

[Republic of Korea]

Good Afternoon

I am Mr. Kyungsoo Lee from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Republic of Korea. It is my honor to have a chance to introduce our transport policies for the inclusive and sustainable development.

First of all, the Korean government highly appreciated the ESCAP secretariat's effort to pursue the vision of an international integrated intermodal system in the Asia and Pacific region. We believe that the intergovernmental agreement on dry ports would certainly contribute to the accomplishment of such vision along with the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway system. I also would like to mention that the Republic of Korea completed the signing board of Asian Highway section in Korea in 2010, and we are further cooperating with UNESCAP to conduct pre-feasibility study for some member countries' priority sections of the Asian highway.

Secondly, the Korean government supports the ESCAP's effort to enhance sustainable transport development in the Asia-Pacific region. We have provided financial support for the study on the best practices of sustainable transport policies in the region this year. In addition, the joint seminar on sustainable transport development is scheduled late this year between ESCAP and some Korean Institutes such as Korea Transport Institute.

Thirdly, we have recognized the importance of road safety, which was mentioned at the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety in ESCAP General Assembly in 2010. Accordingly, the Korea Transportation Safety Authority will co-organize the 2013 Road Safety Expert Group Meeting with ESCAP in Seoul in May this year. We expect active participation of Asian-Pacific countries in the meeting.

Lastly, the Korean Government is aware of increasing demand on the public-private partnership for infrastructure development in the region. We are currently planning the Knowledge Sharing Program to share Korea's experience and knowledge on Public-Private Partnership.

Korea will continuously cooperate with ESCAP for the shared prosperity in the region.

Thank you.