

Warm Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of KNCOLD



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On behalf of Chinese National Committee on Large Dams (CHINCOLD), I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on the 40th anniversary of Korea National Committee on Large Dams (KNCOLD).

Korea joined in International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) and became a national member of ICOLD in 1972. For many years, KNCOLD has actively participated in various activities of ICOLD and made outstanding contributions to ICOLD. In 2004, KNCOLD held the 72nd annual meeting of ICOLD at Seoul, which was highly praised by the representatives from all over the world. In the same year, Prof. Yong-Nam Yoon was selected as the Vice President of ICOLD. ICOLD has more than 20 technical committees;

and KNCOLD has sent representatives to take part in many of them. Mr. H.S. KIM once served as the Chairman of the Technical Committee on Underground Dams. Furthermore, KNCOLD also has members in technical committees on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design, Hydraulics for Dams, Dam Safety and Sedimentation of Reservoirs and etc.

Over the years, KNCOLD and CHINCOLD have established a good relationship of communication and cooperation. In 2004, KNCOLD, CHINCOLD and JCOLD signed an agreement on the dam technology exchange and cooperation in the East Asia. Since then, the three parties have held seven East Asian Dam Conferences to make extensive exchange on issues such as reservoir sediment,

the new technology on dam construction, environmental protection, which has achieved very good results. The 8th East Asian Dam Conference will be held by KNCOLD at Korea in 2013. I firmly believe it will be a successful conference, and further promote the cooperation and exchange of dam technology among China, Korea and Japan and enhance the mutual understanding.

In Korea, more than one thousand dams higher than 15m are in operation. These dams are playing a key role in the social and economic development in Korea. During the practices in the dam construction and management, Korea has made outstanding achievement in the environmental protection, the river ecological restoration, development and application of new technologies, construction of pumped storage power stations and tidal power stations, which

deserve reference and learning. I hope KNCOLD will play a more important role in the sustainable development of dams; and I also look forward to more solid, long-lasting and efficient cooperation between China and Korea.

Congratulations once again on the 40th anniversary of KNCOLD and the success of the celebration ceremony!

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