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Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to  
Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific (RCA)

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Mr Chairperson, Excellencies, distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen,

I am honoured by your invitation to deliver a message at the opening of this Symposium on the Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific (RCA), organized by the Japanese Organization for International Corporation in Radiation Medicine and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. I understand that this important event aims to support a discussion among national stakeholders on Japan's contribution to the RCA. I would like to express my sincere good wishes for the success of the meeting, and to congratulate Professor Takashi Nakano on his appointment as the National Representative of Japan to the RCA.

Nuclear technology has proved its value many times over in development fields as diverse as food and agriculture, health, natural resource management, industry and energy. It also makes an important contribution to efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

The new IAEA motto 'Atoms for Peace and Development', is one of the important legacies of our late Director General, Yukiya Amano. The IAEA's technical cooperation programme is a major vehicle to help our Member States in using nuclear science and technology to address their pressing development challenges.

Delivering technical cooperation in the nuclear field requires a coordinated effort, both nationally and regionally. Priorities must be identified, expertise located and support delivered as effectively as possible. For regional projects, this means working together to identify common regional challenges, and taking maximum advantage of resources and expertise available in the region. Over the past forty-seven years, the RCA has proven itself a highly effective cooperative mechanism. The RCA has made a significant contribution to sustainable social and economic development in the Asia and the Pacific region, especially in the areas of human health, food and agriculture, industry, water resource management and environment protection.

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Japan's support to the RCA, as an active State Party to the Agreement and as an important resource country, is highly appreciated. Japan has provided expertise and financial resources for several RCA projects, and has taken on the role of Lead Country for others. Japan has also contributed significantly to the ongoing strategic revitalization of the RCA, and we look forward to a continuation of this contribution as the RCA approaches its fiftieth anniversary. On the part of the IAEA, we remain ready to support your endeavours through the Division of Asia and the Pacific.

I wish you a very productive Symposium and look forward to our continued excellent collaboration.