

Opening Remarks
50th RCA General Conference Meeting (GCM)
16 September 2021

Excellency,
Honorable RCA National Representatives,
Distinguished Representatives from IAEA and RCARO,
RCA Focal Person,
Ladies and gentlemen.

Good morning or good afternoon, depending on your time zones. It is an honour and privilege for me to welcome you all to this 50th RCA General Conference Meeting (GCM). First of all, I would like to thank all of you for making time to join this meeting despite the different time zones and the difficult time we all are going through due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic. Although there might be some limitations and challenges in this virtual meeting, I believe our valuable contributions will be able to hold an effective and productive meeting.

The RCA GCM is an important event for all government parties, IAEA and RCARO to discuss on policy and management issues related to the RCA, in which many significant decisions on project planning and implementation are being made. Over several decades, with the continued support and guidance of RCA members and IAEA, RCA has proved its strong leadership and commitment in promoting the peaceful application of nuclear science and technology among the RCA parties.

As we look back over 50 years of our collaboration, a number of projects and programmes have been successfully implemented across the range of health, environment, industry, and agriculture. In these past two years, despite the COVID-19 restrictions, we still continue to strengthen our cooperation and innovation as well as enhance its impact on socioeconomic development in the region. In preparing for the 50th anniversary, it would be appreciated if all of us gathered here could support and make a great contribution to celebrate this huge milestone.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all NRs, IAEA, RCA Focal Person for your hard work and support to make this meeting possible, and to RCARO for making great contribution to the preparation of this meeting. Last but not least, I would like to convey my profound appreciation to all the delegates taking their valuable time to participate in this important meeting.

I wish everyone a successful and fruitful meeting. Thank you very much.