

IADI APRC International Conference
Welcome Remarks by
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Good morning, everyone.

I would like to thank President López, Commissioner Nakajima, our distinguished speakers and all of you here for your participation at today's event. Further, I would like to welcome those who are participating online from Japan and all over the world.

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to welcome you all to the IADI APRC International Conference in Fukuoka.

As you are all aware, earlier this month (May 5), the World Health Organization recommended lifting of the state of emergency for COVID-19. Many tourists from abroad have been visiting Japan recently, and our daily life is getting back to how it was before the pandemic.

Although this is welcome news, it is important to note that the impact of the long-lasting COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with heightened geopolitical risks, has led to increased uncertainty about the global outlook.

In recent years, against the backdrop of globalisation and digitalisation of economic activities, the financial activities and the business operations of financial institutions have become increasingly globalised, diversified and complicated. In particular, during the COVID-19 pandemic, digitalisation further accelerated the speed of financial transactions and information dissemination. While these developments present an opportunity for financial institutions to further develop their financial services and improve customer convenience, they pose new challenges for the

management of financial institutions and the maintenance of financial stability.

Looking at international trends, several US banks failed in rapid succession in spring. These failures brought new aspects to the fore, such as negative posts on social media leading a rapid withdrawal of deposits via online banking platforms in a short space of time. In Europe, as volatility took hold in the financial environment, a major financial institution based in Switzerland faced difficult situation, which resulted in acquisition by another bank.

In these uncertain and rapidly changing situations, we, as deposit insurers, need to fulfil our mission, such as the protection of depositors and resolution of financial institutions. It goes without saying that international cooperation among Financial Safety Net Participants is becoming more critical.

With this in mind, I hope that today's conference, entitled **'Evolving Towards a New Era: Renovating Traditional Tools and Integrating New Approaches by Deposit Insurers'**, will provide an opportunity for constructive discussions concerning deposit insurers.

To give some more details, in the first session, the speakers will share their thoughts on the topic of 'Trends and Potential Risks of a New Era' from 'global' and 'regional' perspectives.

The second session will feature speakers from IADI members, who will discuss the initiatives being taken to advance deposit insurance systems, focusing on 'renovated tools and approaches' under the theme of 'Evolving Deposit Insurers'.

The third session, 'Enhancing Regional Cooperation towards a New Era', will focus on research and capacity building activities from a 'regional' perspective. Experts from various sectors in the

Asia-Pacific region will give presentations on this theme.

Based on the experience of our speakers, I am confident that each session will provide an opportunity for the exchange of meaningful insight. By continuously exchanging views and thoughts, I hope that the APRC can reach a proper solution of the challenges that we face and promote development and improvement for each jurisdiction. Leveraging the IADI network will enable us to actively contribute to the global financial stability.

Finally, I would like to provide a brief introduction to Fukuoka, the venue for this year's event. Due to its geographical proximity to the countries of Asia, Fukuoka has been a centre for trade and cultural exchange. In this respect, it is a symbolic location for this official APRC event.

Fukuoka is one of Japan's major cities, and it is also blessed with nature and delicious cuisine. I hope you will enjoy your time here, even if it is only a short stay.

I would like to conclude my remarks by wishing you all a memorable and fruitful visit.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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