



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



I am really pleased to announce to all of you that Annual Report 2009 was published with your great cooperation. This Annual Report is the 6th issue since the first issue was published in 2004. During these 6 years, NARBO steadily produced excellent results in its activities, and also the numbers of organizations joining NARBO increased significantly from 43 organizations from 11 countries just after the 1st General Meeting in 2004, become 71 organizations from 16 countries, as of March 2010.

When I look back at 2009, 6 new organizations joined NARBO. IWRM Guideline announced in the 5th World Water Forum was used effectively in the IWRM training course and earned high evaluation from the participants. Also the twinning programs between JWA and Viet Nam NARBO, and JWA and Sri Lanka NARBO gained practical results. For other activities, we made efforts to make NARBO and IWRM Guideline more popular by participating in international meetings and seminars. Also NARBO Secretariat regularly issued the News Letter for 3 times, and updated the website to promote information sharing.

On the other hand, the secretariat considers that we could still improve NARBO activities at some points. For example, we could make NARBO activities more practical and efficient, accumulate new information by exchanging with the other organizations and networks, and show the power of NARBO. The secretariat needs to make great efforts to tackle these assignments.

Now, I haven't met the NARBO members yet since I was nominated for the Acting Secretary General in January as the successor to Mr. Masaru Kubota. So I look forward to having the opportunity to meet you at the 4th GM scheduled to be held in November.

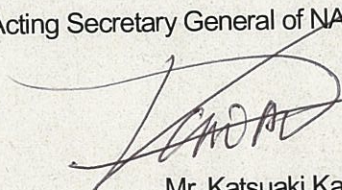


It goes without mentioning that N of NARBO means "Network", NARBO activities are supported by members' voluntary participation. In other word, how active members participate in NARBO activities is the key for success for further NARBO development.

I am looking forward to working with all members' hard to achieve our goal.

July, 2010

Acting Secretary General of NARBO



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