

STATEMENT
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At the Second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and
Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Dear Ministers and Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to attend this important Second CRVS Ministerial Conference in Asia and the Pacific. By organizing this Conference in the mid of COVID-19 pandemic, we are sending a strong message that our Asia and the Pacific are committed to CRVS improvements and have been working toward our shared visions, goals and actions which were endorsed by the Ministers 7 years ago. Clearly, our commitments have advanced the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the First Ministerial Conference, members in our region have made enormous efforts to overcome difficulties and challenges in implementing the Ministerial Declaration and Regional Action Framework on CRVS. The Summary of Getting Every One in the Picture: a Snapshot of Progress Midway Through the Asia and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade produced by the ESCAP allows us to see the reality of progress and challenges in our long and difficult journey.

For Viet Nam, the Ministerial Declaration and the Regional Action Framework on CRVS have been implemented through a comprehensive National Action Plan on CRVS approved by the Prime Minister, who also set up a National Inter-ministerial Committee headed by the Minister of Justice to oversee the implementation of the Action Plan. All these efforts have been integrated with the implementation of the new 2014 Law on Civil Registration and the National Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As a result, there have been many progress of CRVS in recent years, making CRVS more important in the state administration and the exercise and enjoyment of rights by Vietnamese citizens and foreigners in Viet Nam.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are pleased to see the progress of the work that we have carried out together since the First Ministerial Conference. But, we are not at the finish line, yet. We have identified the gaps, issues or areas that need more works to be done to achieve the agreed goals, when there are only three years left and new issues and challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change...etc, are affecting our normal life and work. That certainly requires our extra energy, resources and cooperation.

In closing, Viet Nam is looking forward to working with other Delegations for the success of this Second CRVS Ministerial Conference .

Thank you very much!