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GWP South East Asia  
Mr. Hla Baw, Chair  
c/o Dr. Zaw Lwin Tun, Director  
Research Branch, Irrigation Department,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
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Dear Hla Baw,

**Re: Confirmation of Accreditation of GWP Southeast Asia**

With this letter we would like to confirm that GWP Southeast Asia was granted full accreditation status by the GWP Steering Committee at its meeting on 26 – 28 November 2007 in Manila, Philippines.

GWP Southeast Asia, became a Regional Water Partnership in January 2004, after it had previously been a Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) from 1997. During the RTAC phase, GWP SEA was governed through a group of GWP handpicked consultants from the region and they did not have the constituency at the country level (SEATAC).

It was through this group of hard working SEATAC members that countries in Southeast Asia recruited many strategic partners for GWP in their countries. It was also the SEATAC members together with some strategic GWP partners at the national levels, who acted as the “start engines” for the formation of Country Water Partnerships in the countries of Southeast Asia.

Today there are Country Water Partnerships in all eight countries in the region, namely Laos, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Myanmar. These countries have a growing number of GWP Partners who represent a wide diversity of sectors eg. Water management, agriculture, education, environment, professional organisations, development banks, rural and community development organisations, government institutions, NGOs etc. The GWP Regional Secretariat is since 2007 hosted by the Ministry of Public Works in Jakarta, Indonesia.

GWP SEA is one of the oldest regions of GWP, it has a strong regional network of Partners from all sectors as well as strong Country Water Partnerships. Significant numbers of Partners in SEA are effective in influencing the way water is managed at the country level. All CWPs in the region were accredited in 2008.

GWPO looks forward to continuing its close collaboration with GWP Southeast Asia and supporting the further development of sustainable water management in the Southeast Asian region.

Kind regards

  
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