



**AAWRE Participates in International Conference on Urban Water
Environment and Green Infrastructure Workshops in Taiwan**



AAWRE Trustees with President of Taiwan, Ma Ying-Jeou and delegates in Taiwan – June 2008

The American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE) was invited to participate in week-long technical workshops on issues related to sustainable water resources and international conference on urban water environment issues June 23-27. The International Forum on Green Infrastructures was hosted by the the Water Environment Research Center (WERC) in Taipei, Taiwan, and the International Conference on Urban Water Environment was sponsored by National Taiwan University, with additional funding support from several U.S. engineering firms, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and AAWRE.

The conference and workshops drew more than 200 senior water resources engineers and practitioners in the academia, public, and private sectors. Trustees of the Academy met with President of Taiwan, Mr. Ma Ying-Jeou, and various executives

and representatives from Taiwan Environmental Protection Agency, Taiwan Water Resources Agency, Chinese Institute of Environmental Engineering, Taiwan Power Company, and Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation to discuss various water and environmental issues facing their agencies and in Taiwan. Diplomates of AAWRE presented on topics such as assessing water infrastructure systems, sustainable water environment, solutions to storm water pollution, drainage concepts using-green solutions, advanced professional certification, and continuing professional development.

AAWRE President, Michael Ports, P.E., P.H., D.WRE remarked, “The opportunity to visit Taiwan was very important to the academy. The trip helped to establish the academy's reputation for engineering excellence. Just to be invited was an honor. But to be also taken seriously by their government's highest officials, lent immediate credibility to the D. WRE credential.”

Participants included Mr. Ma Ying-Jeou - President of Taiwan, Executives from Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation, Executives of Taiwan Environmental Protection Agency, Executives of Taiwan Water Resources Agency, Dr. Kung-Cheh Li - President of Chinese Institute of Environmental Engineering, and chief engineer of Taiwan Power Company.



Figure. 1 Kuang-Chih Chang, Director Conservation Division of WRA giving the opening remarks.



Figure. 2 AAWRE's President Michael A. Ports, P.E., P.H., D.WRE, addresses the audience.



Figure. 3 AAWRE Treasurer, William H. Espey, Jr., Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE



Figure. 4 Interaction during forum.



Figure. 5 AAWRE Diplomates with Taiwanese Delegation – (from L to R):

AAWRE President-Elect - Daniel Boyd, P.E., D.WRE, AAWRE Treasurer - William Espey, Jr., Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, AAWRE Past-President - Darell Zimbelman, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, AAWRE President – Michael Ports, P.E., P.H., D.WRE, AAWRE committee members, Anthony Tafuri, P.E., D.WRE and Richard Field, P.E., D.WRE, along with delegates from Taiwan.

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