

Remarks
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- Excellency **Shinzo Abe**, Prime Minister of Japan
- Excellency **Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary General of the United Nations (UN)
- Excellencies Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Representatives of Participating Countries,
- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!

At the outset, I would like to extend my appreciation to the organizers for inviting me to attend and share Cambodia's views in this important meeting. I also would like to congratulate and thank the Government and the people of Japan, the host country, for the excellent arrangement and the warm hospitality extended to all guests, including Cambodia's delegation.

We all know that the disaster risk management and reduction are long-term and complex problems which require all countries to jointly address. Taking this valuable opportunity, I would like to join previous speakers to share my views on disaster risk reduction, which is the theme of our conference. In general, I am of the view that we should all together give priority on the implementation of the following tasks:

First- Strengthening institutions and developing legal frameworks, regulations and mechanisms at all levels for disaster management based on actual situations of each country as well as providing further supports to the efforts in promoting regional and global integration;

Second- Promoting and strengthening borderless communication and cooperation in disaster management, particularly continuing to enhance the exchange of more in-depth information as well as establishing knowledge-sharing programs related to disaster risk prevention and reduction at communities, national, regional and international levels;

Third- Promoting partnership as well as ensuring an open and favorable environment for relevant stakeholders at all levels to engage in disaster management, including the vulnerable, especially through providing supports to the leadership and strengthening the implementation capacities at community level;

Fourth- Incorporating the disaster risk prevention and reduction into development plans at all levels, by preparing and implementing community-centered action plans for each region in cooperation with all stakeholders;

Fifth- Strengthening disaster preparedness and emergency response plan with proper mechanisms to ensure the efficient implementation of the action plan as well as continuing to strengthen mechanisms to help victims during and after the disaster through enhancing institutions and related mechanisms, particularly disaster management committee in each country, and cooperation with relevant stakeholders;

Sixth- Allocating sufficient national budget to all relevant ministries and institutions to mainstream action plans for disaster risk reduction, and developing and implementing social safety nets and social protection programs for promoting risk reduction, resiliency, food security; and

Seventh- Continuing to strengthen and expand insurance system as well as developing new insurance schemes to respond to disaster risks, especially life insurance and micro-insurance;

I believe that the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction adopted in this conference will contribute to minimizing the losses caused by disasters, especially the loss of human lives, at national, regional and global levels.

As a country that is vulnerable to floods, droughts and climate change, Cambodia wish to reaffirm its firm commitment to working together with all relevant stakeholders to implement the guidelines for disaster risk reduction. In fact, the Royal Government of Cambodia has already incorporated the disaster management and climate change adaptation programs into its national development strategy.

Finally, I wish the conference great success and wish Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen good health and prosperity in all endeavors!

Thank You!