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Good morning Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is indeed a great privilege for me to say a few words at this meeting.

As everybody is aware that there is overwhelming scientific evidence regarding the impact of the Green House Gas emissions from the transport sector on climate change. Accordingly, the world community and concerned international organizations have initiated necessary meetings and cooperations among States to come up with solutions for the reduction of emissions from the transport industry. Efforts to reduce the emissions are intensifying and the “Cool Earth Campaign” is already underway recently. I felt it is time for both the developed and developing countries to join forces to fight climate change.

Allow me to explain briefly about the number of vehicles registered and daily operating in Myanmar.

1. In air transport (26) aircraft are registered and average (55) flights are flying daily and about 370 international flights are flying across our air space.
2. In maritime transport, (18) seagoing ships are registered and average (10) seagoing ships are berthing in Yangon Port daily. About (8000) various sizes of river-going ships are registered and average (50%) of those ships are operating daily.
3. In land transport, (320,000) assorted road vehicles are registered and average (50%) vehicles are operating daily. In rail transport about (300) locomotives are registered and daily average (200) locomotives are operating.

Myanmar has land area of (676577) sq-km and population of 59 million. It is obvious that the proportion of land area and total number of vehicles operating in 3 modes of transport is comparatively much less than other countries.

However, our major concern is air pollution caused by urban transportation especially in large cities. So the government is enforcing the following measures to control the emission of CO₂ gas from road vehicles

- (a) Strictly complying the existing Motor Vehicle Law (1964) and Motor Vehicle Rules (1989)
- (b) Practicing Standard of Road Transport Administration Department Exhaust Emission (smoke), 50% Bosh Unit
- (c) Limiting the registration age of road vehicles up to 20 years.
- (d) Annually renewal for motor vehicles and biennially renewal for motorcycles
- (e) Conduction Random Check Inspection of vehicles

To reduce air pollution in urban area, Myanmar is enforcing to use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in place of petrol and diesel. Today 30 per cent of road vehicles are already converted to CNG engines. Thus we can reduce the emission of CO₂ gas considerably in urban area especially in Yangon city.

Myanmar strongly support the global endeavor requires long term efforts and co-operations of everyone in the world in accordance with the principle of “ Common but differentiated responsibilities” set by United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Myanmar also believes that environmentally sustainable transport system is to improve the human health through the reduction of urban air pollution and the Green House Gas emission , the reduction of deaths and injuries from road accidents, the reduction of harmful noise levels and the reduction of traffic congestion levels. Thus, establishing the environmentally sustainable transport system, national and local level policies, strategies and programmers are needed to adopt and implement widely.

We are gathered here today to deliberate on common concept through concerted effort to find the ways and means for the reduction of Green House Gases and sustainable transport systems in the developing countries.

I sincerely hope the meeting a success. I also wish to express, my heartfelt appreciation on behalf of my delegation and on my own behalf, to Mr. Kazuyoshi Kaneko Minister of land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and his officials and to the Government of Japan for the generous hospitality extended to me and my delegation.

Thank you.