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Opening Address

APO Director for Indonesia Abdul Wahab Bangkona

His Excellency Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration, Republic of Indonesia,
APO Secretary-General Ryuichiro Yamazaki,
Governor of Bali Province I. Made Mangku Pastika,
Dr. Serafin D. Talisayon, Professor of Technology Management Center, University of the Philippines,
Distinguished Delegates, Advisers, and Observers from APO Member Countries,
APO Secretariat Representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the National Productivity Organization of Indonesia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration, Republic of Indonesia, and Governor of Bali Province I. Made Mangku Pastika for their presence this morning.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all delegates, experts, advisers, and observers for taking part in this workshop meeting and leaving your busy schedules behind. This indicates how important this meeting is to all of us. It also indicates our need for the productivity movement as a critical part of our economic development process.

In line with the role of the APO as a think tank, catalyst, regional adviser, institution builder, and clearinghouse in promoting the productivity movement in the Asia-Pacific region, we are gathering here today until 25 October to evaluate the previous year's projects, undertake strategic planning, and formulate the rolling two-year plan, as well as discuss the detailed program for next year. We hope those programs and activities will align with future economic global challenges.

There will be many things to be discussed, particularly related to the next two-year plan. I truly believe, with your sharing of views and ideas, that this meeting will bring fruitful results that benefit our future economic growth.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to APO Secretary-General Ryuichiro Yamazaki and his team and all delegates of APO member countries for their trust given to Indonesia to host this meeting.

In particular, I would again like to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration of the Republic of Indonesia, for his strong support and personal attention to APO programs hosted in Indonesia.

I am happy to note that this morning we also have with us observers coming from several countries and organizations outside the APO. It will create a better atmosphere to expand our cooperation not only among APO members but also with other countries and organizations outside the APO.

I would like to convey my utmost thanks to the Governor of Bali Province I. Made Mangku Pastika for the hospitality shown to us. Finally, I wish all of you a pleasant stay in Bali. Thank you.