**Opening speech**

Honorary Mr.President,

Honorary Professors,

Dear colleagues and friends,

Ladies and gentlemen,

As the Chair of the Committee of the Regions' Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy, (and as the President of the Region of east china, )I very much appreciate the opportunity to open this conference on waste sorting. For those who travelled from abroad to attend this conference, may I extend to you my warmest welcome to Nanjing.

As we know, waste sorting has already been employed in Shanghai, china, and also some other countries, like Singapore, Japan, which have been employed for so many years. It do shows us benefits in many parts. However, I couldn’t say everyone, there do exist people who cannot figure out what is waste sorting, and don’t know how to do this or they are not willing to follow it. Also the way to popularize the waste sorting and the detailed regulations still remain unclear and need to be solved in the near future. To raise our attention on waste sorting or even the environment nearby, this conference offers you a unique opportunity to gather here to share experiences and discuss the strategies about waste sorting, which definitely will result in the improved outcomes for our living place.

I very much hope that this conference can serve as a forum for in-depth discussion on waste sorting issues, which in turn will promote better public understanding of the waste problem faced by the world and help contribute to a more sustainable future. May I wish you all a very fruitful conference, and a most enjoyable stay in Nanjing. Thank you.