

**Opening Remarks of Mr. Guanghui Li**  
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- On behalf of the Asian Development Bank, I would like to thank the Government of Kazakhstan for agreeing to host and chair this subregional workshop here in Astana. My special thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ for agreeing to serve as workshop chair.
- I wish to welcome officials from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan to this workshop. I thank all of you for taking the time from your busy schedule to take part in this important workshop.
- This year is special for the CAREC Program as it marks the first decade of successful and productive cooperation among the member countries. We in ADB are very excited to celebrate 10 years of progress in CAREC. We are thankful for the endorsement given by the ministers at the Cebu Ministerial Conference on a line-up of activities that will commemorate CAREC's 10th anniversary.
- The objective of this subregional workshop is to plan and thoroughly prepare these commemorative activities. Most importantly, these subregional workshops aim to obtain the inputs of the CAREC countries and multilateral institution partners on Part 2 of the 10-year commemorative study, which is a proposed strategic framework of CAREC for the period 2011-2020, or what we refer to as CAREC 2020.
- The Tenth Ministerial Conference to be held later this year represents an important milestone in CAREC. It is an event for reflecting on what we've achieved together, the challenges that must be overcome, and how we can refine CAREC to enhance our cooperation over the next 10 years. Let us make sure that the Tenth Ministerial Conference, which will mark the first decade anniversary of CAREC, will be a resounding success.
- I am pleased that my colleagues from the HQ are here today in full team to listen, discuss, and respond to your views and opinions.
- I'm certain that our discussion today will be extremely fruitful and that we'll look back 10 years from now and recognize the importance of what we accomplished today.
- I wish you all a fruitful two days.