



Message for KNCOLD's 50th Anniversary

It is a great honor and a pleasure for me to write this congratulatory message on behalf of ICOLD for the 50th anniversary of the Korean National Committee on Large Dams.

Fifty years in the life of an organization is an important milestone and provides the opportunity to evaluate its contribution to 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 50th 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 ones in the world today. Dam's construction in Korea has a long history starting from 330 A.D.

Today the total number of Dams built in Korea is about 17,000 of which 1,338 are classified as large dams according to data available in 2022. These dams have a total storage capacity of around 15 billion m³.

Since the creation of the 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's 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's water potential, energy, land and natural resources, and particularly flood control, safety management of dams for people and their good protection. Among them, the Four Major River Restoration Project, mainly driven by the Korean Government with proactive participations of public and civilian sectors within the Country, will be remained as a monumental eco-friendly water project in the world in aspects of both environment and technology.

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 Presidents.

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's organization capacity and dedication in organizing those events were highly appreciated by colleagues from other parts of the world.

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 change 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 address 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 KNCOLD for this 50th

Anniversary and wish long life and continuous great achievements and successes to KNCOLD.

ICOLD has recently celebrated its 90th anniversary and I also wish KNCOLD to pursue its great work for the coming 40 years and celebrate its 90th birthday too!

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