Question: how the region can take advantage of the opportunities created by COVID-19 recovery and the MTR-SF to further accelerate the implementation of the priorities on the Sendai Framework and ensure more inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction?

Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

Thank you for an opportunity to address Thailand’s reflection on the Mid-Term Review of the Sendai Framework. It’s been five years since we left Sendai with a commitment together toward building resilience and promote disaster risk reduction.

The effect of Climate Change and the COVID-19 situation which we have been battling in the past 2 years show us that what we have been preparing for 5 years ago may not suitable for the complexed disaster that we are facing now. Disaster nowadays is getting more complicated and interconnected with many other factors. Our existed development
plans and disaster risk reduction scope may not be the best solution in combating the recent risk-scape which the combination of health, natural disaster, and climate change among others.

As Thailand will chair APEC and ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management or ACDM in 2022, we will emphasize the mutual effort in balancing recovery after COVID-19 while stressing on the important agenda such as localization, anticipatory action, gender, protection, and inclusion. We will continue to promote “Bangkok’s Principles” that aim to strengthen health system to be more resilient during emergencies. Furthermore, we will focus on the improvement of disaster data collection system as it is one of the main tools in reflecting our success in DRR efforts.

In achieving Sendai priorities, we will need to work harder together. Thailand is looking forward to work with all of you in accelerating the implementation of SFDRR in all dimension and looking forward to join the coming up APMCDRR in Brisbane next year.

Thank you.