



Asian River Restoration Network

Minutes of the 19th ARRN Governing Council Meeting

1. **Date:** 9:30-11:30 AM (local time), September 8th, 2025
2. **Venue:** Billiards Room, Old Government House, Queensland University of Technology
3. **Subject:** The 19th ARRN Governing Council Meeting
4. **Attendants**

Chair:

Wenqi PENG, Chairperson of ARRN / Chairperson of CRRN, Chief engineer of IWHR (China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research)

Suk-Hwan JANG, New Chairperson of ARRN / Chairperson of KRRN, President of Daejin University

Participants:

Wenqi PENG, Chairperson of CRRN / IWHR

Nobuyuki TSUCHYA, Chairperson of JRRN / Japan Riverfront Research Center

Suk-Hwan JANG, Chairperson of KRRN / Daejin University

Observers:

CRRN:

Baiyinbaoligao (ARRN / CRRN secretary General / IWHR)

Fengran XU (ARRN / CRRN Information Committee / IWHR)

Jing ZHANG (ARRN / CRRN Technical Committee / IWHR)

Jian ZHANG (ARRN / CRRN / IWHR)

Chongshan GUO (ARRN / CRRN / IWHR)

JRRN:

Yoichi MORIMOTO (JRRN / JRRC / RFC)

KRRN:

Jae-Kyoung LEE (KRRN / Daejin University)

5. Materials

- 1) Agenda, 2) List of members, 3) Minutes of 18th ARRN GCM

6. Report on ARRN and National RRN

- (1) International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU)
 - IMOU between ARRN and International River Foundation (IRF)
- (2) Review of the minutes of the 18th GCM
 - The minutes of the 18th GCM was approved by the CRRN, JRRN, and KRRN
- (3) ARRN activities in 2024
- (4) CRRN, JRRN, and KRRN activities in 2024
 - Academic exchanges and activities at various conferences (including workshops, and symposium) seminars, technical visits, publication of technical booklets, etc.
- (5) Election of a new chairperson of the ARRN
 - Suk-Hwan JANG (chairperson of the KRRN) was elected as a chairperson (2025-2028)
 - Transfer of the ARRN secretariat from CRRN to KRRN

7. Discussion and Decision

At the 19th ARRN Meeting, various agenda items were discussed, which can be briefly summarized as follows.

- (1) Discussion about the Asian River Prize
 - Need to establish award regulations: evaluation process, candidate eligibility, nomination procedures, prize money, and sponsorship
 - Promote a Prize that reflects ARRN's characteristics and holds value equivalent to international academic standards
 - Establish plans to secure sponsors for prize money in each country by the end of the year
 - Conduct a preliminary investigation of the information required for prize regulations at CRRN
- (2) Expansion of ARRN members
 - Promote through international conferences and academic societies in each country
 - Expand membership through the promotion of the Asian River Prize
- (3) 2026 ARRN council meeting
 - Make recommendations for each country by October 2025
 - E.g. IAHR-APD (Incheon, July 2026), EGU (Vienna, May 2026)
- (4) Promotion and support for ARRN projects
 - Meeting with Asian Development Bank