

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. ERKHEMBAYAR YAMAARANZ
AT THE 65TH SESSION OF THE APO GOVERNING BODY MEETING**

Distinguished Secretary General Dr. Indra Pradana Singawinata,
Dear Chair, Mr. Phork Sovanrith
Fellow APO Directors, Honoured Guests, Advisers, and Observers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Chairman and Executive Director of the Mongolian Productivity Organization, it is a great pleasure for me to address you at the opening of the 65th Session of the APO Governing Body Meeting being hosted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, as well as extend to you my most sincere and respectful greetings.

Just last year we have celebrated the 30th anniversary of the productivity movement in Mongolia. Since the date of its establishment, the Mongolian Productivity Organization continued to progressively promote productivity movement throughout the country by conducting professional trainings and consultancy services to enhance human capital capability, with the aim to contribute to the acceleration of the economic growth in Mongolia.

Our past success is undoubtedly related to the APO's tremendous contributions to the development of the region and greater support to the Productivity movement in Mongolia. And seizing this opportunity, on behalf of the MPO and on my own behalf, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the APO family for the continued support.

We see numerous opportunities to accelerate the productivity movement, to remove key binding constraints and to resolve factors affecting national development. There is a higher potential in high-skilled labor and value addition through innovation and digital transformation to drive the country's economic growth in other more productive sectors, as Mongolia is rapidly adapting to the technological advancements.

We are truly honoured to be hosting the APO's GBM for the second time, here in Ulaanbaatar, after 16 years, in your Excellencies' presence.

Looking at all the excellent preparatory work that has gone into the meeting, and looking at both the agenda and data gathered here, I am convinced that this GBM will surely result in prudent decisions on many issues related to the internal affairs of the APO.

As the host, our team will do everything in its capability to introduce to you more about Mongolia, and to make your stay comfortable. I believe that Mongolia with its proud history, rich tradition, breathtaking nature and amazing culture will give you precious memories and unforgettable moments.

With these remarks, I would like to express once again my sincere gratitude to Dr. Indra, Secretary General of the APO, the Secretariat's officers for their continuous support, and Heads of all NPOs for the amicable relations and close cooperation.

I wish you all the best of health and continued success.

Thank you for your attention.