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## Message from the ARRN Chairperson

I am Kenji Kanao, President of Japan Riverfront Research Center and ARRN Chairperson elected in this term.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to ARRN members and all the people who have been working faithfully on promotion of ARRN activities. In addition, I would like to express my sincere respect to former chairs, Professor Nobuyuki Tamai, Prof. Zipping Liu and Prof. Suk Hwan Jang for their continuous efforts and supports on behalf of all members.

ARRN aims at realization of healthy water cycle system created by conservation and restoration of sound rivers that provide a forum of people's gathering place and that people feel proud of. We also look to build watershed societies that co-exist with history and culture. The results required then would be to establish methodologies for river restoration that are appropriate for the Asian Monsoon region, and the assumptions for which, I believe, must accompany Asian characters such as high population density, frequent water disasters, rich rice-paddies and others. Asian history and culture balances between human activities and nature, and such features that have been built into the Asian landscape created by the history of human activities are also important for nature as well as for its culture.

We believe it is an urgent issue for us Asian Monsoon region that share similar nature and social environments to build river restoration technologies. For that, I believe we ARRN must play a role for collaboration in order for us to provide a leaders' meeting forum for river restoration. Going forward, ARRN will provide forum of creation for technologies, projects, proposals and awareness sharing with respect to river restoration by wide range of leaders participating (citizens, managers, administrators, academics and corporations) with appropriate roles played. In order to proceed with this goal, we will maintain trustable information such as examples, knowledge, technologies, human resources and forum and then share them by participating members.

Finally, I believe river restoration is indispensable for survival of human race similar to flood control and water use.

In the future, we would also like to develop ARRN activities for sharing local and scientific knowledge and technology of river restoration through mutual and multilateral cooperation. I would greatly appreciate ARRN members and all the RRN members further support and cooperate with us.

Thank you.



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