

# INTERNATIONAL SABO ASSOCIATION

## The Aims of Sabo

Sabo aims at protecting human lives, properties and natural environment from sediment-related disasters for the sustainable development of human society.



## International Sabo Association (ISA)

Sediment-related disasters are occurring frequently in the world affecting a huge number of people and causing a significant damage to properties and infrastructure, thus hampering the social and economic development of each country. The disaster in Taiwan (China) in 2009 and more recently Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in 2010 are still fresh in our memory.

Sediment-related disasters will occur more frequently and with greater magnitude in the future as a result of the global climate change which will lead to the increase in extreme precipitation events as predicted and already occurring in various parts of the world.

Under these circumstances International Sabo Association (ISA) was established in 2004 with the mission to reduce the sediment-related disasters for the sustainable development of each country through information sharing and exchange of opinions among Sabo engineers across the world.

## International Sabo Network (ISN) (<http://www.sabo-int.org/>)

Issues on sediment-related disasters were discussed in the six regional conferences in 2002-2003.

Based on the reports of the regional conferences, Sediment-related Issues Committee which was set up to prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Forum (2003 in Japan) established a vision “Sustainable Society against Sediment-related Issues” and proposed to establish “International Sabo Network (ISN)” to realize the vision through world-wide information sharing and exchange of opinions.

Action #3260 “Establishment of International Sabo Network” was adopted as one of commitments of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WWF and ISN was established in 2004 as the website of ISA.



## Information sharing and exchange of opinions through ISN

Any information and opinions from members are welcome at any time. They will appear on the website for sharing among members of different countries of similar conditions.

Any information required by members should be communicated to ISA secretariat. They will appear on the website response from other, while the secretariat will provide such information from its own sources and in consultation with authorities concerned if necessary.

Topics for information sharing and exchange of opinions will include but not limited to:

- Outline of major disasters
- Technical guidelines, new technologies
- Conferences, seminars etc.(outcome of past events and plan of future events)
- Climate change and sediment-related disasters
  - Influence of climate change on sediment-related disasters
  - Effective adaptation measures
- Environment and sediment-related disasters
  - Influence of the change in environment over sediment-related disasters
  - Effective Sabo works for preservation of environment



Disaster in Siaolin Village by Typhoon Morakot (Taiwan, 2009)



Disaster in Kurihara City by Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake (Japan, 2008)

## Invitation to the membership of International Sabo Association (ISA)

Currently ISA has about 173 members from 23 countries. With more members of variety of expertise and countries, ISA will be able to serve the members in their work for sediment-related disaster reduction in respective countries.

If you want to be a member of ISA, please fill in the following registration form and send it to the secretariat of International Sabo Association by Email.

The information from ISA to the members is sent through the mailing list; Information sharing among members is also through ISA.

The information on the Registration Form will be used strictly only for this purpose.

E-mail Address: [association@i-sabo.org](mailto:association@i-sabo.org)

**Registration Form**

Membership is free and there are no special obligations.

First Name:

Family Name:

Country:

Organization:

E-mail address:

Please download this leaflet from our website (<http://www.sabo-int.org/>).