

# CALFED Brown Bag Seminar Series Presents

## Water Challenges in Taiwan

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Levee fragility...seasonal flooding...drinking water supplies...irrigation...habitat...sound familiar? No, we're not talking about the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We're talking about issues on the other side of the world. Lee and his group will discuss how the Taiwanese government deals with these issues, as well as their research on water management and eco-technology during this Brown Bag Seminar.

In January 2006, the legislature of Yuan Province in Taiwan passed legislation that authorized a \$4 billion expenditure in flood-prone areas of Shi-Men and its catchments. The Shi-Men area is a very important habitat for many native species and provides drinking water supplies and irrigation to all of central Taiwan.

Under traditional approaches in Taiwan, agencies have tended to operate independently, and often at cross-purposes, using relatively inflexible regulatory tools, and without significant stakeholder input and institutional mechanisms capable of adapting to changing conditions over time. Negotiations have changed this scenario so there is now greater disclosure of information, an emphasis on performance evaluation and inclusion of public participation in the program.

Lee and his team have been in California for two weeks to learn from the CALFED experience. He will return next year as a visiting scholar to Harvard and Berkeley law schools, where he will conduct research on modular democracy models, of which CALFED may be the most important one.

Please join us for what is sure to be a very interesting presentation and discussion.

### **An educational series dedicated to ideas for California's Delta**

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