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It is a great pleasure for me, on behalf of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, to congratulate the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific with its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

During these years the Institute has carried out a great work on training statisticians of Asia and the Pacific, thus making invaluable contribution in strengthening statistical capacity of the region.

This was the period of new challenges for statisticians demanding for rapid mastering of new methodology and standards and their implementation in practical work in order to develop timely high quality statistical information necessary for correct determination of the economy development of the countries.

Statisticians of the Commonwealth of Independent States always highly appreciated the activities of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific and professionalism of its staff.

We sincerely wish further successes to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in its fruitful activities for the benefit of the development of international cooperation in the field of statistics.

Vladimir Sokolin

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