

## CLOSING REMARKS

Ministry of Public Works, Government of Indonesia

The honourable invitees,

The distinguished delegates,

The respectable representatives of international organizations

Dear members of the network and participants of the meeting.

*Assamualaikum warrahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

May blessings from our almighty God be bestowed upon all of you. Good afternoon.

It gives me great pleasure to deliver the closing remarks of the Third General Meeting of the Network of Asian River Basin Organization or commonly abbreviated as NARBO. I was delighted to deliver this remarks, as I had witnessed that this network is one of the important links in promoting integrated water resources management in Asia.

As we all know, that integrated water resources management must be undertaken at the river basin level with involvement of all stakeholders. This network will be useful for all Asian countries who share the similar physical, climate and water potentials and problems.

As today we have completed the third General Meeting, on behalf of the Indonesian Government I would like to extend the warmest congratulations to the members and the NARBO body, for performing wonderful cooperation.

By means that has been agreed by all of us, I asked God's favor for better results in our endeavour to achieve objectives of this meeting.

Hereto, I would like also to wish success to the elected Chairperson. I know that a lot of responsibilities lies on ahead. NARBO must work hard to prove its existence as promoting force in IWRM implementation among RBOs, water sector apex bodies, and leading water sector agencies in the region. Recent activities, like the twining program, thematic workshop and RBOs benchmarking must be continued, and also to be enriched with various means.

I would like also to remind that only under the circumstances that the new Action Plan signed by members of NARBO, is only possible through active participation and commitment of all members. Therefore, on part of the Indonesian Government, I support further this network, and seeks therefore your support as well.

I also suggest to enhance linkage of NARBO to other bodies or networks. Possibilities to create hubs in sharring water knowledge and development learning centers must be probed to endorse better planning, construction and operational practices in water resources. My hope is that this network shall foster better regional cooperation for improved management of water resources, sharring of knowledge and know-how and also enforcing technical and managerial capabilities of RBOs in the Asian countries, especially in Indonesia.

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Dear participants,

Before closing this Third General Meeting, as I am aware that nothing is perfect, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, allow me to ask your apologize for the inconvenience while your stay in Indonesia.

On this occasion also I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to the involved parties that had contribute much to the success of this meeting, to JWA, ADB, ADBI. I also to thank to the organizing committee, Jasa Tirta I Public Corporation, also the Development Agency of Bengawan Solo or Balai Besar Bengawan Solo, and the Research Station of River at Surakarta for making this meeting possible.

I hope that we will meet again in other venues and meetings, and I wish you all a safe trip home, to your beloved families and relatives.

Finally, allow me to officially close this Third General Meeting.

I thank you for your kind attention.

*Wassalamu'alaikum warrahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

Surakarta, February 23<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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