

Good morning ladies and gentlemen!

First, let me welcome

Mr. Kyung Won Roh, the Director General of Space and Nuclear Technology Bureau of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology,

Dr. Dongxin Feng, Madam Chair of RCA,

Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan, National Representative of Indonesia,

Mr. Abu Sayeed Mohammad Firoz, National Representative of Bangladesh,

Mr. Tseren Damdinsuren, National Representative of Mongolia, and

Mr. Seung Ho Hong, National Representative of Korea.

The former RCA focal persons, Dr. Mahendra Prithvi Das,

Dr. John F. Easey, and Dr. Sueo Machi, coordinator of the Forum for Nuclear Cooperation in Asia,

Mr. Myung Seung Yang, former president of KAERI,

Mr. Jong Kyung Kim, professor of Hanyang University,

Mr. Se Jun YOON, the Director of Korea Nuclear International Cooperation Foundation,

My esteemed former colleagues, Mr. Kun Mo CHOI,

Mr. John K. Chung, Mr. Ki Soo Yum

and distinguished guests,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you for your participation in the workshop and welcome you most warmly to Jeju.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to address the welcoming remarks for "2012 Workshop on Enhancing Strategic Goals of RCARO".

As you all aware, RCARO celebrates its 10th anniversary and RCA 40th. Since its foundation in 2002, the RCARO has achieved a lot of progress based on the mandate given by the RCA Member States to enhance the visibility and viability of the RCA.

It is worth reminding ourselves that the purpose of the workshop is to review and evaluate the RCARO activities and to find ways on how to enhance the strategic goals of the RCARO for its sustainable development in a medium and long term.

The result of this workshop will be reported to the RCA General Conference Meeting to be held in Vienna in September 2012. So, I kindly request you to contribute to reaching fruitful outcomes by providing your valuable experiences and opinions.

I wish you every success in your discussions. I hope you will be able to produce important conclusions that can be duly taken into account in the RCARO's future activities on a permanent basis.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for being here, especially my esteemed colleagues from RCARO for their efforts for the workshop.

I know it's very hot now in Jeju, but while wishing you good health now and in the days to come, I hope you enjoy the beautiful Jeju Island and Korean culture.

I wish you a very pleasant stay in Korea.

Thank you all for being here today.