

PREFATORY NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



First of all, I would like to thank for all supports and trusts that have been awarded to me as The Chairperson of NARBO for the period 2008 – 2010 during The 3rd General Meeting of NARBO in Surakarta on February 20 – 22, 2008. A great appreciation to Dr. M Basuki Hadimoeljono as NARBO Chairperson 2004-2008 for his chairmanship and to the Secretariat for doing their best conducted various activities and programs especially on NARBO Action Plan 2006 - 2007.

NARBO Action Plan 2006-2007 had been implemented in order to achieve the goals and objectives of NARBO. In the year of 2007, it has been implemented some important activities such as River Basin Organizations (RBOs) Performance Benchmarking and Thematic Workshop.

The performance benchmarking initiative is to provide a flexible framework of performance indicators and a supporting system with objective of achieving high performance organizations responsible for management of river basin. Establishment of Performance Benchmarking system for RBOs is supported by Peer Review. For the continuation from 2006 programs, there were two RBOs conducting Peer Review, Laguna Lake Development Authority, Philippines and Red River Basin Organization, Vietnam in 2007.

For the continuation of workshop on water allocation and water rights, the 4th Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation and Water Rights was held in Saitama, Japan on 23 – 26 January 2007 and the Thematic Workshop on Water Rights was held in Manila, Philippines on 29 – 31 May 2007.

The sustainable management for water resources infrastructures becomes a very important tool to practice water resources management and it has been conducted using various methods in each country. Thus, the issues were taken up as the theme of Thematic Workshop. In 2007, NARBO conducted three series of thematic workshop on Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructure.



The 1st Thematic Workshop was held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 11 – 14 June 2007, the 2nd workshop was held Dhaka, Bangladesh on 24 – 27 October 2007 and the 3rd workshop was held in Colombo, Srilanka on 12 – 16 December 2007.

Based on the previous Action Plan of 2006 – 2007, we also plan a series of three workshops on the theme of Water-Related Disaster and Its Management in Asian Countries. The 1st Thematic Workshop was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 25 – 29 November 2007.

At the Third General Meeting, we have proposed The Action Plan 2008 – 2009 based on the achievements and lesson learned through last two-year activities. For further development of NARBO, we still need to keep our commitments to enhance our cooperation by increasing NARBO member's active participation.

Hopefully, NARBO Annual Report of 2007 and the information inside could become input in evaluating our efforts in continuing the next program.

Chairperson of NARBO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moch. Amron', written over a horizontal line.

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