

## FOREWORD



First of all, I would like to thank for all supports and trusts to NARBO activities in 2008. As you may know, I was elected as NARBO Chairperson at the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting in Solo, Indonesia in February 2008. I already engaged in conducting many activities which respond to the member's requirement.

In 2008, based on NARBO Action plan 2008-2009, NARBO has improved its activities in order to achieve the goals and objectives of NARBO. One of NARBO achievement is to contribute in preparing the IWRM Guidelines at river basin level which was made by UNESCO in cooperation with Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MILT), Government of Japan and Japan Water Agency (JWA). This guideline was made with a view to raise awareness and to facilitate the practical implementation of IWRM at the river basin level and launched quite successfully at the occasion of 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul Turkey in March 2009. In preparing this guideline, we had several meeting last year and could incorporate NARBO's experiences into this. Thanks to members' cooperation, we can see NARBO's logo on the surface of this guideline. I think this is quite meaningful for future activities of NARBO. We would like to use this guideline at our trainings and workshops and contribute to improve the contents of this guideline continuously.

Beside the Guideline, one important step was also taken place, on 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2009. LOI which titled "The Letter of Intent for Collaboration to Improve Water Security in River Basins" through the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO) was signed between ADB and JWA. I and Mr. K. W. Ivan de Silva, Vice Chairperson of NARBO, Director General Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, witnessed the signing of the LOI. The LOI signed this time will explore expanding and strengthening the NARBO's presence and capability, and this is also meaningful to future NARBO activities.

Beside these events, we conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting,

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twinning program, several workshops and IWRM Training in 2008. With regard to the IWRM Training, we established a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and conducted training according to the recommendation of the Committee. Thus, we conducted training in new style and finished it quite successfully.

Although we already had conducted these activities, I consider that we are facing many constrains in managing water resources as a result of climate change and environmental degradation. So we still need to enhance the cooperation and improve the implementation of IWRM by increasing NARBO members' participation, improving strong support of NARBO Secretariat and accelerating NARBO's activities.

I do hope that NARBO Annual Report of 2008 could become a valuable input to improve and enhance our activities.

Chairperson of NARBO

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

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