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Welcome Remarks

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Minister of Manpower, H.E. Hanif Dhakiri,
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Secretary-General of the APO,
Fellow Delegates,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb.

Good morning.

It is my great pleasure to welcome all APO family members to this 59th Workshop Meeting of Heads of NPOs. Welcome to Indonesia and welcome to Yogyakarta. I would also like to seize this opportunity to thank Minister Hanif Dhakiri for being here with us as our guest of honor.

We are delighted and honored to host this valuable meeting that will be seeking the best solutions to support the APO in becoming the leading productivity organization in the next two years. The time is not very long. We will also be seeking the best solutions for making sure that we can get positive benefits from the current Industry 4.0 phenomenon.

This year of 2018 marks 50 years that Indonesia has been an APO member. This also means that Indonesia's efforts to encourage all parties to always keep working hard to

improve productivity as the most effective way of enhancing economic growth and people's welfare have been continuing for 50 years.

Even though it has not always been as expected, we have achieved many proud results. Indonesia's level of productivity and competitiveness has increased compared to the previous year. We are optimistic that our productivity and competitiveness level will be even greater in the coming year, especially since the agenda item of “increasing productivity and competitiveness” is the main focus of the Indonesian government as stated in the 2014–2019 medium-term development plan.

The long history of the effort to mainstream productivity into the policymaking process as well as development agenda in Indonesia has taught the important lesson that enhancing national productivity needs a strong commitment and concerted efforts at all levels, both national and regional, and in all dimensions, both micro and macro. This year, the 50th year Indonesia has been a member of the APO, is the most appropriate occasion to invite all parties to accelerate efforts to increase productivity and competitiveness through the National Movement for Increasing Productivity and Competitiveness. We are now preparing the blueprint and roadmap for the movement, which will elaborate all required elements and their mechanisms, while also establishing the institutional network with clear details of the structure, roles, and working mechanisms.

For this reason, I really hope that APO programs can be more focused and directed toward the needs of member countries including Indonesia's. We plan to gain maximum benefit from APO programs, especially in-country programs such as the Specific National Program or SNP and Technical Expert Services, to help us to succeed in the implementation of the National Movement for Increasing Productivity and Competitiveness that will be launched next month in November.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the APO Secretariat and Directorate of Productivity Development as the NPO of Indonesia for the excellent preparations for this event. I would like to close my remarks by hoping that your stay in Yogyakarta is enjoyable and fruitful.

Thank you.

Wassalamualaikum Wr. Wb.

(Peace be upon you.)