

Appreciation Statement

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

Before we watch a short video on UNPOG's past ten-year achievement, on behalf of entire staff in UNPOG, I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to those who have immensely contributed to successful conclusion of UNPOG's Phase I and made it possible to extend UNPOG into Phase II. Taking this opportunity, I'd briefly like to mention and thank these important contributors.

First of all, I must express our deep sense of appreciation to Mr. Wu and his team for insightful guidance and valuable advice on UNPOG's extension into Phase II. I'd also like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Hong and his staff such as Director General Jeong and Director Kim, for outstanding support to UNPOG for the last ten years and future-oriented endorsement. I firmly believe that tremendous contribution from both sides and close collaboration between them have set an excellent example on how the Project Office should be operated.

I also wish to express my gratitude to Mr. Juwang Zhu, former Director of DPADM, and his dedicated team members such as Mr. Waimin Kwok and Ms.

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Taking this opportunity, I'd also like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Cho Dong-am, Deputy Mayor of City of Incheon, for his City's gracious hosting of our office in Phase II.

Last but not least, I believe, all of you, regardless of your names being mentioned, are dedicated supporters for UNPOG's this meaningful accomplishment.

Now I will play the short video which highlights UNPOG's past ten year achievements.

Thank you very much once again.