

Speech by Vice Mayor for Administrative Affairs of Incheon

Good morning! I am Park Junha,

Vice Mayor for Administrative Affairs of Incheon Metropolitan City.

With all three million Incheon citizens, I would like to extend the warmest welcome to you to the city of Incheon, especially your excellency Under Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Liu Zhenmin, and your excellency Minister of the Interior & Safety, Mr. Kim Boo Kyum, and all other distinguished guests attending the 2018 UNPOG Asia-Pacific Symposium.

I also would like to express my deepest gratitude to the head of UNPOG Mr. Chung Jae-geun and his team for preparing this wonderful event.

Incheon has been rapidly growing as a dynamic international city based on its world-class international airport, sea port and Free Economic Zone.

Particularly, the Incheon Free Economic Zone has been recognized at home and abroad as the success model, being a smart city as well as a city of low carbon and eco-friendliness.

It has been developed into the logistics hub of Asia, and a city of international business, cutting-edge industry, finance and leisure.

The UNPOG has been contributing to dissemination of the practices in information innovation focusing on the Asia-Pacific region and East African region, in accordance with the actions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To achieve the SDGs, not only the discussion at the national level with the UN, but also the role of a local government is very crucial, as its works are closely connected to the citizens' daily lives.

I hope that this symposium would generate practical, efficient and various ideas for sustainable development of the international community.

I hope you enjoy pleasant and beautiful autumn season of Korea during your stay here in Incheon, and wish you all good luck and health!