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Dear Ms Chultemjamts,

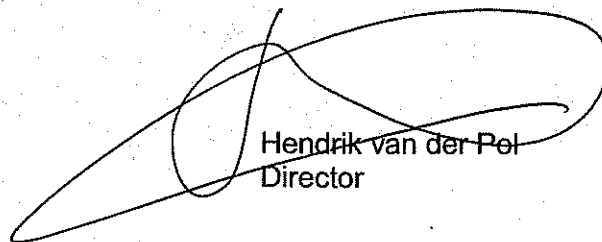
On behalf of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, I would like to congratulate the entire team at SIAP-ESCAP for its remarkable achievements over the past 40 years.

Internationally comparable statistics are at the forefront of policy discussions and debates at the global, regional and national levels. The Millennium Development Goals are just one example illustrating the power of data to mobilize public support and governmental action. Yet very few people appreciate the diverse processes and networks required to produce these indicators. One of the most important elements for success lies in the training of national statisticians. The work of SIAP-ESCAP is exemplary in this regard.

Since 1970, SIAP-ESCAP has been steadily laying the foundations for the production of timely, accurate and policy-relevant statistics across the Asia-Pacific region. The professionalism and dedication of this unique team has enabled diverse statistical organizations, such as the UIS, to pursue their specific mandates while contributing to the common goal of providing the data required for effective policy-making as countries follow their individual development goals.

Once again, I would like to congratulate SIAP-ESCAP for its incredible track record and extend my deep gratitude for all of its accomplishments in the region.

Sincerely,



Hendrik van der Pol
Director