

OPENNING SPEECH

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Yours Excellences,

*Dr. Ryutaro Yatsu, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, MOE
Japan,*

*Mr. Masahiko Horie, Ambassador for Global Environmental Affairs, MOFA,
Japan,*

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honor to be on behalf of the Viet Nam Delegation as well as the Event Organizer Group to express our warmest welcome to you all, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen who are here today attending this important event of ***Viet Nam: Policy development, financial mechanism, technology transfer to respond to climate change***. This Event is jointly organized by JICA, GEC, OECC, and Japan Ministry of Environment and Viet Nam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Activities presently implemented responding to diverse effects of climate change assume mutual efforts of all UNFCCC parties, in which it's well recognized that developing countries have received considerable supports from developed ones.

I believe, you may have known that Viet Nam is one of several countries in the world, which are mostly vulnerable to climate change impacts, especially the sea level rise due to its specific character of narrow shape with very long coastal line through out the country. Therefore, climate change mitigation and adaptation actions are being recognized to be very important, Viet Nam has launched National Target Program to Respond to Climate Change (NTP), the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, and the National Green Growth Strategy and other related law and policies. These policies actions are our principal orientation to cope with climate change impacts as well as to efficiently facilitate technical and financial assistance from donors.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nationally Appropriated Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) and its Measure, Report and Verification (MRV) are the new issues for Viet Nam. Its sound application needs knowledge and expertise from experienced and developed partners, in which Japan is one of countries that have most effective supports to Viet Nam. Continued support to SPRCC (the Support Program to Respond to Climate Change), Japan presently with other donors have initiated pilot projects in Viet Nam that are shortly presented today in the event programme, we hope that readiness prepared for NAMA in Vietnam will be effectively completed with your constrictive comments and positive contributions. *These pilot results will be parts of contribution as well as the live evidences for Viet Nam to access and successfully implement ongoing programs of (i) the Partnership Market Readiness (PMR); (ii) the Country Investment Plan (CIP) supported by Clean Technology Fund (CTF); and (iii) the Viet Nam Scheme on management of GHG emission and carbon credit trading to the international markets.*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The side event today organized by Japan and Viet Nam is one of incentives for international cooperation facilitating implementation of UNFCCC in Viet Nam. Through this Event, we would like to introduce our open policies and overseas supporting mechanism that help us to initially responding to climate change. Moreover, this is our opportunity to strengthen partnership with countries, international organizations and institutes that have common interest in implementation of NAMA and low-carbon economy; to share experiences and achievements on tackling climate change aiming at sustainable development, *especially to facilitate the model of North-South and South-South cooperation.*

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to be on behalf of the Viet Nam Delegation as well as Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment expressing our sincere thanks and high appreciation to you all, participants for your active attendance and constructive comments to the meeting.

And, I would like to wish you all, *Ladies and Gentlemen*, a good health and happiness and wish for our successful meeting today!

Thank you for your attention./.