

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



We, NARBO Secretariat, are very pleased to publish the 5th NARBO Annual Report in which activities conducted from January 2008 to March 2009 are summarized.

These activities were implemented according to the action plan that was proposed and approved in the 3rd General Meeting as of February 2008.

Thematic workshop 'Flood Disaster and the Control' (the 2nd), regional workshop 'Climate Change', Twinning Program (Sri Lanka and Vietnam), training for IWRM (the 5th), and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were performed properly with the cooperation of persons concerned and the members of NARBO.

Other than that, NARBO could make a huge contribution to Regional Knowledge Hub Meeting and formulation of 'IWRM guidelines at river basin level' published by UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization). This led to foundation and operation of Regional Knowledge Hub and NARBO interactions for this and steady initiation of ADB support program aiming at enhancement of IWRM in basins. Then, NARBO colleagues including Mr. Mochammad Amron, Chairperson and Mr. Wouter Lincklaen Arriens, Deputy Director General as steering committee members jointly contributed to formulation of the guidelines with many 'Good Examples' implemented by IWRM being contained. These fulfilling results through NARBO activities will assure further development of activities and significant contribution to IWRM promotion by the members.

In addition, to enhance and develop NARBO activities more than ever, Letter of Intent, in which further cooperative relation of Asian Development Bank and Japan Water Agency was confirmed, was signed between the both presidents in January 2009 in the presence of NARBO Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

As mentioned above, the year 2008 witnessed significant progress for NARBO to continue approach for establishment of IWRM in Asian countries by the members.

Activities of NARBO, a network organization, are supported by member ownership. We look forward to active participation of you all to develop further NARBO activities toward water-related problems solution in Asian monsoon regions and ideal IWRM realization.

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