

ASIA-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (APP-DRR) FORUM
SESSION: “Reflections from the Governments and Stakeholders”

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Excellencies,

Heads of Delegations,

Distinguished guests and participants!

First and foremost, allow me to express my gratitude to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for convening the Asia-Pacific Partnership for Disaster Risk Reduction Forum.

We, the Asian Pacific countries, are facing multiple challenges of development due to natural and man-made phenomena, including Australian fires, humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, earthquakes in Japan and Nepal; moreover, we cannot exclude the enormous impact of current pandemic - COVID-19.

In line with the priorities of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goal-2030, the Government of Mongolia undertaking several of actions to establish management and coordinating mechanism for disaster risk reduction, to update and approve policy documents, rules and regulations.

Mongolia firmly committed to implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and approved *‘National Medium-term Strategy for the Implementation of Sendai Framework in Mongolia 2017-2030’* by three phases, and first phase was successfully implemented for the last 4 years. The second phase is in process with the focus on partnership and collaboration between public and private organizations, scientific and civil society organizations, citizens, communities and international organizations for DRR, until 2025.

Moreover, *“National Platform for Disaster risk reduction”* responsible for building and providing management and coordination across the country have been established in 2018. Afterwards, local level sub-platform for disaster risk reduction in the capital city and all 21 provinces are created.

Following socio-economic development, one of the key issues that every countries should concentrate on is to ensure disaster-resistance of cities and urban areas where majority of people live, to build better-quality buildings, facilities and other infrastructure, to promote public-

private partnership and to increase investment. Mongolia is the first Asian country to support and integrate all province centers and cities into the “Making Cities Resilient” movement initiated by the UNDRR with the aim to reduce disaster risk in urban areas and to achieve sustainable development.

Dear Distinguished guests;

Mongolia, as a country has included specific ideas and supported the adoption of the “Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction”. The State Great Hural has adopted the revision of the “Law on Disaster Protection” in 2017 and 2020. With revision of the law, we provide the legal framework to prevent disaster risks, rescue, eradicate damages, organize swift and effective immediate reconstruction measures, improve participation of stakeholders in disaster risk reduction, increase private investment, reduce economic damages caused by disasters and so forth. The law states that the provision that central and local governments should allocate 1% and private enterprises not less than 1.5% of their annual budget for disaster risk reduction and prevention activities.

Moreover, in order to cope with the current pandemic COVID-19, the revision of the law states that strengthening the cooperation of the stakeholders more strongly, therefore Mongolia established the ‘*Operation center*’ consist of the key stakeholders including ministries and agencies since March of 2020.

Dear Distinguished guests;

We are taking step-by-step actions to upgrade disaster risk transferring mechanism and risk financing legal environment. For instance, with the support of Asian development bank, we are implementing the “Strengthening Capacity on Disaster Risk Assessment, Reduction, and Transfer Instruments in Mongolia” project. One of the project’s outcomes is to strengthening financial resilience to disaster risk.

As disasters recognize no boundaries, we believe that Disaster Risk Reduction will be more effective if we work together and it demands us to unite our efforts and be more pro-active in implementing our commitments to implement global and regional frameworks for reducing disaster risks and impacts of climate change and work for our mission to ensure peaceful and sustainable socio-economic development in our regions.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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