

Member's Annual Report 2007

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1. About the organization

(1) Name of the organization and postal address of the office

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(2) The representative of the organization

Representative : Mr.Adisak Thongkaimook

Director General , Department of Water Resources

(3) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

Because of the awareness of various water problems in Thailand and all over the world as well as according to comply with the Office of Prime Minister's regulation on Water Resources Management (in B.E. 2532) , The National Water Resources Committee (NWRC) was appointed for solving national water resources related problems. At the end of 2002, Thailand implemented for the bureaucratic reform. The Department of Water Resources was established as a core governmental agency for solving of Thailand's water resources management.

b) Purposes and roles of the organization

The main responsibilities of department are included problem solving , planning , measure for management , development , conservation , rehabilitation , supervision , direction ,coordination ,monitoring water resources problems in Thailand.

(4) Outline of the organization

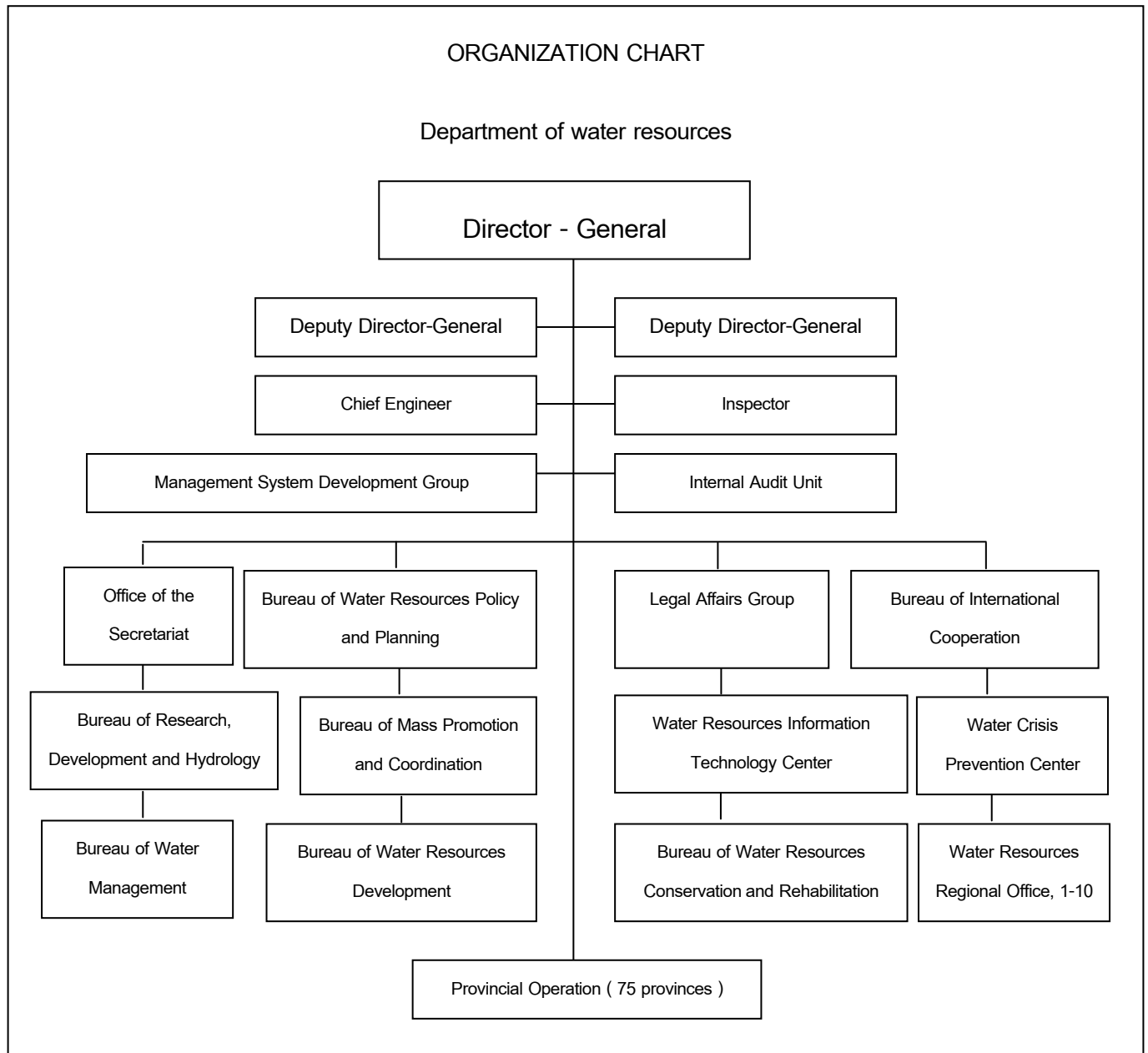
1) Number of staff

2,712 persons (30 December 2007)

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2007

1,728 Million Bath

3) Organizational chart



4) Ongoing projects

There are four missions of DWR in 2007

- Policy and planning for water resources management
- Development of early warning system and information technology
- Development , arrangement , conservation and rehabilitation for water resources
- Capacity building and promotion of the participation in water resources management and river basin management

(5) Main events in 2007

1. World Water Day , 22 -23 March 2007 ,Impact Arena Exhibition , Bangkok , Thailand
2. Conservation and Development of Rivers, Ditches and Canals Day, 16 September

2007, Bangkok , Thailand.

2. About NARBO activity

(1) The contact person and organization's web-site

1) The name, position, phone & fax number, e-mail address of the contact person

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2) The organization's web-site URL (English and local language respectively)

www.dwr.go.th

(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2007 as the member

- Participation in the Thematic Workshop on Water – Related Disaster and Its Management in Asian Countries Yogyakarta Indonesia
- Participation in the 1th Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures Hanoi Vietnam
- Participation in the 2th Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures Dhaka Bangladesh
- Participation in the 3th Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures Kandy Sri Lanka

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2008

<Please refer to NARBO Action Plan 2008-2009 in the website>

1) Your organization's resolutions

- To support for articles of water resources management in NARBO newsletter
- To encourage RBO Benchmarking performance
- To be the host and arrange for NARBO's workshop or meeting

2) Expectations of NARBO activities

- Further developing of training , workshop , and performance benchmarking supported by peer reviews
- Support on twinning organization
- Knowledge and technology transfer as well as strength the potential of water management for RBO's Thailand

2. Questions to RBO members

(1) Areas which your organization has improved the performance in 2007

- Having developed and improved relating to the performance of DWR in wetland , water supply , people's participation as well as local wisdom and IWRM application.

(2) The way in which your organization was able to do so

- Formulation of master plan and strategic plan and policies to support Thailand's river basin management.
- Provide budget for implementation in program of IWRM.
- Promote and support the strengthening and capacity building for River Basin Committees , local authority and related network.
- Develop of information technology system , GIS data and hydrological database.
- International Cooperation and participation on IWRM such as MRC program , international conferences and workshops
- Decentralize to local organization and utilize local wisdom and IWRM principles.

(3) In what way NARBO has helped your organization

- Support for IWRM training or scholarship programs as well as transfer of technology , information experience and knowledge related IWRM.
- Encourage of capacity building and development of RBO in Thailand.
- Participate in NARBO activities such as workshops, conference or meeting.