

OPENING REMARKS

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At the Public Integrity Network (PIN) Meeting

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Excellency, Mr. Han-Kyung Yi, Director General, OECD Korea Policy Centre,
Distinguished High-level Representatives from ADB, OECD and partner
organizations,

Distinguished Participants from member countries/jurisdictions of the Anti-
Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific,

Distinguished Colleagues and Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Government Inspectorate of Viet Nam, I would like to warmly
welcome all distinguished guests and participants to the third (3rd) Meeting of the Public
Integrity Network (PIN), within the framework of the tenth (10th) Regional Conference of
Anti-corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific in Viet Nam!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Infrastructure development plays a pivotal role in each country's socio-economic
development as it is a driver for growth and served as a catalyst for the effective
provision of basic public services to the people. Thus, infrastructure investment has
remained a key priority in many countries' development strategy including those in Asia
and the Pacific. The annual increase in investment capital in infrastructure, however,
leaves these projects highly susceptible to integrity risks. Being invested with large
capital under a variety of transaction forms and multi-party contracting, those
infrastructure projects face high risks of corruption, particularly the undue influence in the
investment process. As a result, the need for upholding the holistic measures to ensure
effectiveness in audit, inspection, examination and supervision has never been greater.

Yesterday, we had the Business Integrity Meeting which touched on the issue of
corruption in infrastructure projects from the viewpoint of business sector and compliance
climate in the region. Today, with the theme **“Preventing corruption in infrastructure**

projects in Asia-Pacific”, this third (3rd) PIN meeting will further discuss the issue but from the view of competent supervisory authorities, anti-corruption agencies and policy-making bodies. The meeting is expected to be a valuable chance for relevant parties, notably public investment and procurement management agencies, anti-corruption, inspection and audit agencies in the region to share opinions, especially the challenges that you have been facing, and the best practices that you have gained in preventing corruption in infrastructure projects.

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for the Government Inspectorate of Viet Nam to host the tenth (10th) Regional Conference, including the third (3rd) Public Integrity Network meeting today. I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to ADB, OECD and partners: UNDP, OECD Korea Policy Centre, Government of the UK, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for your close and effective collaboration in organizing this event. We look forward to all delegates’ active participation today so that the meeting will be more than fruitful, contributing to the great success of the 10th Regional Conference, and to the effectiveness of the Initiative.

In that spirit, I have the honor to declare the opening of the meeting. I wish all the distinguished participants good health and have the joyful days in Vietnam. Wish the conference a great success!

Thank you.