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Re Collaboration on Water Management – Water as Leverage Academy

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Dear Dr. Surasri,

As a follow-up of the Dutch water mission of August 2023 and our ongoing dialogues on sustainable, resilient and inclusive water management, I would like to ask your support to intensify our collaboration.

Firstly, Ms. Victoria Elema, Team Lead International Water Affairs of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands, will be visiting Thailand from 28 June to 3 July 2024. On this occasion, we would like to request a meeting with you, tentatively on Friday 28 June 2024, 13.00 hrs., to discuss our cooperation under the framework of the Government to Government's Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in the fields of water resources and environmental management (G2G MoU water) and to update you on the "Water as Leverage" program.

Secondly, as part of the G2G MoU water, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and the Netherlands Embassy in Bangkok are facilitating a "Water as Leverage (WaL) Academy" program, using Bangkok as a case study. The program will take place in Bangkok from the 1st to 3rd of July 2024. With the WaL Academy, we aim to exchange knowledge, expertise, design process, and technological solutions among international and local stakeholders (see attachment no. 1).

Regarding this program, we would like to request ONWR's kind support on the following:

1. A field visit and meetings with relevant water agencies on 29 and 30 June (time and location to be discussed).
2. Co-organizing a capacity building workshop, using BMA's water management priority as a case studies, where the findings of the Hotspots Analysis of Bangkok Flood Resilience will be discussed to propose a roadmap that highlights both short- and long-term solutions and necessary steps (see attachment no. 2). We request your support by delivering a keynote speech and inviting relevant ONWR's staff and other water-related agencies staff to join as both participants and/or expert facilitators.

The Embassy's contact person for this matter is Ms. Pantipa Sutdhapanya, Senior Economic Officer. Your staff may contact her at Tel. 0 2309 5234 or email: ban-ea@minbuza.nl for more details.

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I am grateful for your kind cooperation and confident that this will serve as a basis for more intensive collaboration in the water sector.

Yours sincerely,



Remco van Wijngaarden
Ambassador

Attachments:

1. A concept note on Water as Leverage (WaL) Academy – case study Bangkok
2. Provisional program of the WaL Academy workshop and technical visits