**Opening speech**

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is a great pleasure for me to welcome all the scholars and guests from home and abroad. I am Chen Jiaqi from Southeast University. Thank you for your participation at this International Conference on Energy and Sustainable Development in Nanjing. Nanjing is such a beautiful city. I hope all of you can enjoy the four days here.

The energy situation in the world today is undergoing profound changes. Although the use of traditional fossil energy is still extensive, renewable energy has become an important field of international energy development. More countries and organizations realize that clean energy is vital to sustainable development. Acceleration of energy transformation and realization of green and low-carbon development has become the common mission of the international community.

The conference will focus on renewable energy, which has become more and more important for sustainable development. We hope this conference can provide an opportunity for researchers to share their ideas and experiences about renewable energy. We also hope we can be a bridge between society and academic. Only when these research results can be put into practical use can them benefit more people and realize sustainable development.

I wish the conference will be successful and productive, and wish you to have a very pleasant and memorable experience in Nanjing.