

## Opening Remarks

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*Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen!*

*On behalf of the APEC Future Education Consortium and the APEC e-Learning Training Center, I have the honor to declare the 2<sup>nd</sup> APEC Future Education Forum, the 4<sup>th</sup> International ALCoB Conference including the Educational Intelligent Robot Competition for APEC Learning Community Builders, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the APEC e-Learning Training Program.*

*Most of all, I would like to deliver my gratitude for your earnest support and presence for these above mentioned events like last years.*

*Distinguished guests!*

*As one of Korean proverbs goes, 'The beginning is half of all.' It means that we can accomplish our goal as just one step forward into the road to the dream.*

*When we proposed international cooperative activities initiated from the APEC Learning Community Builders, ALCoB, there were only our vision and firm belief to narrow the digital divide and understand each other for APEC shared prosperity but at that time, many of member economies worried about how to crystallize the dream and some colleagues did not try to believe the success of our dream.*

*Today, I can say that the apprehensions proved unnecessary because we have materialized our dream successfully and got appreciation from APEC member economies. In particular, APEC Economic Leaders and Ministers have welcomed and appreciated the outcomes of the APEC Future Education Consortium as well as ALCoB and encouraged launching the APEC e-Learning Training Program. Most of all, we can see what we have made it and what we will make it.*

*Distinguished guests!*

*I believe that all of our efforts carry out today's precious achievements. As to the efforts, none of participating member economies expected the compensation on it. Because, we are family named of ALCoB and the APEC Future Education Consortium. If possible, I would like to ask you to allow me to call you as brothers and sisters.*

*As a big family, we are here together to think of bright future of our next generations in the APEC region through international cooperation.*

*At present, it is difficult for us to present exact one which can be named of bright future but we believe to pave the way to it as step by step.*

*Kindly, I hope that you will get a stride into the road to the dream in participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> APEC Future Education Forum, the 4<sup>th</sup> International ALCoB Conference including the Educational Intelligent Robot Competition for APEC Learning Community Builders, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the APEC e-Learning Training Program.*

*Once again, I express my appreciation for your presence.*

*Thank you.*