

Open Event by NARBO in the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit -Symposium on Catalyzing IWRM investment in the Asia-Pacific Region-

Date and Time: Dec. 1, 2007 (Saturday), 9:00am-12:30 pm

Venue: Social Welfare Center in Beppu City, Oita Prefecture

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NARBO Secretariat: Japan Water Agency (JWA), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Purpose

Now, "IWRM" is the international "watchword" for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and for the strategic process of sustainable water resources management. For implementation of IWRM in Asia-Pacific Region, it is important to cope with the global health and environmental issues and also it is vital to focus on water-related issues arising from floods and droughts. More importantly, more attention should be called to the unique situation surrounded by Asia-Pacific Region where further development of water resources will be expected to meet increasing water demand in the near future.

At the symposium, NARBO member nations/organizations (RBO et al.) that have effective mechanisms to contribute directly to the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit's themes such as "Water Security", "Water Financing", "Water-related Disaster Management" and "Water for Development and Ecosystem" will report ongoing process of water resources management. It is expected that the symposium will create an opportunity to deepen mutual understandings among participants about the necessity of IWRM practice reflecting its regional approach to reduce water-related disasters and develop water resources to meet anticipated water demands.

Agendas

1. Opening ceremony: 9:00 a.m.-9:20 a.m.:

Opening remarks: **Dr. Ir. Moch. Basuki Hadimuljono**, M.Sc., NARBO chairperson

Congratulatory speech by guest of honor

Mr. Shuhei Kazusa, Water Resources Department, Land and Water Bureau,
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT)

2. Keynote speeches: 9:20a.m.-10:20a.m.

- Japan's Experiences in Water Resources Management and Some Implications to NARBO Members

Dr. Tsuneaki Yoshida,

Professor, the University of Tokyo, School of Frontier Sciences, Department of International Studies, Japan

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Mr. Wourter T. Lincklaen Arriens, Lead Water Resources Specialist of Asian Development Bank

3. Panel Discussion 10:35a.m.-12:25a.m.

- Moderator: **Dr. Ir. Moch. Basuki Hadimuljono**, M.Sc., NARBO chairperson

- Reports by panelists

Mr. Md. Abdul Hye, Executive Engineer and Chief Staff Officer (CSO), Bangladesh Water Development Board

Mr. Tjoek W Subijanto, President Director of Jasa Tirta1 Public Corporation, Indonesia

Mr. Jorge Marlang Estioko, Chief Water resources development Officer, the National Water Resources Board, Philippines

Ms. Doan Thi Tuyet Nga, Deputy Chief of Vietnam RBO General Office's Secretariat Board

Mr. Takeyoshi, Sadahiro, Professor and council for International Affairs Division of Japan Water Agency

- Recommendations for Adoption

Mr. Yasutaka Hamada, Secretary-general of NARBO

4. Closing Remark: 12:25-12:30

Mr. Yasutaka Hamada, Secretary-general of NARBO