

**Message from President of JWA to NARBO colleagues struggling with disaster**

Dear NARBO colleagues,

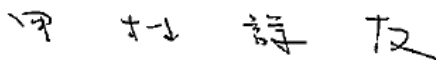
I am KOMURA Kenyu, who was appointed as president of JWA on Oct 1, 2011. First of all, please accept my sincere gratitude for NARBO colleagues' support since the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami occurred in Japan.

Recently, there have been a lot of abnormal water-related disasters in Asian regions. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to casualties and respect to the people struggling with these disasters. As one of the characteristics of these recent disasters, they affect not only disaster areas but also the entire world. Needless to say, this is because more than 60% of world's population lives in our Asian regions and the rapid economic growth has made them to have an important position in the world. Meanwhile, it can be said that under the unique condition as Asian monsoon which causes a lot of floods and droughts, our role to conduct water management has been more and more important and difficult. Especially, what we should accomplish are to practice the good coordination with water related stakeholders, effective facility management in accordance with characteristics of monsoon region and building infrastructure with appropriate plan and technology.

As a member of Asian community, we JWA intend to share our experiences so as to contribute to further prosperity of Asian regions. In this regard, JWA dispatched several staff members to Viet Nam in 2010 and Sri Lanka in 2011 in the aftermath of flood disaster. Moreover, one staff member is now working on the flood in Bangkok as a member of the official team arranged by the Government of Japan.

I hope the recovery of disaster areas and I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely yours,



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