Temporal change of groundwater-related problems in urban geosphere A case example from Tokyo

都市地圏における地下水問題の推移:東京の例

- Problems due to over-abstraction of groundwater
 - Land subsidence
 - Oxygen deficient air accidents, etc.
- Countermeasures (regulation of groundwater use)
- Appearance of new types of problems due to the recovery of groundwater potential
 - · Upward water pressure (buoyant force) to underground infrastructures
 - Seepage of groundwater into underground structures
- How can we appropriately manage groundwater resources?
 - Integration of monitoring and modeling approaches
 - Provide information to stakeholders
- Possible contribution to presently developing urban cities not to experience the same problems suffered in Tokyo







Problems of underground infrastructures (Tokyo station)



Issues at present 現在の問題 (Multi-stakeholder's problem)

Conservation

Groundwater abstraction can cause land subsidence

Present situation is achieved by appropriate regulation

Maintenance



Unnecessary discharge to subsurface infrastructures (Nikkei Const., 2004)

→ increase the maintenance cost

Should resume abstraction

Effective usage

Improve surface environment

Water resources at emergency situation



(Ministry of environment, 2007)

How can we tackle this problem? Technical/social approach?

Integrated approach for groundwater resources management 地下水資源管理のための統合的なアプローチ









Land subsidence has been reported from many places in the world



