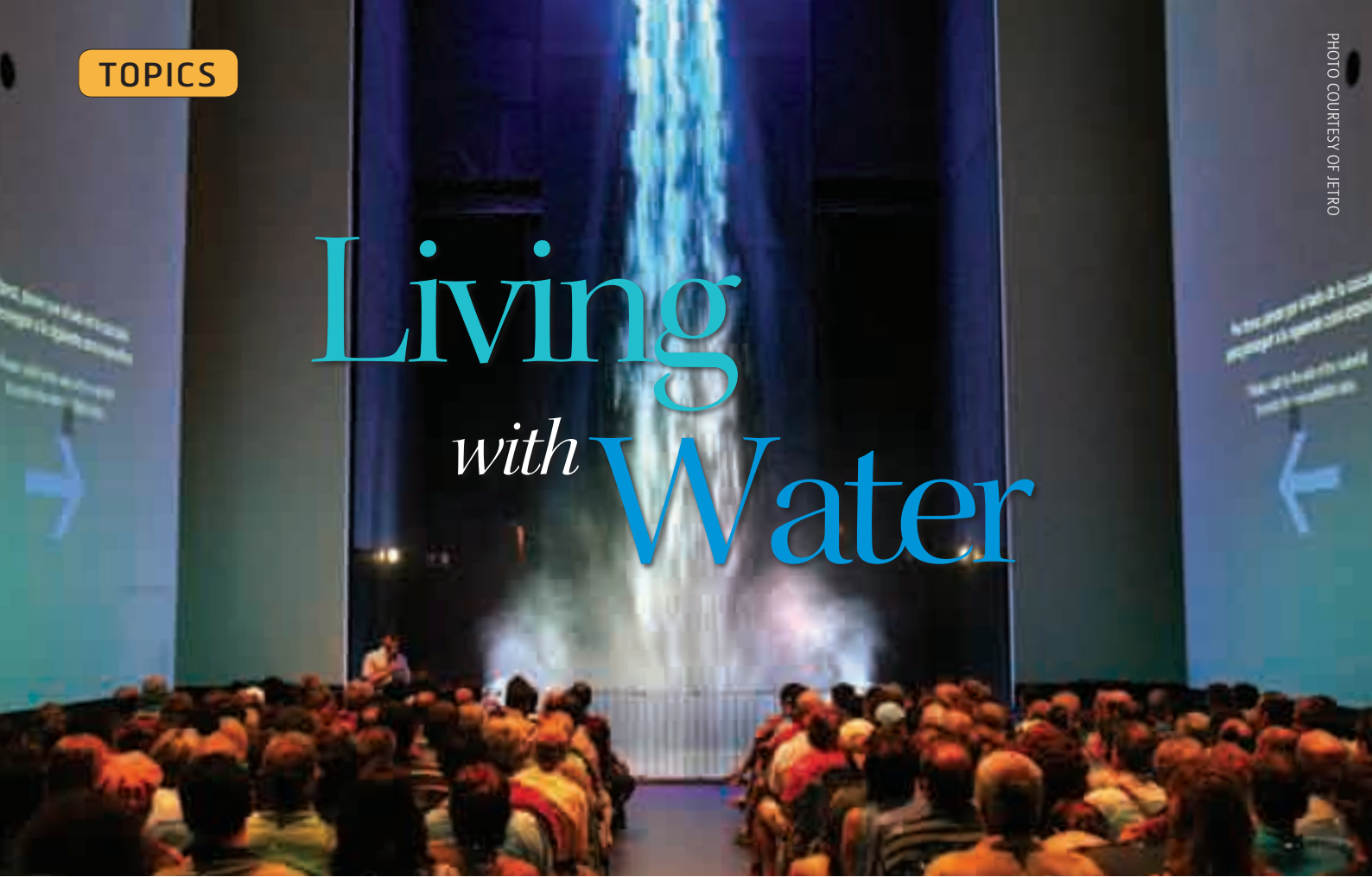


# Living with Water



ABOVE & BELOW: Scenes from the Japan Pavilion.

The International Expo "Water and Sustainable Development" opened in Zaragoza, northern Spain, on June 14 and will run until September 14. Among the many pavilions at the Expo, the Japan Pavilion has been attracting particular attention. The opening of the Japan Pavilion was the subject of great anticipation by other countries as Japan had previously hosted the Aichi Expo 2005, the first ever international expo to take the environment as its main theme.

Measuring some 1,800 square meters, the Japan Pavilion is among the biggest in the whole Expo, and there have been long queues to enter it since the Expo opened. Zone 1 of the pavilion has a giant screen using animated illustrations of *ukiyo*e (traditional Japanese art) and other media to show how the Japanese people of the Edo period 200 years ago used their skills to live in harmony with the water environment. At the end of the show a

12-meter waterfall appears, giving the audience a vivid experience of the power of water and leading them to the next display zone. This is Zone 2, which takes the theme of "The Water Crisis." Using simulated images, this zone shows the degree to which problems such as floods or droughts are expected to occur across the globe in the future.

The Japan Pavilion aims to be more than just an industrial exhibition – by taking a global theme, it puts forward a whole new pattern for international expositions.

