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Mr. Chairman
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to participate and deliver the statement in the Committee on Transport session today.

As the COVID-19 vaccination is proceeding globally, the world continues to struggle with the unprecedented and complicated challenges of the pandemic. This phenomenon has diminished our progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) realization.

Transport is taking a vital role in achieving SDGs as well as in the post COVID-19 recovery. Ministry of Transport (MOT) formulated long term transport systems development strategy in line with SDGs. The strategy focuses on 3 main concepts including green and safe transport, transport efficiency and inclusive transport. Furthermore, innovation and management will be deployed in transport and logistics development.

Over the year, Thailand has put concrete efforts to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic together with strengthening supply chain connectivity to be more resilient and less vulnerable by keeping logistics and supply chain functioning. Transport capacities
is enhanced by extending transport network such as extensive improvement of double track rail, High Speed Rail, motorway, upgrading and expanding ports and airports. While the facilitation of regional connectivity, non-physical barriers to cross-border and transit transport is on-going.

MOT underlines the importance of road safety and sustainable transport. Various measures have been implemented such as road safety audit, installation of safety equipments, enforcement and etc. With the concern on climate change and PM$_{2.5}$ situation, the government has intensively invest in Mass Rapid Transit, reform feeder system and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) to encourage the use of public transport and non-motorised transport. Public buses will be replaced by electric vehicles.

Furthermore, MOT fosters utilisation of innovation and digitalization in transport and traffic to increase efficiency for a robust recovery.

In closing, I wish to reaffirm Thailand’s determination to advance transport development to achieve SDGs, fostering regional cooperation to achieve robust recovery with a more balance and sustainable path.

Thank you.