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## Message from the ARRN Chairperson

I'm Wang Xiaogang, Vice President of China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR) and ARRN Chairperson elected in this term.

It is a great honor for me to be entrusted as the Chair of ARRN for the next two years. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to your trust and support. Secondly, I would like to thank you for your continuous hard work to the development of ARRN. In addition, I would like to pay my tribute to the former Chairs, Professor Nobuyuki Tamai, Prof. Liu Zhiping, Prof. Suk Hwan Jang and Mr. Kenji Kanao.

Since its founding in 2006, with the joint efforts of the national networks and all of our colleagues, ARRN has made impressive achievements in terms of its organizational structure, laws and regulations, as well as operational mode. Owing to the ARRN platform, many experts, scholars and technical staff from different countries share their advanced technologies, successful experiences, talent resources and information, which has greatly promoted the development and technological progress of river ecological restoration. Many of our work has taken the lead in the world and created remarkable achievements.

In the context of the vigorous development of river ecological restoration all over the world, the role of ARRN as a communication platform will be more prominent, which also puts forward higher requirements for ARRN. The future we are facing is full of opportunities and challenges, and it will also pose a challenge for ARRN to fulfill its role as an information exchange platform, to further enhance technical exchanges and cooperation between countries and regions, and to accelerate scientific and technological progress in ecological restoration.

Entering the new period, the Chinese government has put the ecological enhancement as a key national strategy for building a well-off society in an all-round way. For this, the whole society is mobilized to promote ecological advancement, in a bid to realize harmonious coexistence between human and nature, and establish the strong awareness that clear water and green mountains are gold assets, and take a new path of green development by putting ecology as the priority. The achievements of ecological advancement in China is not only a result of learning from other countries and regions, but also a valuable reference for them, and will definitely provide a sound basis for the promoting the development of ARRN.

I will cherish the opportunity as the Chairman of ARRN and honor your trust. I am convinced that with the concerted efforts of all of us, we will be able to do a better job and realize a better tomorrow of "clean water, fresh air, green mountain and beautiful scenery".

Thank you.



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