

Closing Remarks by

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Distinguished ministers,

Distinguished President Kuroda,

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

Ladies and gentlemen,

With joint efforts of all parties, the 11th CAREC Ministerial Conference has successfully fulfilled all the items on the agenda. At this moment, when the meeting is about to conclude, I, on behalf of China, would like to express our sincere thanks to all member countries, Asian Development bank, international agencies and development partners, to Hubei Provincial Government, Wuhan Municipal Government, and to all the friends who have contributed to this conference!

On today's meeting, all parties have conducted in-depth discussions on economic situations and prospects among member countries, as well as cooperation in CAREC priority areas. This ministerial conference has also deliberated on and endorsed the Joint Ministerial Statement, Action Plan on the Physical Establishment of CAREC Institute, CAREC Priority Projects List and Wuhan Action Plan, which are of profound significance of CAREC's future cooperation.

Ladies and gentlemen!

Since the initiation of CAREC mechanism, regional cooperation in Central Asia has been booming, and CAREC plays a very important role in promoting mutually beneficial cooperation among all member countries. In this new era of economic globalization and regional integration, the futures and destinies of all member countries are linked closer to each other. To further deepen the cooperation of CAREC is a strategic choice for all parties. I strongly believe that, with the joint efforts of all member countries, with the active support from Asian Development Bank, international agencies and development partners, Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation will make greater contribution to the regional economic and social development. China would like to join hands with all parties and to create a brighter future for CAREC together.

Here I announce the ministerial conference concludes.

Thank you very much!