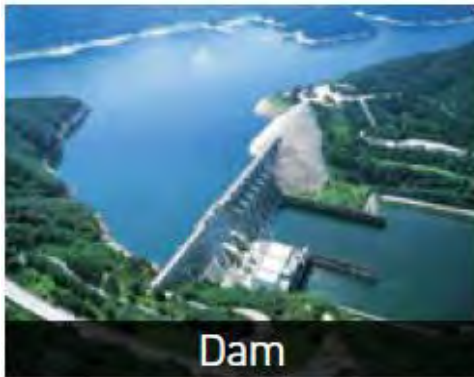
- Comprehensive learning modules covering from source to tap across the entire water process, leveraging K-water's resources and expertise





# Features

- Variety of Water-related Infrastructure Managed by K-water Available for Study Visits and Hands-on



(Source: 2024 K-water Academy Brochure)

# Achievement

- Completed 400 programs for more than 5,000 Alumni from 124 countries ('97 - '23)



(Source: 2024 K-water Academy Brochure)



### ■ (Example) Consulting for Uzbekistan WSS Training Center

\* Grant of Korea Green Growth Trust Fund

#### Baseline Survey & Gap Analysis



#### Training of Trainers

- Education
- Career
- Work Period
- Other strength

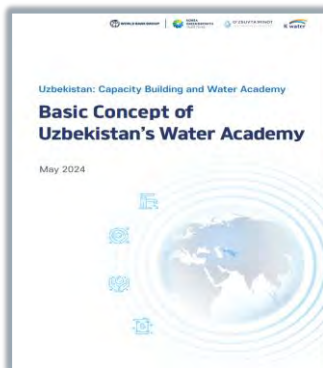
#### Selection Criteria



#### Online Interview

Selection of Trainer Candidates

#### Suggestions of Capacity Building Model



- Objectives & Key considerations;
- Training modules, procedure, unit & facilities;
- Professional certifications & Partnership, etc.



#### Practical Learning (Lecture, Study visits, Hands-on)



#### Teaching Skill Learning



#### Online Training

Hybrid Training

- Support Solutions to **Real-world Issues** in **Clients' Local Context**

### Uganda's Climate Resilience in Water Resources Management

- ✓ Partner: WB Uganda (KGGTF) (completed)  
\* Korea Green Growth Trust Fund
- ✓ Client: Uganda Ministry of Water Environment/ Water Resources Institute
- ✓ Term: March '20 - 'Dec. '22 (34 months)
- ✓ Objectives: Training modules development and Training of Trainers



Hybrid Training



Training (up: KOR, down: UGA)



Training modules



Cyber materials by WB

\* Image Source: K-water (2022)

### Lake-wide Water Quality Improvement in Lake Victoria Basin

- ✓ Partner: WB Water GP (completed)  
\* Korea Green Growth Trust Fund
- ✓ Client: East Africa Community – Lake Victoria Basin Commission
- ✓ Term: 30 May – 2 June, 2023
- ✓ Objectives: Firsthand learning for lake-wise WQ improvement, Discussions with diverse stakeholders



Forum with Korea WSS SMEs

\* K-water (2023)



Visit to KECO (WWTPs Tele. Monitoring System)



Workshop with GCF



- Support for **Globally-Shared Efforts** to Address **Eminent Water Issues**

### Renewable Energy - Floating Solar Panel

- ✓ Partner: WB KPOK\* (completed)  
\* Korea Program of Operational Knowledge
- ✓ Target: Government officers, Enterprises & WB staffs of Interest in developing countries



\* Image Source: K-water

### Water Utility Digitalization

- ✓ Partner: WB Water GP (Water Digital Team) (in progress)  
\* Global Water Security & Sanitation Partnership
- ✓ Target: Water utilities and WB staffs of interest in Asia-Pacific region  
\* will be followed by a KGGTF funded project



\* K-water

### Expert Exchange for WSS & WRM

- ✓ Partners: WB Kenya & Angola Offices (in progress)  
\* Korea Green Growth Trust Fund
- ✓ Target:
  - Small WASH utilities (Kenya)
  - IWRM & Dam safety (Angola)



\* (left) K-water-WB (`18),



(right) D. Proctor (`23)

# Future Steps

## **Achieving more Efficacy**

- ✓ Comprehensive courses for real-world issues
- ✓ Engagement of Diverse Players and Integration of Sectors

## **Adding more Reciprocity and Sustainability**

- ✓ Support for Self-sustaining Capacity Building
- ✓ Private Sector Engagement
- ✓ Reciprocal – “Exchange” of Knowledge, Experience, and Culture ...



THANK YOU  
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**Information about K-water and K-water Academy AVAILABLE at**

- ✓ [https://www.kwater.or.kr/eng/inve/annuPage.do?s\\_mid=1203](https://www.kwater.or.kr/eng/inve/annuPage.do?s_mid=1203) (annual report)
- ✓ <https://www.kwater.or.kr/academy/main.do> (capacity building programs conducted)

## Floating PVs of K-water

- ✓ PV power plants on water surface of dam reservoirs  
(7 sites 58.5 MW in operation)

Leap period 2024~

Growth period ~2023

Early period ~2013



- ◆ Juam (Test)  
2.4kW ('09)



- ◆ Hapcheon (Pilot)  
100kW ('11.12)



- ◆ Hapcheon #1  
500kW ('12.09)



- ◆ Hapcheon #2 (R&D)  
100kW ('13.12)



- ◆ Boryeong #1  
2.0MW ('16.03)



- ◆ Chungju #1  
3.0MW ('17.12)



- ◆ Hapcheon SPC #1  
41.5MW ('21.11)



- ◆ Chungju #2  
2.6MW ('22.08)



- ◆ Soyangriver SPC #1  
8.8MW ('23.11)



- ✓ 5 new projects (186MW)  
in progress

- ◆ Imha SPC 47.2MW ('24.12)
- ◆ Hapcheon SPC #2 20MW ('25)
- ◆ Yongdam SPC #1 20MW ('25)
- ◆ Chungju SPC 40MW ('25)
- ◆ Soyangriver SPC #2 59.5MW ('26)