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## **KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**Mirlanbek Baigonchokov**, Temporary Alternate Governor

Dear Mr. Takehiko Nakao, President of the ADB  
Dear Mr. Carlos Dominguez, Chairman of the Board Governors in the ADB,  
Dear participants and guests,

This is an honor on behalf of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to welcome all participants of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors ADB.

Let me express gratitude to ADB and especially to the President Mr. Takehiko Nakao, and also to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for their warm hospitality and excellent organization of this large-scale event.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

ADB, being a significant and strong financial institution in the Asia and Pacific region, plays large role in promoting social and economic development of our region, provides assistance to developing member countries in achievement of SDGs, namely: poverty reduction, improvement of conditions and quality improvement life of people.

The Bank adequately and quickly responds to the challenges arising in ADB member countries, in particular in developing countries because it is difficult to them to overcome difficulties on their own. In this regard, it would be desirable to welcome efforts of ADB in use of innovative approaches in response to new development challenges.

We welcome ADB's initiative in developing and adopting Strategy 2030, which will allow to develop effectively key areas of ADB's engagement with developing member countries until 2030, and will support sustainable development goals, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and other global commitments and identify institutional reforms necessary to increase the productivity and effectiveness of ADB.

Meanwhile, the approved CAREC Strategy 2030 defines a new long-term strategic framework for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation program until 2030, which will be based on a mission to create an open and inclusive regional cooperation platform that connects people, policies, and projects for a shared and sustainable development.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

The Kyrgyz Republic has significant water resources, the main consumer of which is agriculture - more than 90% of the water used is in the agricultural sector of the economy.

There are about 3000 large and small rivers in the country, of which about 20 percent are used. There are also opportunities for a significant increase of the area of irrigated land.

In this regard, development of irrigation is also a promising area of cooperation with ADB with a large multiplier effect - among other things, it addresses issues of food security, poverty alleviation and rural migration.

The high-quality implementation of projects in this direction will have a tangible positive social effect and significance.

Another no less important area of cooperation could be providing the population with clean drinking water, which is the key to a healthy nation. We intend to ensure maximum access of the population to drinking water supply services, and we also consider ADB as an important partner in that.

The last line of cooperation, which I would like to raise in my speech, is the Taza Koom project.

"Taza Koom" is a program of digital transformation of the country, adopted by our Government.

Its goal is to build an open and transparent state that serves the people and is people-centered aiming at improving the life, rights, freedoms, health, education, quality of life, and conditions for business.

This is a large-scale national project and it will be difficult to overestimate assistance in implementation of this project by ADB, as our long-time and reliable partner.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

We do appreciate prompt attention of ADB to resolve a number of challenges in developing countries.

I would like to join my colleagues from other countries and to express deep gratitude to the President of ADB Mr. Nakao and all staff of ADB for their continuous work.