Welcome Remarks

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Distinguished participants, Observers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education, Ministry of Education as UNESCO’s co-host of this Conference, I am most honoured and delighted to have the privilege to welcome all of you: the distinguished delegates from over 25 countries in Asia and the Pacific Region who have played a key role in bringing about our Region a great success in providing opportunities for lifelong learning to all people, especially those who are in the local remote areas through more and more effective and efficient operation of CLCs for this century.

During the many years, ONIE has worked constructively with UNESCO. I am pleased to inform you that I have observed with pride the plenty of programmes, projects and conferences beneficial to many countries in Asia-Pacific have achieved a remarkable success, particularly in CLC Development projects. We can assure you that Thailand has been working hard to improve our CLCs and are willing to share valuable experiences and lessons learned with other countries in the Region.

In this regard, ONIE is very much delighted as well to have an opportunity to hold a spectacular reception dinner cruise along the Chaophraya River at the Riverside hotel so that everyone can enjoy Bangkok’s beautiful night scenery and Thai culture on both sides of the Chaophraya River in a lovely relaxed atmosphere while having dinner on 2nd (the second) September 2011 from 7 p.m. onwards.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone’s contribution to the success of this Conference and wish all of you happiness and a very good memory while staying in Thailand.

Thank you.