

**Opening Remarks by
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**The 2nd Meeting of the ASEAN Network on Nuclear Power Safety Research
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Distinguished Experts and Participants from ASEAN Countries,
Ms. Tamara Yankovich, Expert from International Atomic Energy Agency,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the **2nd Meeting of the ASEAN Network on Nuclear Power Safety Research or ASEAN NPSR** which is sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of Thailand at this venue today.

As you may well aware that the formulation of the ASEAN network on nuclear power safety research is an initiative enabling research cooperation among ASEAN countries and facilitating the information and knowledge sharing throughout the region. This network can also contribute to the research capacity building of the region, through its activities, for example annual meetings, evaluation of benchmark problems or research collaborations. It would consequently help the future nuclear power plants achieve safe operation. As a result of the Kick-off meeting of the ASEAN NPSR which was held last year in Bangkok, the Joint Communiqué of ASEAN NPSR was agreed upon by seven ASEAN Member States, including Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and we have all of you here today. The Joint Communiqué of ASEAN NPSR was endorsed by the Sub-Committee of Sustainable Energy Research (SCSER) and approved by the

ASEAN Committee of Science and Technology (ASEAN-COST) in October 2017 at the 73rd ASEAN-COST Meeting.

This 2nd meeting is held as the annual meeting aiming for sharing of achievements and research results among the Member States as well as discussing future activities of the network. In addition, to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the activities of the network, this meeting will also focus on the possible collaboration with other relevant regional network especially ASEANTOM and the other ASEAN Bodies which is to be introduced by the ASEAN Secretariat. The draft proposal for Technical Cooperation Project to be submitted to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will be concluded during the meeting for financial and technical support of the future planned activities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I believe that this 2-day meeting will come up with tangible outcome leading to more substantial collaboration not only within our network but also with other networks and organizations. I would like to thank again the Ministry of Science and Technology, the organizing committee and all ASEAN participants for their contribution to make this important meeting possible, my special thanks to our IAEA expert, Ms. Tamara Yankovich for her dedication and effort to support our network activities since the beginning, also special thanks to another support from ASEAN Secretariat for giving advice and help shaping up this network. I wish the meeting every success and fruitful outcome.

Thank you.