On behalf of Sendai Framework National Focal Points, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation would like to express our sincere gratitude toward UNESCAP for providing the opportunity to Thailand to present our progress on disaster risk reduction which supporting the recovery from COVID-19 as well as driving toward the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Thailand’s National Disaster Risk Management Plan aims to build resilience through investment in DRR and promotion of risk-informed development under the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. King Rama 9’s Sufficiency Economy philosophy was also incorporated in the master plan with the aim in building immunity and communicate risk among all sector which in accordance with SDG’s home-grown approach and Sendai Framework on DRR. To date, we have translated our national DRM plan into provincial and community plans in more than 50% of our local administrations.

However, the emergence of COVID-19 situation reflex a new challenge in DRR and confirm that DRR is everyone’s business. COVID-19 vividly shown us the connectivity between health sector and DRM. It is now time for action for the Bangkok Principles which was adopted during the 5th Asia Minister Conference on DRR five years ago as the document call for an inter-operable, multi-sectoral approach to promote systematic cooperation, integration and, ultimately, coherence between disaster and health risk management to reduce risk from biological hazards and strengthen resilient health system.

Last year DDPM, with the support from UNDRR, UNDP, and WHO, hosted the first Bangkok Principles Webinar in Thai, there was more than 240 accounts attended from Thailand DRR Network. And we will continue to share our experiences in managing DRR on health aspect in several platforms. Moreover, our Ministry of Public Health initiated an implementation of Bangkok Principles projects for ASEAN regional level as well as within Thailand which include the development of medical supply and logistics database, as well as disaster-related public health database, and the development of emergency medical team in ASEAN. Ministry of Public Health will also make an effort in incorporate the Bangkok Principles into ASEAN Leaders’ Declaration on disaster Health Management which will be proposed by Regional Coordination Committee on Disaster Health Management or RCC-DHM.
Thailand is in full support of Anticipatory Action Approach which we will utilize as a core method in provision of disaster data and early warning message, cultivate the participation, and register risk information among our citizen in all levels.

Ladies and gentlemen,
Disaster in our era is becoming more complex, interconnected, and transboundary. Collaboration from all sectors along with innovation and technology are essential to be able to continue pursuing the goals of Sendai and SDGs, especially in the “new normal” environment with the existence of COVID-19.

Thank you.

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