

Good Afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

I am YI Han Kyung, the head delegate of the Republic of Korea and I am from the Ministry of Public Safety and Security.

I am very delighted to participate in this 7th AMCDRR Conference on behalf of the Republic of Korea. And I would like to thank the heads of the Ministry of Home Affairs and UNISDR Asia and the Pacific and also the related officers for successfully hosting this conference.

Today, I would like to introduce policies and strategies to implement the Sendai Framework in Korea, and how we are strengthening our partnership with Asian countries in the Asian Region to reduce disasters.

First, let me introduce our policies and strategies toward Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

To understand and undertake DRR, a pre-emptive measure, the so-called 'Nationwide Safety Diagnosis', is carried out every year. Central and local government officials conduct assessments of national infrastructure; we

also support companies to voluntarily carry out assessments and take part in this safety management system.

And citizens join as well by reporting any risk factors simply through a mobile application. Furthermore, we are encouraging local governments to plan and update 5-year Hazard Mitigation Plans.

To strengthen governance, we forge partnership with civil society. Through a 'Public-Private Cooperation Committee', we attract private sector to co-work in activities related to disaster safety policy. We are also carrying out the "Making Cities Resilient" campaign together with UNISDR and total 155 cities have joined the campaign.

We spend 1.4 billion US dollars a year to improve facilities vulnerable to disasters. Through this DRR investment, we can prepare and reduce damages caused by disaster risk factors such as flood, landslide and tsunami.

We have expanded educational programs to strengthen the capacity of disaster preparedness. Domestically, we are promoting "National Safety Education Plan Based on Life cycles", which provides education to different age groups. And internationally, we contribute to international society's DRR effort by supporting UNISDR's global DRR education and training institute.

For a framework of building back better, we have implemented the 'Preventive Recovery Project', reducing people's vulnerability to disasters by reconstructing stronger and recovering better than it was before being impacted by a disaster.

The aforementioned activities toward DRR are related to the Sendai Framework's four priorities. And we aim to carry each priority out more actively in the future to reduce disasters.

And now, I would like to make mention of collaboration within Asian Countries and others. We, the Republic of

Korea, started to build a cooperative disaster management system with neighboring countries to strengthen our DRR capability. As a start, for this past two years, we have built cooperation by having bilateral talks with countries including the U.S., China, Japan and Russia.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to strengthen and broaden our collaboration with governments and the private sector who are participating here today. We hope to share new technologies and policies that are implemented to reduce disaster risk in the future.

Society's global vulnerability to disaster is ever increasing due to climate change. Most of all, disasters do not respect international boundaries. This is the reason why international cooperation is very critical.

Therefore, to effectively respond to this changing environment, the Republic of Korea will put its every effort into implementing the Sendai Framework and will deepen its cooperation and strengthen partnership with the International Community and specially Asian Countries.

Lastly, I would like to thank the India Government once again for all the gracious hospitality.

Thank you!