

FOREWORD



I really appreciate NARBO member's sincere cooperation and contribution to NARBO activities. I'm Seiji TOMIOKA, Secretary General of NARBO and Vice-President of Japan Water Agency.

I'm happy to inform you that "NARBO Annual Report 2016-2017" has been launched. This is the 9th edition since the 1st launch of the annual report had been issued in 2004 and report NARBO's various activities and achievements in 2016 and 2017. During this period, 13 organizations have newly joined NARBO, and now we have 92 members from 19 countries as NARBO member.

Looking back past two years, NARBO conducted the IWRM training in Bangkok in June, 2016 with strong support of Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Thailand as NARBO's flagship activities, and we had received wonderful reputations from participants. Then, NARBO has introduced and shared NARBO's achievements and its importance through various opportunities such as OECD Water Governance Initiative, High-level Expert and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) , the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit.

The 6th NARBO General Meeting was held in February, 2017 at Jakarta, Indonesia, and opinions from practitioners were gathered to be announced as "the Voice of Practitioners from Asia". Furthermore, NARBO took the lead to settle "IWRM Guidelines (Part 3)" for practitioners. The members from NARBO who participated to taskforce-member for this work helped us to settle this guideline. Moreover, the NARBO members gave us lots of useful examples about optimization techniques.

While NARBO activities bring steady results, the natural environment

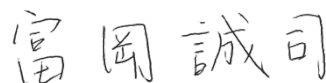
around us are getting worse, unfortunately. For example, the number of disasters caused by unusual weather is increasing throughout the world in recent years. Either in our country, floods and mudslides caused by record heavy local downpour terribly damaged Kyusyu area in western Japan in July, 2017. Asian monsoon regions are suffering from flood disasters not only in Japan but also in anywhere in the regions.

To decrease the damage as above by natural disasters, integrated and rationalized governance is important, and building the capacity of RBO as a management organization of river basins is also necessary. NARBO has been carried out various activities since it established in 2004, in order to popularize IWRM and build the capacity of RBO. These are so important roles of NARBO that we are known as "Asian Public Good" in fact.

We hope that NARBO continue the activities lively by sharing valuable information with the members to fulfill the role of us as a public good. NARBO is a network of river basin organization, and each activity is composed of your active participations.

We sincerely appreciate your continuous support.

Secretary General of NARBO



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