Country statement

Distinguished Delegates and Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen
Good afternoon.

On behalf of the representative of the national statistics offices of Thailand, I would like to express my sincere thanks to The ESCAP secretariats for inviting me to be here with you this afternoon. Also, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Statistic Division of the UNESCAP and other relevant agencies for the technical assistance, facilitation, and kind support for the statistical data forum on "Practical Guidelines for Census Survey/Sample Survey during Covid-19 Pandemic: International Experiences" held 8th April 2021.

As we have realized the theme of the annual meeting is “Building Back Better from Crises Through Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific” which aims to bring together Government Leaders from across Asia and the Pacific and other key stakeholders to discuss regional cooperation and greater connectivity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and take stock of its socio-economic impact. Thailand would like to share our recent practice on the development of the Government Data Catalog. This project aims to improve the quality and efficiency of public service delivery. Also, it enables assistance in sharing the data owned and produced by each government agency and supports the Government Data Initiative, and Big Data application.

The National Statistical Office of Thailand, as the key agency for national statistical management, has initiated this project to support all government agencies in developing their data catalog on the same standard. Recently, NSO has developed a prototype of the government data catalog system and the directory services system, and around 31 government agencies have been in the piloting process.

The project consists of two main activities. The first is to promote and support government agencies in preparing the own internal data catalog to have the same standard, classify the level of confidentiality, and help identify information for metadata for every dataset. These can be called Agency Data Catalog.

The second is to develop the central platform for Government Data Catalog and Directory Services to collect all list of Agency Data Catalog and register them to the Government Data Catalog for sharing.

The benefits from the development of the Government Data Catalog are data searching facilitation from many sources in a single platform and easily accessible for those listed as open data, to increase the trust of the data users. The Catalog enables systematically integrates services and utilizes information across departments.
The value-added from the integrated data will incur a positive result on both revenue generation and national competitiveness. The expansive of this result could reach a wider area when the agency starts sharing information for mutual use., for example, the need for the data to provide the covid-19 pandemic solutions.

This meeting offers an enriching opportunity to expand our statistical cooperation and a statistical dialogue to improve the quality of statistics in this region.

Thank you very much