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**WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

  
C.B. Vittal

Dams represent an important asset, although sometimes not adequately recognized. It is the prudent action that guards the modern world of energy from environmental conditions that could lead to the failure and other adverse effects in the world. The safety and the importance of this critical asset for the population makes it an area of increasing the working and support of activity as a whole, and it is important that there have always been a great deal of attention to the dam safety efforts. Increasing the production, increasing navigation, providing electric power, and providing drinking water in the dam have always been a part of the maintenance of an environmental consideration and sustainability development. Dams have also been subjected to this scrutiny and some cases of dam operations have been used to illustrate the role of dam safety. It is important that this be not acceptable, and that these operations should be treated as such.

On the other hand, we also note that the opportunity of dam operations has been recognized in the development and improvement of the national and international conditions. Accordingly, we are eager to take the initiative to improve every aspect of a dam's operation and to provide to the dam operators what should be done in this respect.

The newsletter you have in hand will be published quarterly and I hope it will give them a great idea of the contribution to the world of dam safety from the dam and its owner with which we are proud to be associated. We will also have the ICDP that reports on the dam safety in the world.

Beyond that, it is our goal to establish a communication link between the National Commission and the Central Office of the ICOLD as well as to increase the efficiency in the world dam safety. We are particularly pleased by the Chinese committee for writing and publishing, and the articles and information in the subject of dam in the Three Gorges Dam, and we are all very glad to report to you on the progress in the world dam safety efforts. We are all very glad to report to you on the progress in the world dam safety efforts. We are all very glad to report to you on the progress in the world dam safety efforts.

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