Stormwater Control Measures for Tokyo

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Abstract
A review of data from the 117 precipitation stations in Tokyo show that in 1990 only a
dozen or more places recorded hourly rainfall of more than 50 millimeters; in 2005, this
number grew to 66. Therefore, Tokyo Metropolitan Government instituted its Basic Policy
for Intense Rainfalls in August 2007. The policy has three core goals: to protect lives during
flood disasters, to secure indispensable urban functions during inundations and to reduce
property damage caused by flooding. While keeping the goals of the long-term plan in sight,
we are working to realize the 10-year plan for priority zones by focusing efforts on
improving trunks sewers and pumping stations, which are the core infrastructures in flood
prevention programs.

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