7th APAC Opening Remarks: 4/10 (Tue.) 08:30-08:40

Mr. Hatanaka welcomed nearly 400 participants from 11 economies, 120 from overseas, and 50 from national regulatory authorities including high ranking officers. He also announced PhIRDA's participation in APAC as an official member.

He showed his sincere appreciation to all who kindly agreed to join APAC and mentioned that APAC's mission can only be accomplished with the close cooperation of various stakeholders such as National Regulatory Authorities, Academia and Industry.

He also appreciated the continued efforts of RA-EWG, ATIM-TF and DA-EWG and showed his expectations for new topics at the 7th APAC by saying that these topics are timely and suitable for constructive discussions among National Regulatory Authorities, Academia and Industry, beyond each stakeholder's position.

He closed his remarks by saying "let us unite together under the banner of industry-academia-government cooperation in Asia to discover innovative new drugs and ensure better access to them. With the value that only APAC can deliver, we will be able to move one step closer to achieving our mission."