

Thank you, Chairman.

I'm Oh, Kongmyoung, Director of the International Cooperation and Trade Division at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea.

It is my great pleasure to meet you all at this 7th ESCAP Committee on Transport, and have the opportunity to speak on this valuable session.

We are witnessing new mobility emerging in the rapidly changing transport environment at the post-pandemic era.

Furthermore, the mobility industry is getting more and more important as the foundation of a national economy, as well as a key growth engine for the future.

In response to this massive change, we need to be fully prepared to move ahead.

Now that ICT and innovative technologies are converging amid the 4th industrial revolution, the ROK announced "the Roadmap of Mobility Innovation" last September and is entering a new Mobility era.

First of all, this roadmap aims to maximize mobility by providing services from a consumer perspective. It also seeks to improve the quality of services as existing services are being automated and platformed with the advent of new technologies, such as autonomous driving, urban air

mobility and digital transformation.

In line with this, the ROK supports the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022-2026) to enhance the transport connectivity of the countries in special situations.

The ROK will continue these efforts by working closely with ESCAP and the international community for more sustainable, resilient and inclusive transport in Asia and the Pacific.

A decade earlier, the ROK stepped up efforts to cooperate with ESCAP and has made contributions to sustainable development in Asia by enhancing transport connectivity and safety.

In supporting ESCAP's transport initiatives, the ROK and ESCAP have conducted a joint project every year, and our ongoing project is about "promoting the utilization of transport big data from smart transport systems in the Asia-Pacific region."

This project aims to increase the awareness, knowledge and capacity of transport planners and policy makers to assess and formulate policies and strategies by using transport big data from smart transport systems, and is also expected to make concrete contributions to the 'digitalization of transport' of member countries.

Before I finish, let me inform you that Korea's coastal city of Busan aspires to hold the 2030 World Expo, following its successful hosting of the APEC

Summit and ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit.

Wishing that the ROK can have a valuable opportunity to serve as a venue for sharing knowledge and experience, we ask for your strong support for our successful bid.

Thank you for your attention, and I sincerely hope that all member countries participating in this meeting engage in fruitful discussions and share best practices to achieve our shared goal of establishing sustainable transport systems and services. Thank you.