

Closing Remark on Regional Symposium

by H.E. Mr. Il-jae Kim, Deputy Minister of MOIS

Good afternoon.

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen.

I am Kim Iljae,

Deputy Minister of Ministry of the Interior and Safety
of the Republic of Korea.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you
for your enthusiastic participation for the past four days.

I also greatly appreciate Ms. Marion Barthelemy, director of DPADM,
Mr. Chung Chae-Gun, head of UNPOG,
and all the staffs of the Office
for your hard work throughout this meeting.

《Major Contents of the Symposium》

During the four days at this Symposium,

there have been plenty of discussions
on the meaning of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals
set at the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly
in 2015 to achieve by 2030
and what strategies individual member countries should pursue
for effective and reasonable implementation of the SDGs.

In particular, for the benefit of effective implementation of the SDGs,
it has been emphasized once again through this Symposium
that the whole-of-government approach is much better
than an approach led by a single ministry.

Furthermore, I think the Symposium has also demonstrated
that the whole-of-society approach,
which includes all stakeholders of the society, is more desirable.

In addition, the implementation of the SDGs
is not limited to the role of central government,
but it is necessary that the local governments actively participate
in the implementation of the SDGs.

It has been also emphasized that promoting cooperation between central and local governments and providing education for local government officials are essential to accelerate the localization of the SDGs.

《Importance of establishing a system for implementing SDGs》

In addition, at this Symposium, the importance of building institution has been stressed for effective implementation of the SDGs.

For this, the focus should be on building transparent and service-oriented government.

There have been active discussions that led to the conclusion that government innovation using ICT is very important point.

And promoting open government through government innovation is also critical element for implementing the SDGs.

From the Korean government,

Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Seoul Metropolitan Government,
Incheon Metropolitan City,
Korea Development Institute,
Korea Local Information Research and Development Institute,
National Information Society Agency and many other organizations
participated to discuss and share various items of agenda.
I think all of this is very meaningful.

《Knowledge Sharing》

As previously announced by DPADM staff,
the details of the discussions of this Symposium will be uploaded
on the DPADM website shortly.

By using the website,
we can share various information and knowledge
with the Symposium participants, as well as other experts, scholars,
professors and students from UN member states.

《Closing》

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finally, the official schedule of this Symposium is coming to an end.

So, from now I hope you can relax yourselves

and enjoy the rest of your stay in Korea.

I highly recommend that all of you have a chance

to enjoy kind hospitality of Korean people

and visit various sightseeing and shopping places around here.

By this chance, you can refresh yourselves

and enjoy beautiful winter season of South Korea as well.

Once again, I would like to thank all of the participants

from all over the regions for joining the Symposium.

And I would also like to extend my special appreciation to UN DESA,

DPADM and UNPOG staff members

for their hard work and devotion for this event.

Thank you very much.