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## **Welcome Address by Director of NCC**

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In the Name of God, the most compassionate, the most merciful, once again I would like to thank all dear guests who have attended in the 2nd plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP and express our happiness for being the host for this meeting. I hope this meeting will be fruitful for all of us. I feel it necessary to thank and appreciate all the efforts of President, Dr Li pendge, as well as Vice president, Mr.Im.Joobin and also the Secretary, Dr.Hiroshi Murakami who continuously prosecutes all the issues and made a good relationship in this respect, and also other colleagues who helped us to hold this meeting.

As you know, we are living in the age of information and technology and we know that more than 70 percent of the information we deal with are related to position (place-based) so this meeting is a good opportunity for the member countries to share their experiences in the field of spatial information and apply them in solving the problems of countries especially in disaster management. All of you know that the Asia and pacific region is disaster-stricken (a disaster prone area) and each year natural disaster such as earthquake, flood, storm and tsunami cause a lot of damages (financial loss and loss of life) so utilizing geospatial information can have an important role in managing such disasters.

We believe that these meetings in improving methods and using advanced and updated technologies and utilizing each other's experiences and implementing spatial information in disaster management can cause better management and reduce damages to countries. I hope member countries share their experiences in this regard and benefit more.

I really hope this meeting will have beneficial achievements for all member countries and all of us could use each other's experiences.

Furthermore I hope you will have nice days during your stay in Tehran.

Thank you.