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Your Excellency Houlin Zhao, deputy general secretary of International telecommunication union,

Distinguished guests and delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me extend my sincere gratitude toward organizers of international forum on emergency issues and disaster management in the Asia, Pacific region International Telecommunication union (ITU), Information and communication technologies authority of Mongolia (ICTPA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the government of Australia, communications regulatory committee (CRC).

On the behalf of the government of Mongolia and Myself, I wish to extend my appreciation toward, Mr. Houlin ZHAO deputy secretary-general of International telecommunication union, Ms. Eun-Ju KIM, head of ITU regional director of Asia Pacific, Mr. Xuan ZENGPEI head of ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and foreign quests and delegates.

The disaster mitigation issue is not limited to the borders of the single nation; it has become an international challenge. Each country’s effort and cooperation to mitigate disaster protect population, environment, economy and cultural heritage from natural disasters is increasing.

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction that was approved in 2000 by United Nations with the objective to strengthen the involvement multi stakeholders, cooperation of disaster management organizations and development partners.

The Parliament and government of Mongolia are developing policy and strategic documents in comply with international policy and strategy on disaster, Millennium development goals based comprehensive National development strategy of Mongolia, the National security vision to prevent disaster, decrease disaster risk, strengthen structure and organization, establish proper legislative
environment, update the information system for early warning, apply new devices and technologies, build capacity of human resources, and establish proper mechanisms for public and private partnership.

This May, the Parliament of Mongolia has approved the “The state policy and program on disaster mitigation” within the framework of the “Hyogo Framework for Action to build the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster” from 2005 to 2015 that was declared at conference in Japanese city Kobe.

Last month, The Parliament of Mongolia has approved the “The state policy and program on disaster mitigation” on May 13, 2011. Last month, policy objectives, advantages of program, implementation strategies were discussed at the national conference. The vision of “The state policy and program on disaster mitigation” is to build management capacity for disaster mitigation, decrease disaster risk, increase involvement of public and local municipalities, professional organizations, private entities and citizens, improve disaster readiness, build capacity and thus provide sustainable development for society and economy.

The Government of Mongolia has initiated a project on “information system for early warning of disaster” with the objective to reduce disaster risk by applying Information and communication technologies to be implemented from 2012.

Before this regional forum, the national seminar on disaster was organized with the cooperation of International telecommunication union. The seminar had fruitful results and issued useful recommendations to implement activities and foster public and private partnership.

I hope that this forum will play important role to strengthen disaster mitigation structure, foster collaboration among countries of the region, international organizations and other stakeholders, exchange experience and define further objectives.

Distinguished guests and participants,

Ladies and gentlemen,
On the behalf of the State Emergency commission and myself, I wish to congratulate all organizations and staff, who contributed to the organization of this regional forum.

I wish all the success to the activities of the seminar.

Thank you for the kind attention.