

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



We, NARBO Secretariat, are very pleased to publish the 4<sup>th</sup> NARBO Annual Report that summarizes activities conducted throughout 2007.

These activities were carried out in accordance with the action plan 2006-2007 which was accepted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> NARBO General Meeting in February 2006. Various activities have taken place in accordance with the plan in 2007. Based on the plan, the following activities were carried out as important works ; Exchanging and sharing information through website, Workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures (the 1<sup>st</sup>-the 3<sup>rd</sup>), Performance Benchmarking Program for RBOs (the 3<sup>rd</sup> -the 4<sup>th</sup>) and Twinning Program, which were all carried out successfully cooperating with the relevant countries and organizations.

In addition to the above mentioned, in December 2007, an Open Event called "Symposium on Catalyzing IWRM investment in the Asia-Pacific Region" was held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit which heads of government from Asia-Pacific region attended. In the symposium, productive meeting on issues of high priority, particularly true in Asia Pacific area, was held under the theme of Integrated Water Resources Management with reflection of countermeasures to water-related disasters and necessity of multilateral water resources development. The participants were active in sharing a lot of opinions with the panelists, and eager to ask questions. Furthermore, the outcome of the symposium was compiled as the summary report and it was distributed to the participants at the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit. Since we could accomplish the tangible results through the symposium, we strongly believe that our activities will be further expanded in the future.

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Activities for realizing IWRM in river basins throughout Asia will be continued in accordance with the new action plan 2008-2009, as accepted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> NARBO General Meeting in February 2008.

Activities in NARBO as a network organization are supported and promoted by ownership of NARBO members. In this regard, member's active participation will be highly expected to develop our activities further towards solving water problems and implementing preferable IWRM in Asian monsoon region.

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