

**STATEMENT BY Mr. Kh. BAATAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
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Dear distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Azerbaijan customs and ADB for organization this important meeting.

We are highly pleased to inform you that the ADB funded projects have been successfully implemented in countries of the Central Asia region since their start in August 2002.

Customs General Administration of Mongolia considers that participation of 21 Mongolian customs officers within the framework of these projects in training courses, workshop and working group meetings on rules of origin, customs reform and modernization, risk management, and information technology etc., is of great importance for exchange of experiences and best practices, expressing views and opinions on particular issues, and mutual understanding.

We deeply believe that this third CCC meeting will make important contribution to the further expansion of efficient cooperation between the ADB and countries of the Central Asia region.

Let me express our sincere gratitude to the ADB for its readiness to implement a project on Mongolian customs reforms and modernization.

We believe that this project will support to improve our border facilities with equipment necessary for customs control, establish mobile laboratories, expand customs automated clearance network, and involve our customs officers in long term training courses for special purposes and other measures.

We hope that the third CCC meeting will make important decisions on promoting cooperation between ADB and customs administrations of countries of the Central Asia region.

In the end, Mongolian Customs Administration like to host fourth CCC meeting in Mongolia, in September 2005.

Thank you for your attention.