

**40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF
THE STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC OF THE UNESCAP**

MESSAGE BY

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On behalf of the colleagues of the National Statistical Office of Mongolia and myself, let me extend congratulations to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its historic 40th Anniversary and wish the Institute great success in its future activities.

Since 1990, when Mongolia made transition to a market economy along with democracy and laid a ground of a democratic society with the parliamentary governance, there was an inevitable demand for the National Statistical Office of Mongolia to enhance professional capability and knowledge of its personnel. From that time, a solid basis for active cooperation was laid between the National Statistical Office of Mongolia and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific.

It is my great pleasure to express my gratitude to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific for its valuable and continued contributions to enhancing knowledge and skills of the staff members in the Mongolian National Statistical System and developing as well as strengthening the national statistical system over the last two decades.

In the meantime, it is pertinent to stress that the Institute has been playing a vital role in strengthening statistical cooperation among countries in the region and a bridge role between the countries in sharing their expertise and experience by helping regional national statistical offices to improve their professional capability and making tangible contributions to their development in this ever-changing world.

Availing this opportunity, once again I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the staff and management of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, all the participants attending its various training courses and seminars, and the ESCAP member countries, in particular the Government of Japan, the host Government, on the 40th Anniversary of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific.

I am confident that the cooperation between the National Statistical Office of Mongolia and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific will be strengthened further.

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