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Address in the welcome party / Mr. Kawano

Good evening everybody. I am Katsuaki Kawano being in charge of the acting Secretary General of NARBO. Last January, I was assigned to the Executive Director of Japan Water Agency which is the Secretariat of the NARBO. Jeneberang River Basin Organization and CRBOM (Center for River Basin Organization and Management) in Indonesia have made a great contribution to holding the 4th General Meeting. I really appreciate it.

I heard that the earthquake occurred at offshore of the Sumatra Island on 25th October took more than 300 death tolls, and the eruption of the Merapi Mountain took more than 30 death tolls. Please allow me to express my deepest condolence. And, I would like to give my full respect to the effort of Indonesian government. This year, natural disaster regarding water occurred around the world. For example, Thailand, Viet Nam, Bangladesh, and Japan suffered serious damage caused by heavy rain-fall that never saw in the past. Although Retrieval activities have been implemented in those areas, still there are many people who can't go back to their normal life.

It would be well-timed to have NARBO General Meeting in such time as water disasters occur around the world. This General Meeting is to be held for 4 days from tomorrow to Friday. There will be many interesting programs starting Study Visit in the Jeneberang River, IWRM Seminar, and workshop on climate change, leadership and workshop. I am sure a lot of effort and advanced cases implemented by NARBO members would be introduced, and I hope that makes IWRM advanced more.

The number of NARBO member country increased from 13 to 16, and the number of member organization increased from 43 to 76 during these 6 years from its beginning. I am sure that 4th General Meeting will bring us a valuable result and develop NARBO future activities.

On behalf of NARBO, I would like to express my great appreciation to the Ministry of Public Works in Indonesia, Jeneberang river basin organization and Center for River Basin Organization, which managed for holding 4th GM.

Thank you for listening.