**Opening Speech**

Ni Meng

Thanks for Mr Yan’s introduction to me, it is really my great honor, thank you.

Distinguished guests,

Dear colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen

It’s my pleasure to deliver the opening speech here, please allow me on behalf of the organizing committee to extend a gracious and inclusive welcome to all of you, who have come all the way from America, Europe, Australia and many other places. My special thank goes to the committees and universities who give great support and undertake all the preparations, namely IEEE Power & Energy Society, Tsinghua University and this year’s sponsor, Southeast University.

Nowadays, renewable energy has played a more and more important role in energy network, leading to an integration of multiple energy systems. Meanwhile, with the rapid development of power electronic technology, information technology and intelligent management techniques, we started to do research on the application of these technologies in the energy field.

To share the latest development of the research on the topics I just mentioned, the IEEE Conference on Energy Internet and Energy System Integration has been held by IEEE Power & Energy Society for 3 years with the theme “Ubiquitous energy network connecting everything”. The word “Energy Internet” and “Energy System Integration” stand for the fusion of energy systems with information technologies and artificial intelligence as well as the coupling of multiple energy systems .

The purpose of the conference is to fully realize the interconnection, openness, sharing, and collaboration of various energy resources, and to create green, low-carbon, high-efficiency and low-cost smart energy systems.

The IEEE EI2 has been successfully held for two times. The previous conferences were hosted by IEEE PES, Tsinghua University and North China Electric Power University in Beijing while this year, it comes to Nanjing, a historic city with big progress in modernization, a warm city in which I have grown up. Lastly, I wish the conference will be successful and productive, and wish you to have a pleasant and memorable experience in this refined city.

Thank you!