

**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,**

- ❖ It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 61<sup>st</sup> Governing Board meeting\ of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI).\ I would like to extend my gratitude \ and welcome Mr. Hou Kai, \ the Secretary General of ASOSAI \ and the Auditor General of SAI China \ for their third term as the Secretary General of ASOSAI. \ As the Chair of ASOSAI, \ we look forward to working with utmost understanding \ and extending an unwavering support to the initiatives directed towards the progress of this organization.\
- ❖ It gives me immense happiness and honour to congratulate General - Chanathap Indamra, \ President of the State Audit Commission of Thailand \ and outgoing Chairman of ASOSAI \ for the commendable work done during his term as Chair from 2021 to 2024.\ The outgoing Chair has been instrumental in spearheading several initiatives to strengthen knowledge

sharing \ and promote sustainability in public financial management together with ensuring capacity building among member SAIs, \ especially in light of the global challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. \ Moreover, SAI Thailand encouraged collaboration among member SAIs on the key themes of innovation, \ resilience, and sustainable development, \ which are critical for addressing emerging challenges in public sector auditing. \ Their leadership also ensured the continuity of ASOSAI's strategic goals \ while fostering greater cooperation within the ASOSAI community. \

- ❖ I extend a special welcome to the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of Azerbaijan, \ Bhutan, \ Kazakhstan \ & UAE<sup>1</sup> \ for being elected as members of this prestigious Governing Board. \ Your inclusion marks a new chapter in ASOSAI's journey, \ and we eagerly anticipate the fresh perspectives, \ innovative ideas, \ and dynamic leadership that you will undoubtedly bring to our collective mission. \
- ❖ I also congratulate the SAIs of Korea, \ Malaysia, \ Pakistan \ and Philippines<sup>2</sup> \ for their second term as the Governing Board members of ASOSAI. \ Your presence adds strength and perspectives to our collective mission of enhancing

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<sup>1</sup> Expected New Members

<sup>2</sup> Previous members expected to continue

public sector auditing in Asia, \ and we look forward to the valuable contributions you will bring to our deliberations.\

Dear Colleagues,

- ❖ This moment also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable journey of ASOSAI. \ Over the decades, \ ASOSAI has grown from a small group of audit institutions into a robust, \ influential body \ that plays a pivotal role in enhancing public sector auditing across Asia.\ This growth has been guided by the steadfast leadership \ and unwavering commitment of the Chairpersons,\ Secretary's General, \ the Capacity Development Administrator \ and the Governing Board members \ who have preceded us. \ Their visionary approach, dedication, and strategic foresight have not only strengthened ASOSAI\ but also positioned it as a leader in the global auditing community. \ Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping the direction of ASOSAI, \ fostering a culture of excellence, \ and promoting the principles of transparency, \ accountability, and good governance. \ We owe much of our current success to their efforts, \ and as we move forward,\ their legacy will continue to inspire and guide us. \

- ❖ As I assume the role of Chairman of ASOSAI, \ I do so with a profound sense of humility, responsibility and commitment. \ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India \ stands ready to build upon the solid foundation laid by our predecessors. \ We are deeply committed to upholding the core values of ASOSAI \ and ensuring that our organization remains a beacon of excellence in public sector auditing. \ In this era of rapid technological advancements, \ complex financial structures, \ and evolving governance challenges, \ it is imperative that we, \ as supreme audit institutions, \ remain agile, innovative, and forward-thinking.\
- ❖ ASOSAI's role in enhancing the standards of public auditing cannot be overstated. \ Through our collective efforts, \ we have made significant strides in promoting sound financial management, \ fostering accountability, and ensuring that public resources are used efficiently and effectively. \ The initiatives and programs spearheaded by ASOSAI have not only strengthened the capabilities of individual SAIs \ but have also contributed to the overall development of the auditing profession in Asia.\

❖ However, the journey is far from over. As we look to the future, it is clear that the challenges we face will require even greater collaboration, innovation, and leadership. The rapid pace of technological change presents both opportunities and challenges for public sector auditing. Emerging issues such as cybersecurity, data privacy, and digital transformation demand that we continuously update our methodologies, enhance our skill sets, and adopt new tools and technologies. ASOSAI must remain at the forefront of these developments, leading the way in integrating cutting-edge practices into our auditing processes. I am confident that the creation of new working group on IT Audit and Data Analytics will help in realizing this goal and encourage the member SAIs in adopting new tools and technologies in auditing.

Dear Colleagues,

❖ I would like to express my deep appreciation to each of you for your unwavering dedication to our shared mission. Your expertise, insights, commitment and collaboration are the driving force behind ASOSAI's success. As we embark on this new chapter, let us remain united in our purpose, determined in our efforts, and innovative in our approach. Together, we can ensure that ASOSAI continues to play a proactive and impactful role in enhancing public sector auditing, not just in Asia but across the world.

- ❖ I look forward to our discussions\ and the decisions we will make in this meeting. \ Let us work together to further strengthen ASOSAI \ and contribute to the betterment of public financial management and public sector accountability catalysing good governance in our region.\
- ❖ Thank you, \ and I wish us all a productive and successful meeting.\

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