Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

This is Sungwoo(David) Woo who is working at Earthquake Disaster Policy Division of Ministry of the Interior and Safety as a Director.

I am really honored to be with all of you today in this international seminar. Also, I’d like to express my grateful appreciation to the distinguished guests we have here with us today.

Earthquakes pose significant challenges to our societies, often resulting in devastating loss of life and extensive damage to infrastructure. However, through proactive risk management strategies and the effective utilization of tools and technologies, we can minimize the impact of these natural disasters.

In Northeast Asia, a region prone to seismic activity, we have witnessed remarkable advancements in earthquake risk management. Today, we have the opportunity to exchange valuable insights and learn from one another's experiences. By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, we can collectively work towards building more resilient communities.
During this event, we will delve into the diverse array of tools and technologies that have been instrumental in earthquake risk management. From early warning systems and seismic monitoring networks to innovative structural engineering practices and community preparedness initiatives, we will explore how these resources can help mitigate the risks associated with earthquakes.

I encourage all participants to actively engage in discussions, ask questions, and share your valuable experiences. Together, let us leverage this platform to build stronger networks, foster collaborations, and contribute to the collective resilience of our communities.

Thank you once again for joining us today. May this event serve as a catalyst for innovation and inspire us to strive for a safer and more prepared future.