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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cambodia for inviting us to attend the 2nd GMS Economic Corridors Forum (ECF). On behalf of my delegation, I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the host for the excellent arrangement and hospitality extended to us. My thanks also go to ADB for their support to make this event happen.

Last June in Kunming, we launched our ECF mechanism with a view to establishing a platform to enhance our cooperation in this region through dialogue among central government, local governments and private sectors. Today, when the ECF brings us together again in Phnom Penh, the situation we are facing is more complicated. The economic crisis prevailing since the second half of last year, makes the countries suffering from the economic recession, together with globally shrinking trade and investment. Against this background, I am expecting our discussion later today could send signals to show that this region is working closely to response to the crisis and could put impetus to our current work in the regional integration. By saying so, I would like to emphasize four areas perhaps we need to look at

during our discussion today:

Firstly, the priorities in the corridors cooperation and the specific actions to address the issues and constraints. In the past years, through our joint efforts together with ADB, the transport infrastructure has been much improved. The task we are facing now is how to escalate this transport corridors to the logistic corridors and finally to the economic corridors. In such a transforming process, we need to focus our resources on prime areas and take a pragmatic approach to design our action plans. Today, we will have several presentations on the current situation of the corridors and I hope that we will find the way forward through our follow-up discussion.

Secondly, the public-private partnership. Private sector is the engine and driving force in the corridors' development. However, up to date, the private sector has not been fully involved in yet. We hope the ECF could provide a platform for private sector to be actively engaged in the corridor cooperation which would be a key element in our future action plans.

Thirdly, the coordination among the three corridors in the GMS to deepen regional integration. Currently we have north-south corridor, east-west corridor and southern corridor. All these corridors are arteries of the GMS region and could play as a boost to the development of the regional

economy. To take a concerted and integrated strategic approach for regional development, we need a mechanism to coordinate the three corridors. For this purpose, ADB could play a leading role. We are pleased to see that in today's agenda, we will have a session focusing on information sharing of the three corridors.

Fourthly, implementation of the corridors strategies consistent with the efforts already made in other mechanisms in the region. Currently in ASEAN, on their way to achieve a single economic community by 2015, a number of agreements have been signed with the time schedule to be fully adopted by 2012, such as agreements on customs procedures and trade logistics. If we could formulate our work agenda based on the existing outcomes, it would not only speed up the process of GMS cooperation, but also make contribution to accelerating ASEAN's process towards the integration.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are now in a world full of challenges and opportunities. China is committed to work together with other GMS countries to grab these opportunities. I am looking forward to a fruitful discussion in the following agenda and wish the 2nd ECF a great success!

Thank you for your attention!