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Mr. Chair, distinguished Ministers, ladies and gentlemen, I am honored to make this statement on behalf of the Government of Japan.

First of all, I would like to express our sympathy to those affected by the earthquake in Indonesia.

Air pollution is one of the biggest environmental challenges in the Asia-Pacific region. A Key action to combat the challenge is monitoring. Monitoring data is essential for science-based and effective policy decision making.

A good example of such action is EANET. The Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia, "EANET", has been developing the monitoring network, analyzing and sharing data and developing technical guidelines since 2001. Japan has been leading and fully committed to EANET.

Let me share an example of our significant achievement. Thailand, one of the EANET participating countries, has enhanced their air-related environmental policies using monitoring results from data collected through EANET. As a result, they achieved a 34% reduction in PM2.5 concentration, from 2013 to 2021.

Last year, EANET introduced a new mechanism so that non-EANET participating countries and organizations can join EANET projects. I am pleased to announce that Asia Development Bank joined an EANET project which was approved by the EANET intergovernmental meeting last week.

Japan will contribute to the theme "Protecting our Planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific" through EANET.

Lastly, my whole message to you is "Join EANET". Thank you very much.