

Opening Remarks by
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Distinguished Participants from ASEAN Member States,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the Workshop on Atmospheric Dispersion Benchmark Problem Assessment and the 3rd Annual Meeting for ASEAN Network on Nuclear Power Safety Research at this venue today.

First, I would like to briefly touch the history of ASEAN Network on Nuclear Power Safety Research (or ASEAN NPSR). The Joint Communique to establish ASEAN NPSR was agreed upon by seven ASEAN Member States, including Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, on March 9, 2017 at the Kick-Off Meeting of the network in Bangkok, Thailand. The Joint Communique was then approved by the ASEAN Committee of Science and Technology (ASEAN-COST) in October 2017 at the 73rd ASEAN-COST Meeting.

The network aims to facilitate information and knowledge sharing throughout the ASEAN region, and enable research cooperation among ASEAN countries in the field of nuclear power safety. This is important since there are several nuclear power projects around the region, and the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident has made us aware that we need to have sufficient knowledge in nuclear power safety to be able to protect the citizen and the environment from any possible harmful effects from radiation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the meeting today, we will discuss the progress of the 2017 Benchmark Problem on Atmospheric Dispersion which is one of the important activities in ASEAN NPSR. We will also plan for the upcoming field work and workshop under the project, and select the next lead country for the network.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank the ASEAN Science Technology and Innovation Fund for supporting this important activity, thank all of you for participating and contributing to the meeting, and specially thank the organizing team for their dedication to make this meeting happens successfully. I wish the meeting every success and fruitful outcome.

Thank you.