

Message for KNCOLD Anniversary



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President of ICOLD

It is a great honor and a pleasure for me to write this congratulatory message on behalf of ICOLD for the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Korean National Committee on Large Dams. Forty years in the life on an organization is an important milestone and provide the opportunity to evaluate the contribution of the organization for the welfare of the society and also to prepare to address new challenges in dams and reservoirs construction for the sustainable development of Korea.

The Korean National Committee of Large Dam's 40th anniversary is a great event for the dam's community for Korea and ICOLD. KNCOLD has contributed to the progress of Water resources development and energy harnessing for the

development of Korea, a development which enabled the country to achieve a very high quality of life for the people of Korea. The Korean National Committee on Large Dams can be proud of its contribution to the modernization and development of the Country as one of the leading one in the world today

Dam's construction in Korea has a long history starting from 330 A.D. Today the total number of Dam built in Korea is about 18 000 of which 1206 are classified as large dams according to data available in 2002. These dams have a total storage capacity of around 15 billion m3. Since the creation of Korea National Committee in 1972, it has provided the knowledge base, guidance and recommendations to the profession and decision makers. It has contributed to a wise planning of dam's construction for a safe, technically sound, environmentally friendly and socially equitable development of Korea water resources.

Since its creation in 1972, KNCOLD has

continuously contributed to strengthening ICOLD. KNCOLD has shared with other ICOLD committees the important knowledge learned from the various works and achievements in the development of Korea water potential, energy, land and natural resources and particularly flood management for people and their good protection.

Since KNCOLD joined ICOLD, it has been an active and reliable Committee, sending many qualified engineers to participate in ICOLD's Technical Committees and sharing their strong experiences and knowledge with other engineers from the whole world and contributing for the leadership of ICOLD in providing Vice President.

KNCOLD has successfully organized the 72nd annual meeting of ICOLD in 2004, and the international Symposium on the topic "Environmental Considerations for Sustainable Dam". KNCOLD organization capacity and dedication in organizing those events were highly appreciated by colleagues from other the world.

KNCOLD continues to develop with its very active President, Kuen-ho KIM. Mr Kim is a former Deputy Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs and he is now chairing K-Water, the publicly owned leading water company. He is currently also a Governor of the World Water

Council as the representative of K-Water in the 5th college of enterprises.

I am confident that this anniversary will be an opportunity for the Korea Dam profession to consolidate its very high achievements and to prepare the profession to address the new challenges and issues in dam and water resources development taking into consideration the global climate changes effects, the increasing needs and welfare requirements of the society.

ICOLD is also confident that KNCOLD as an important country member of ICOLD will continue to share its rich and vast experience within ICOLD to help ICOLD addressing the new challenges to contribute to the progress of societies and the welfare of humanity.

It is my pleasure on behalf of ICOLD to congratulate our friends of KN COLD for this 40th Anniversary and wish long life and continuous great achievements and successes to KNCOLD.

ICOLD has recently celebrated its 80th anniversary and I also wish KCOLD to pursue its great work for the coming 40 years and celebrate its 80th birthday too!