

**61<sup>st</sup> GB Meeting Closing Address by CAG of India , 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Mr Hou Kai, Auditor General of the People's Republic of China and Secretary  
General of ASOSAI**

**Distinguished Members of the Governing Board,**

**Esteemed Colleagues,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- ❖ As we draw curtains on the 61st Governing Board meeting of the ASOSAI, \ I find it fitting to take a moment \ to reflect on the immense progress we have made over the past few days. \ The meetings have been marked by insightful discussions, \ sharing of valuable experiences, \ and the forging of new commitments that will guide us as we move forward. \ The contributions of member SAIs, \ both individually and collectively, \ have been instrumental in ensuring the success of the 16th ASOSAI Assembly \ and related events.\
- ❖ First and foremost, \ I would like to acknowledge the dedication \ and hard work of all the Governing Board members. \ The diversity of perspectives \ and the wealth of expertise that each of you has brought to the table \ have enriched our deliberations \ and enabled us to chart a course for the future with confidence \ and clarity.\

- ❖ This meeting has reaffirmed the strength of ASOSAI as a leading organization in the field of public sector auditing. We have seen how our shared values and common goals bind us together, allowing us to overcome challenges in emerging circumstances of climate change, disruptive technologies. These collective efforts will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the future of public sector auditing in Asia, and I am confident that we are leaving this meeting better prepared to meet the demands of the future.
- ❖ Looking ahead, we may carve a road map for the future development of ASOSAI which needs to be both ambitious and achievable. I believe that we should continue to focus our efforts on strengthening cooperation with other regional organizations of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and IDI. By deepening our partnerships and fostering greater collaboration, we can share best practices, leverage collective expertise, and enhance the overall effectiveness of public auditing worldwide.
- ❖ As we recognize the unique challenges faced by some of the SAIs and the vital role they play in ensuring accountability and transparency in their respective countries, ASOSAI is committed to supporting these SAIs through capacity-building initiatives, knowledge sharing, and targeted

assistance. \ By doing so, we can help to strengthen the foundations of good governance \ and contribute to sustainable development in these countries.\

❖ As we move forward, \ it is essential to acknowledge the exceptional work of the Secretary General, \ Mr. Hou Kai \ in taking forward the ASOSAI's legacy of continuous improvement and innovation, \ fostering cooperation, and remaining steadfast in it's commitment to excellence. \ The Secretary General has also shown a firm resolve in staying ahead of emerging challenges, \ such as the increasing complexity of financial systems, \ the rapid pace of technological change, \ and the evolving expectations of stakeholders. \ The approach of the Secretary General to address these challenges proactively, \ has ensured that ASOSAI remains a leader in public sector auditing \ and continues to set high standards for others to emulate.\

❖ Within the organisation, \ I believe that we should collectively support the Capacity Development Administrator, \ SAI Japan, \ in spearheading several key initiatives to strengthen the organization's role \ and influence in the region which includes enhancing knowledge sharing \ and capacity building among ASOSAI member countries\ through specialized training programs, \ workshops, and seminars focusing on emerging issues like environmental auditing, \ cybersecurity, sustainable development goals (SDGs)\ and public sector auditing. \ We look forward to working together with the CDA of

ASOSAI \ for the overall development of the auditing practices within the organisation.\

❖ In conclusion, \ I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you \ for your valuable contributions during this meeting.\ Your insights, ideas, \ and dedication have been the driving force behind our success. \ As I assume the role of Chairman of ASOSAI for the next three years, \ I seek your continued support and collaboration.\

❖ In words of Peter Drucker “The best way to predict the future is to create it”. \ Let’s come together to build on the progress we have made \ and work towards creating an environment in which our member SAIs can cooperate and work together \ in strengthening good governance and accountability in their nations.\

❖ As we prepare to meet again at the 62nd ASOSAI Governing Board meeting in \ <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, \ I am confident that the strong foundation we have laid here \ will enable us to achieve even greater success in the years to come.\

❖ Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment \ and support, \ and I wish you all safe travels and every success in your future endeavors.\

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