

44th Regional Meeting of National RCA Representatives

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Closing Remarks

by

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Distinguished RCA Chair and National Representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please allow me to start by expressing my appreciation to the RCA Chair, the RCA State Parties, and the Division for Asia and the Pacific for the excellent joint efforts to organize this 3-day hybrid meeting, with the special arrangements fitting for the 50th Anniversary of the RCA. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all as your presence and contributions in the discussions is a strong sign of commitment of the RCA State Parties to the Technical Cooperation Programme.

I highly appreciate the untiring endeavours of the RCA and congratulate the admirable and brilliant accomplishments that the RCA has gained over the last 50 years (1972-2022) as presented in the last two days.

I also take this opportunity to express my warm congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the RCARO (2002-2022) with its significant contribution to the development of the RCA in the last 20 years. I congratulate Mr Park who has

been reappointed by the meeting as Director of the RCARO for another period for 2022-2025.

Distinguished RCA Chair and National Representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I attended your meeting in last two days and enjoy the way you have discussed and shared your views, which shows the RCA's working style: listening, sincere, open, responsible, and very constructive. This is a precious asset of the RCA!

As we look ahead to the next 50 years, we should not rest on the laurels of the past 50 years. These brilliant achievements are already past! Rather it carries with it a responsibility and poses a challenge to face the future.

With the vision "*the RCA is recognized as an effective partner in providing nuclear technologies that enhance socio-economic well-being and contribute to sustainable development in the region*", the RCA must continue to be ambitious to achieve more and greater successes. To this end, there is no other way, but the RCA should innovate itself and try its best to explore innovative solutions to forge partnerships, mobilize, harness, and synergize available and substantial intellectual, economic, and technological resources in the region to address regional needs and emerging challenges in an effective and efficient manner. Nuclear human resource development is critical for the RCA to sustain the successes in the past and foster future achievements. There is no doubt in my mind that you all will continue to strive for success and ensure the successful development and management of RCA programme.

I would like to highlight that the IAEA is not a party to the RCA. However, the IAEA is an indispensable and inseparable partner of the RCA, and the close cooperation between the IAEA and the RCA is the deciding factor for every success of the RCA, in the past, and continues to be in the future. I take this opportunity to re-affirm the strong commitment and full collaboration of the IAEA in support of the RCA.

I congratulate you again the National Representatives for your wonderful achievements in the last 50 years, and I look forward to more and greater successes in the years to come. I also highly appreciate the dedicated and inspired work of the Division of TCAP for the RCA.

I sincerely wish you and your families good health and safety in the days ahead.

Thank you for your attention.