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Welcome Remarks
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Minister for Manpower Hanif Dhakiri,
APO Chair,
APO Secretary-General Mari Amano,
Fellow APO Directors,
Distinguished Guests, and
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Assalamu alaikum wr. wb.

We are delighted and honored to host this 58th session of the APO Governing Body and to welcome you to Jakarta. I would like to seize this opportunity to thank Minister Hanif Dhakiri for being here with us, as our guest of honor, in spite of his busy schedule.

One of the most important factors influencing the progress of a nation is its productivity level and competitiveness. We are lucky to be members of the APO, so that we are connected to each other to help us climb our productivity ladder through mutual assistance and cooperation.

Since Indonesia was officially inaugurated as a member of the APO in the ninth APO Governing Body Meeting on 7 May 1968, productivity improvement efforts in Indonesia have significantly increased. We also work together with other international organizations such as the ILO and GIZ to see another perspective in terms of efforts to increase labor productivity. In national arenas, productivity is promoted through the involvement of all stakeholders, such as ministries, employers' associations, trade unions, academia, and public organizations. We realize that the reinforcement of the economic situation and the improvement of competitiveness in Indonesia will be successfully achieved by engaging the well-planned involvement of all components of the nation.

I hope that we are here today not only for attending the meeting and discussing what has been placed on the agenda. Let us be closer to each other, let us dedicate all our resources to assist each other as APO member states, and let us assist other countries in the Asia-Pacific to climb the productivity ladder. Creating a prosperous society and environmental sustainability is a global problem and the responsibility of all parties.

Finally, I would like to express sincere gratitude to the APO Secretariat and Directorate of Productivity Development as the NPO of Indonesia for the excellent preparations for the GBM. I close my remarks by hoping that your stay in Jakarta will be enjoyable and fruitful.

Thank you. *Wassalamu alaikum wr. wb.*