

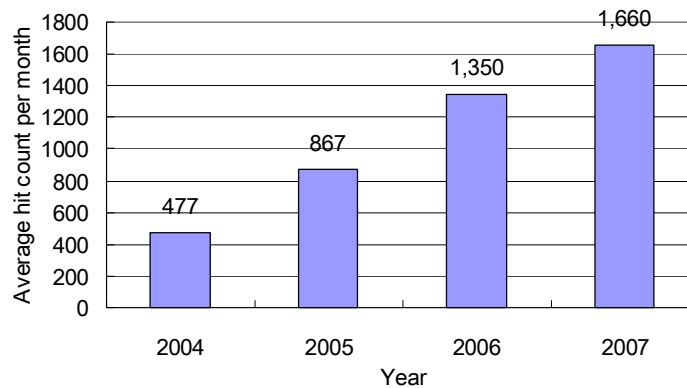
[Report on Website and Newsletter]

1. Website

a) Hit count

NARBO website is being administered by one of the secretariats, namely Japan Water Agency (JWA). From the viewpoint of the recognition that website is the important tool for sharing and exchange of information among members and it is needless to say that members' contribution is crucial.

Average hit count per month has been increased up to approximately 1,660 in 2007, although it was only 477 in 2004.



Average hit count on NARBO website

In addition, NARBO secretariat has clarified the popularity of each category in the website (see twelfth issue of NARBO Newsletter). As a result, it was found that “Photos of member countries” and “Twinning Program” are relatively popular.

b) Database

The image shows a screenshot of the NARBO website's database login page. The page has a blue header with the NARBO logo and navigation links. Below the header, there is a 'Database' section with an 'ID' field, a 'Password' field, and an 'enter' button. To the right of the screenshot, there are two numbered instructions in boxes: '1) Click 'Database'' with an arrow pointing to the 'Database' link, and '2) Input 'narbomember'' with an arrow pointing to the 'Password' field. Below the instructions, there is a 'Password:' label followed by a text input field.

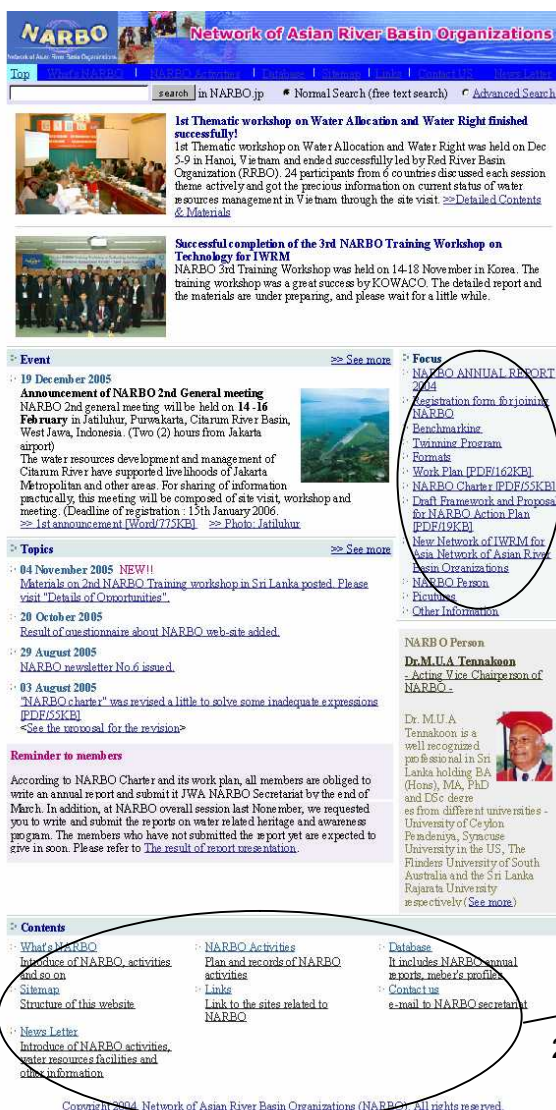
1) Click 'Database'

2) Input 'narbomember'

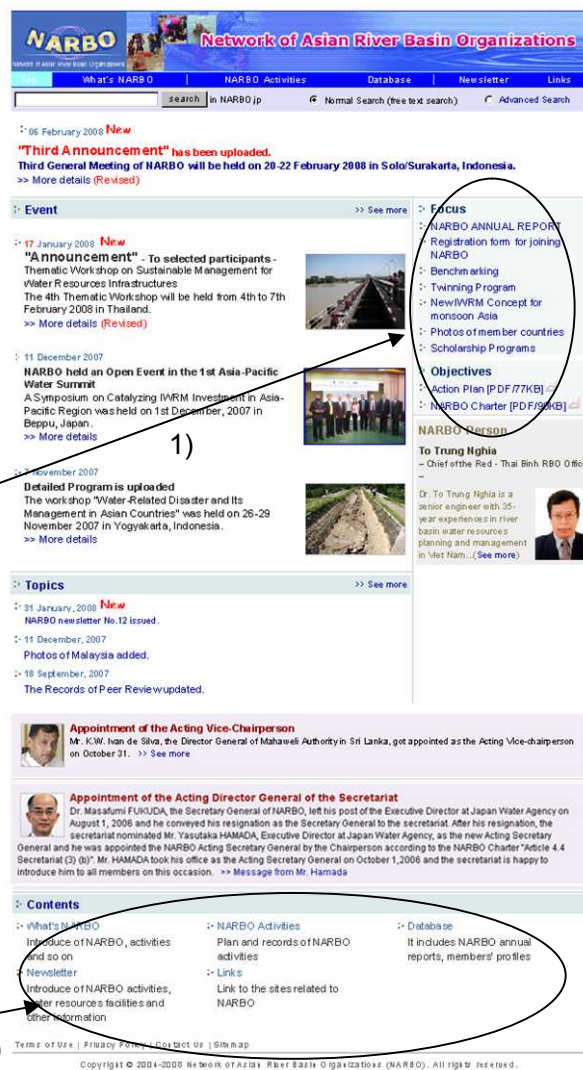
By visiting this database, you can get information on details of NARBO activities, members' information, guideline for implementation of NARBO training, etc. This page is opened to only NARBO members, so please access and utilize this database!

c) Improvement

As design improvement in order to read easily, shift of character font and rearrangement of website structure have been wholly conducted. As a result, for example, 1) 'Action Plan' and 'NARBO Charter' were independent of Focus category, and 2) 'Contents' and the corresponding Sitemap was rearranged.



The top page as of January 2006



The counterpart as of January 2008

2. Newsletter

a) Issue frequency

Newsletter is recognized as another useful tool for NARBO activities along with website and JWA is in charge of newsletter. In the same manner as the website, members' positive involvement regarding information gathering is essential.

JWA has issued 6 newsletters (from 7th to 12th) between 2006 and 2007. All newsletters were posted on NARBO website to make it possible for all members to read easily.

Issue of NARBO newsletter

Month	Name	Version
Feb 2004	Preparatory Issue	PDF
Apr 2004	First Issue	PDF
Aug 2004	Second Issue	PDF
Nov 2004	Third Issue	PDF
Feb 2005	Fourth Issue	PDF
May 2005	Fifth Issue	PDF
Aug 2005	Sixth Issue	PDF
Feb 2006	Seventh Issue	PDF
May 2006	Eighth Issue	PDF
Oct 2006	Ninth Issue	PDF
Mar 2007	Tenth Issue	PDF
Aug 2007	Eleventh Issue	PDF
Jan 2008	Twelfth Issue	HTML / PDF

b) Improvement

As shown in the above table, **HTML version has been issued from twelfth issue on January 2008** so that members can read the newsletter without opening a PDF file attached to e-mail. Improvement of easiness to read may be remained to be solved.