Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me an opportunity to speak.

With regard to the digitalization of transport, I would like to briefly share our thoughts and initiatives to support the implementation of RAP.

Japan is stepping up its efforts in digital transformation in land, sea, and air modes as well as in new field of transportation infrastructure such as MaaS (Mobility as a Service) and automated driving.

For example, regarding MaaS which help ease traffic congestion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we are accelerating our efforts for social implementation by conducting various demonstration experiments across the country.

Looking to the post-COVID-19 era, there are calls for a sustainable, better recovery rather than only economic recovery. We believe that fully utilizing data and digital technology will be an essential driving force for this recovery.

I recognize that each activities, especially the enhancement of digitalization of transport, mentioned in the next RAP is very important and meaningful to realize the development of an efficient and resilient transport in the whole region of Asia and the Pacific.