

## KEITI and Korean HydroCore Delegates Visited IWM

The Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) hosted a distinguished high-level delegation from the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI), under the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment of the Republic of Korea, along with senior representatives from the Economic Relations Division (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh, on 15 January 2026.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Md. Amirul Islam, Executive Director of IWM. The ERD delegation was led by Mr. A. K. M. Sohel, Additional Secretary and Wing Chief (UN Affairs), accompanied by Ms. Shakera Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, UN-2 Section, and Mr. Md. Juel Mahmud, Green Climate Fund (GCF) Liaison Officer of Bangladesh. The Korean delegation comprised Mr. Nam Jaehyun, Senior Research Specialist, KEITI; Dr. Bhon K. Koo, Chief Executive Officer, HydroCore; Mr. John Song, Director, HydroCore; and Mr. Rahul Teku Vaswani, Consultant on Climate Change and Sustainability.



*Md. Amirul Islam, Executive Director of IWM warmly welcomed Mr. AKM Sohel, Additional Secretary of ERD, Ministry of Finance and presented a Special IWM Crest*

The visit marked an important milestone in strengthening international collaboration on climate-resilient development. Discussions focused on Bangladesh's strategic opportunities under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Programme and explored innovative, scalable solutions to address the country's growing climate challenges. IWM showcased its pioneering work in carbon credit development and nature-based solutions, demonstrating how climate mitigation efforts can be effectively integrated with livelihood improvement and ecosystem restoration.

Key initiatives presented included mangrove restoration for enhanced coastal protection, the application of Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) techniques in rice cultivation to reduce methane emissions and conserve water, agroforestry models to improve farm resilience and incomes, and modern waste management approaches to reduce emissions while promoting public health.

The exchange highlighted strong enthusiasm on both sides for future collaboration, leveraging IWM's extensive field experience in water and climate resilience alongside Korea's cutting-edge environmental technologies. Both delegations expressed optimism about forging long-term partnerships, joint innovation, and technical cooperation to advance sustainable and climate-resilient development in Bangladesh and beyond.

Senior officials of IWM present at the meeting included Md. Sohel Masud, Deputy Executive Director (Operations); Dr. Mollah Md. Awlad Hossain, Deputy Executive Director (Planning & Development); Mr. S. M. Mahbubur Rahman, Advisor, IWM International Business; Mr. Shaikh Nahiduzzaman, Senior Specialist, Coast, Port & Inland Waterways Management (CPI) Division; and Mr. M. Samiun Nabi, Head of Strategic Planning & Business Development (SPB), along with other senior officials.