Notes of WGISS-33 CEOS Water Portal project Session

1. Atsushi KAWAI (JAXA) gave a presentation with an emphasis on status updates since the last WGISS meeting. The updates include a new feature enabling user feedback registration/search, newly introduced datasets (GRACE, FLUXNET), and 5-year milestone.

2. Following questions were asked and answered.
   (1) In the slides, there is a table of data partners and some of them are colored yellow in the background. What does the color indicate? Also, why does it specified “Canada” for server location of GEMS/Water? (Thomas Bleeker/NSO)
   ➢ The yellow indicates they are planned and not accessible yet.
   And it is labeled “Canada” as the server that holds GEMS/Water data IS located in Canada. (JAXA Water Portal Team)

   (2) Does the portal provide access to actual data? Also, what is the user authentication for? (Brian Killough/CEOS SEO)
   ➢ Yes, the portal does provide seamless access to data. The user registration and authentication is implemented to keep track of users access. A total new user registration capability that can handle data center specific requirement is planned to be in place in the coming years. (JAXA Water Portal Team)

   (3) Based on the recommendations from the portal study results, I’ll test out the water portal and give you the feedback on that. (Brian Killough/CEOS SEO)
   ➢ Thank you. (JAXA Water Portal Team)

   (4) What does the “Operational System” mean in the milestone? (Wyn/UKSA)
   ➢ The portal is now in a prototyping phase and it is supposed to be handed over to an organization for the “operation”. (JAXA Water Portal Team)

   (5) Are the target users of the portal scientists? (Wyn/UKSA)
   ➢ We are targeting users that are not just scientists but also users in more general. But currently, and in actuality, the scientists are the main users. (JAXA Water Portal Team)

   (6) It can be a good input for QA4EO as they are also trying to work out the proper way to deal with satellite data and insitu data in parallel. (Wyn/UKSA)
   ➢ Could be, in the future. (JAXA Water Portal Team)