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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and privilege indeed for me to address the Ministerial Conference on Global Environment and Energy in Transport today. On this occasion, I wish to express my sincere congratulation to **H.E. Mr. Kazuyoshi Kaneko** for his appointment as Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan.

On behalf of the delegation from Cambodia, I also wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to the people and the government of Japan, in particular, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangement being accorded to us since we arrived and during our stay in this charming and dynamic city Tokyo, Capital of Japan.

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Honourable Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Transport is an inevitable foundation of our daily life. It supports economic development and growth. Meanwhile, it also accounts for green house gas emissions worldwide through emission of carbon dioxide, which subsequently has adverse impact on climate change. Over the last three decades, carbon dioxide emissions from transport has risen than those from all other sectors and are projected to rise more rapidly in the future. From 1990 to 2004, the carbon dioxide emissions from global transport sector have risen by 36.5%.

In view of this, as part of the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Singapore in 2007, our leader adopted the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability, which recognizes the adverse impact of climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases and called for an economically vibrant and environmental friendly ASEAN Region. The declaration emphasized that the ASEAN would work (a) through bilateral, regional and global partnerships to promote the development and transfer of low carbon technologies including cleaner and climate friendly technologies, and (b) work with international financial and development cooperation institutions to encourage innovative financing options to stimulate investment in climate-friendly technology and development.

Improving energy efficiency and reducing transport emissions are among the greatest challenges the transport sector is today facing. It needs works more intensively at national and global collaboration to find the best ways forward. All of us have to do our collective share to address the effects of these current issues, yet diverse our approaches and strategies. We have to strike and find the right balance between supporting the economic drivers of trade and mobility and reducing transport's energy intensity and emissions. It is indispensable to decouple traffic growth from energy demand and thereby begin to foster the de-carbonization of the transport sector.

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The Royal Government of Cambodia fully realizes the closest relationship between transport and environmental issue, in particular, the issue of global warming. Therefore, we have acceded and/or accepted various international legal instruments related to environment under united nation bodies such as, but not limited to, IMO, UNEP, UNFCCC, ICAO. Of particular note, Cambodia has acceded to the Kyoto Protocol and Vienna Convention, and ratified the Montreal Protocol in June 2001 and its London, Copenhagen, Montreal and Beijing Amendments in January 2007, with commitment in reducing and eventually eliminating ozone depleting substances (ODS) as scheduled by Montreal Protocol. Following the ratification of Montreal Protocol, the Government of Cambodia requests the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund (MLF) to provide financial and technical support to formulate the country program and refrigerant management plan to phase out the use of ODS in Cambodia. The result is desirable as the vehicles with Chloro Fluoro Carbon based Mobile Air Conditioner system (CFC-based MAC system) are no more on the road. Moreover, in 2002, we strictly implemented regulation on technical inspection of vehicles, in which the carbon mono-oxide (CO) and hydro-carbon (HC) in the emission, for instance, should not be more than 5% and 1200 ppm (part per million) respectively.

We also aim at reducing the amount of motored-vehicle's emission through planning to conduct some policies, such as fuel diversification, the promotion of bio-fuel use, promoting eco-driving, and the increase of fuel efficiency by encouraging the use of hybrid car and public transport as well as minimizing the use of private cars. Apparently, the privately run Bio Ethanol Plant was just opened last year as part of our effort to reduce reliance on fuel. In this connection, I strongly urge all development partners, donor countries in particular the well industrialized countries, international organizations, private sectors to expeditiously promote your newly innovative technology and skill to introduce new generation of mode of transport which are environmentally sound yet can serve daily life of our next generation.

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Before concluding, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to our development partners for their generous support and cooperation in the improvement of the transport sector in Cambodia, without which we would not be able to improve our transport as of today. The Royal Government of Cambodia strongly commits and is ready to work closely with all countries, international organizations, private sectors and other stakeholders in sharing your resources and best practices with us in addressing the issue of environment and energy not only in the filed of transport but also other fields.

Once again, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to **H.E. Mr. Kazuyoshi Kaneko**, Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan for hosting this Ministerial Conference and for the warm and generous hospitality extended to the Cambodian Delegation. Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to express, on behalf Cambodia delegation, our congratulations and sincere appreciation to the Conference Secretariat and the MEET working groups for their hard work and dedication to make our conference today happens and I am fully confident that this two days conference will be conducted in a productive and constructive manner for the benefit of our environment. Please join me in giving them a big applauds.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and Very Good Morning!