Opening Remarks

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Distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen,

I sincerely congratulate the opening of the innovative ICT Practices in Teaching and Learning: A Regional Seminar, co-organized by UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education and British Council East Asia under the sponsorship of SK Telecom.

First of all, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Director Gwang-Jo Kim of UNESCO Bangkok, County Director Ronald Davies of British Council Korea, Cholsoon Park, the Executive VP of SK Telecom, and all the participants including ICT education experts and representatives from teacher education institutions in the Asia-Pacific region for joining the seminar.

This seminar is a part of the "Facilitating ICT-Pedagogy Integration Project" which is one of the projects funded by Korean-Funds-In-Trust to UNESCO.
Also, the seminar is a very meaningful event, where experts and institutes in teacher training come together and share ICT-pedagogy and its exemplary cases, as well as discussing their implications.

The Project carries a great significance as it is not an upstream policy but a multi-year project that focuses on the field where the communication with students can actually happen. And I am grateful that Korea is contributing to the advancement of education environment in the Asia-Pacific region.

As the Korean government had great interests in the potential of ICT education, it has funded related projects with UNESCO. Following the Project, which has been initiated in 2010, Korea has plans to continue its support starting with the follow-up project from next year.

Ladies and gentlemen,
ICT in education has a huge potential, however it is still in the experimental stage.

I believe successful policies on the field and even many trials and errors could become important intellectual assets that are worth sharing during the process of pursuing policies in each nation.

Lastly, I am confident that this three-day-long seminar would serve as a valuable venue in finding innovative teaching and learning through effective ICT practices.

Once again, I would like to thank the director of the UNESCO Bangkok, and all the people who have put a great deal of effort in hosting this event.

Thank you.

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