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# Hoheikyo Dam construction process

Completed  
in 1972







# Field surveys

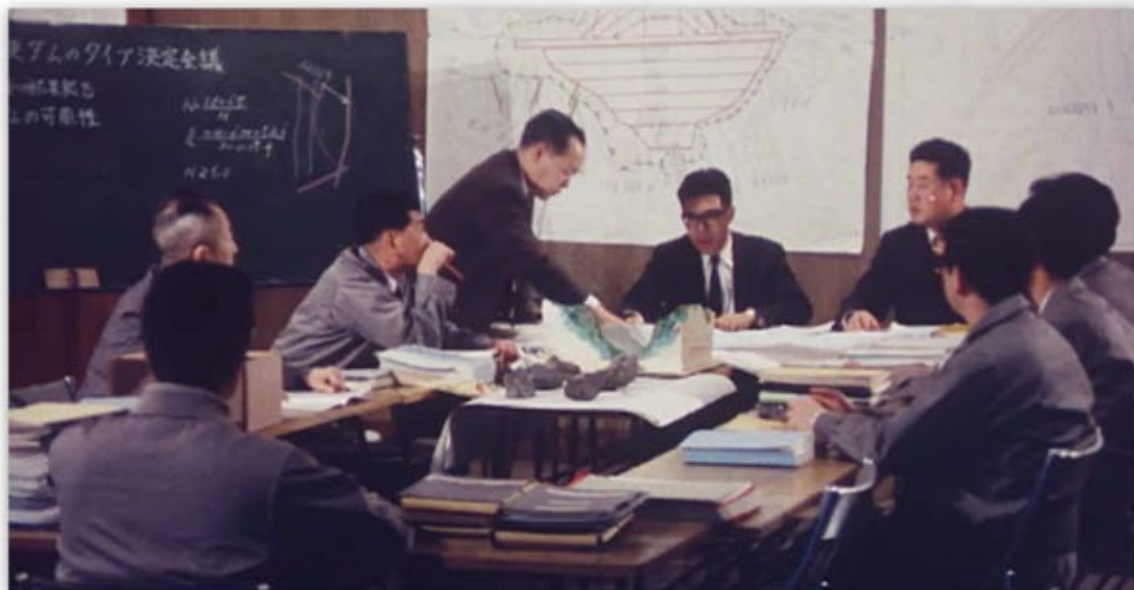
Snowfall and aerial photo-based thawing surveys necessary for dam construction were conducted.



Snowfall survey

A concrete arch structure was chosen based on detailed data obtained in hydrological\*, topographic, geological and other surveys.

\*Hydrological survey: survey on precipitation, water level, flow rate, water quality and other characteristics as a basic survey for the dam project



Dam type selection meeting



# Construction access road

A construction access road was built for the construction of equipment and facilities necessary for dam construction. This road is still used today as a management road.



Road construction





# Diversion work

A temporary drainage tunnel (diversion work) was constructed to divert the Toyohira River during dam construction.



Excavation of the temporary drainage tunnel



Water flow in the temporary drainage tunnel





# Foundation excavation

The riverbed and sides of the dam body were excavated and the weak rock bed was removed to expose the hard, solid rock bed that would support the dam.



Blasting



Riverbed excavation



Loading of excavated sediment





# Dam body concrete placement

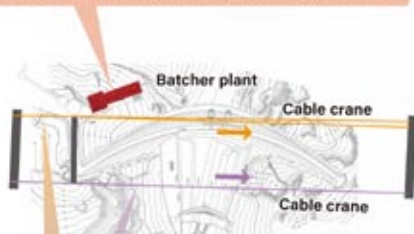
Dam body concrete placement\* began in August 1969.

Concrete in buckets was transported on the steep slope using cable cranes from a batcher plant (concrete manufacturing facility).

\*Work to pour concrete at designated positions after mixing and transportation

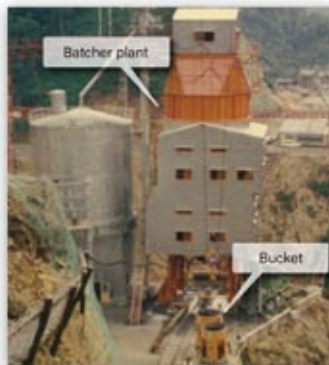
## Batcher plant

This is a concrete manufacturing facility that supplies sand, gravel, cement, water, admixture and other ingredients.

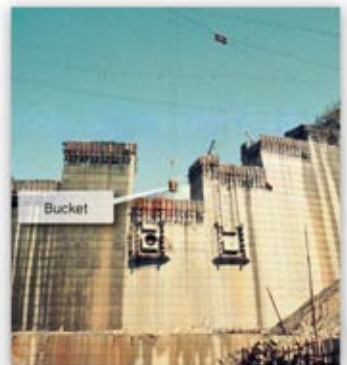


## Cable crane

The crane transports concrete, machinery and other items by using cables stretching from both sides of the dam.



Bucket (3 m<sup>3</sup>) hanging from a concrete transport line



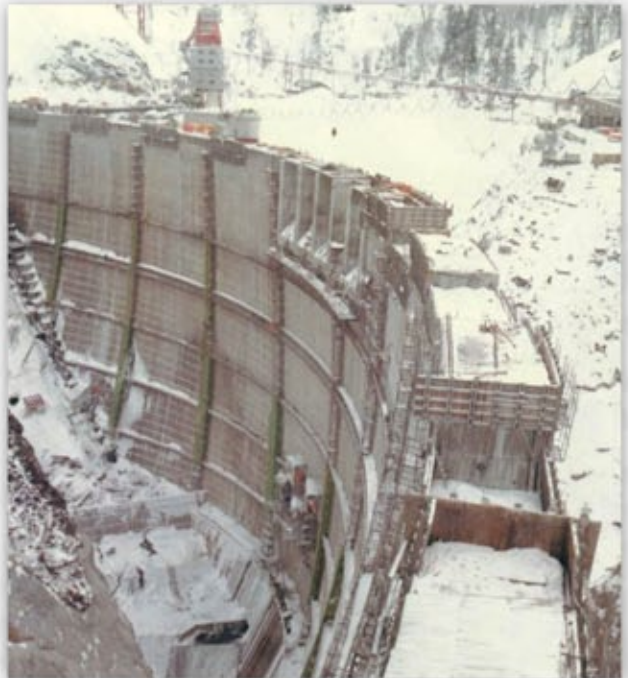
The upstream side of the dam in May 1971



Start of placement using buckets on August 6, 1969



Dam body concrete placement



The nearly completed dam in December 1971

The placement of 285,010 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete for the dam body was completed in June 1972.





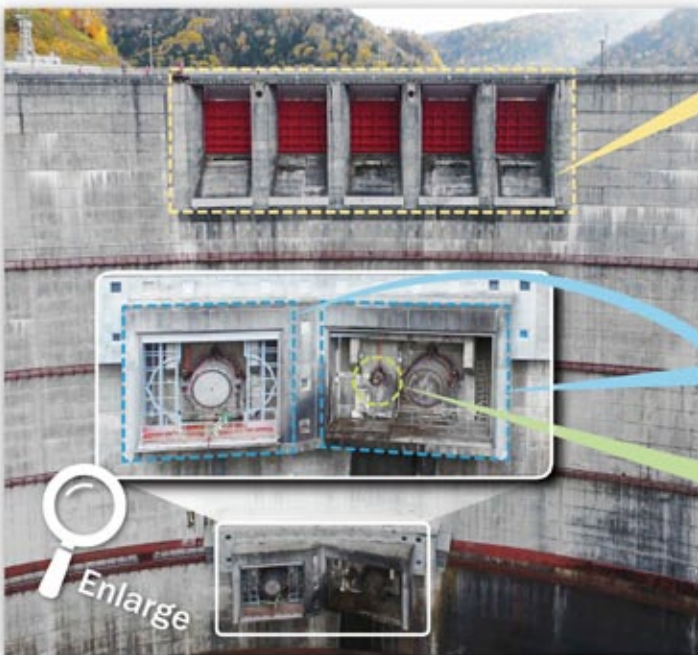
# Discharge facilities

A regular spillway for flood control<sup>1</sup> and a pipe for sightseeing discharge<sup>2</sup> were installed. An emergency spillway for discharge during floods<sup>3</sup> was installed at the dam crest.

<sup>1</sup>Of the flood water stored in a reservoir, only a certain amount is released to the lower reaches.

<sup>2</sup>Sightseeing discharge is conducted between June and October every year.

<sup>3</sup>Water overflowing from the dam during floods is discharged.



**Emergency spillway (steel roller gate)**  
x 5 (W 6 x H 6.3 m)  
Max. discharge volume: 880 m<sup>3</sup>/s

#### Roller gate

- With rollers attached to it, the gate can be raised or lowered even when high water pressure is applied.

**Regular spillway (Howell-Bunger valve)**  
x 2 (2.1 m in diameter)  
Max. discharge volume: 140 m<sup>3</sup>/s

**Sightseeing discharge pipe (Howell-Bunger valve)**  
x 1 (0.45 m in diameter)  
Max. discharge volume: 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s

#### Howell-Bunger valve

- With the cone at its tip, it disperses the flow of discharged water.



Bar arrangement of the discharge pipe





# Closure of the diversion work /test filling

The diversion work (temporary drainage tunnel) was closed after the completion of the dam, and test filling\* commenced on March 18, 1972.

\*The storage of water on a trial basis to confirm the safety of the area around the dam body, reservoir and other facilities



Commencement of test filling on March 18, 1972



Discharge of water after test filling





# Dam management

The construction of Hoheikyo Dam began in 1967 and ended in 1972. September 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of dam operation.

