

# International Joint Research Center of Water Science and Engineering Officially Established in NHRI

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The **International Joint Research Center of Water Science and Engineering**, approved by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, was officially established, and the first meetings of its Steering Committee and Technical Committee were held on the afternoon of May 30 2015. The Center, consisting of:

- Nanjing Hydraulic Research Institute (NHRI), China
- DELTARES, the Netherlands
- HR Wallingford, UK
- UNESCO- IHE Institute for Water Education, the Netherlands
- George Mason University, USA
- Black Sea-Danube Association of Research and Development, Bulgaria

is one of the Chinese National Bases of Cross-Boundary S &T Cooperation under the leadership of the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).

Prof. Zhang Jianyun, President of NHRI, attended the event and addressed on behalf of the institute. Prof. Li Yun, Vice President of NHRI, chaired the event. Participants attending the event include Prof. Liu Heng, Vice President of NHRI, Prof. Dou Xiping, Chief Engineer of NHRI, Dr. XueYayun, Chief Accountant of NHRI, Prof. Cheng Xialei, Director of Research Institute for Rural Electrification, Prof. Jiang Zaohong, Director of Nanjing Automation Institute of Water Conservancy and Hydrology, in addition to representatives of the partner institutions including Dr. Wang Zhengbing, Senior Consultant of Deltares, Dr. Giovanni Cuomo, Technical Director of HR Wallingford, Prof. Arthur Mynett of UNESCO- IHE, and Prof. ValeriPenchev, President of Black Sea-Danube Association. Directors of the research departments and managing offices of NHRI were also present as the members of the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee of the Center.

In his speech, President Zhang recalled the days when the Center was applied for by NHRI in 2014 with the recommendation by the Ministry of Water Resources, and approved by the Ministry of science and Technology in November 2014.

Prof. Zhang pointed out that by establishing the Center we aim to forge a platform for academic exchange of water-related science and technology, to nurture internationalized professionals, and to take the lead in the development of water science so as to make contributions to the advancement of water science in the world.

As the leading partner of the Center, NHRI will be responsible for reporting the work to the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Water Resources, will endeavor to support the work and activities of the Center, and will provide necessary input for the operation of the Secretariat of the Center. It is believed that with the joint efforts by all the partners, the Center will be developed into an important hub for international exchange and cooperation.

Afterwards, President Zhang and representatives of other 4 partners unveiled the name-board of the Center.

After warm discussions, some comments and suggestions were made and the Center's Charter was signed by representatives of five partners.

According to the Charter, members of the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee, Executive Director and members of the Secretariat were nominated.

All the members discussed the general plan and the goal of the Center. It was suggested that a website should be set up to distribute relevant information and news and update required research demands among the partners so as to share the latest information and ensure the priority of the partnership in applying for international cooperation programs.



President Zhang Jianyun Addressed at the Event



Name-Board of International Joint Research Center of Water Science and Engineering Unveiled



Signing of the Center's Charter



Meeting Room