## Congratulatory Remarks

## Dr. Hans Guttman



To the Esteemed Participants of the 18th International Conference on Crisis and Emergency Management,

On behalf of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, it is my distinct honor and privilege to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all participants, organizers, and supporters of the 18th International Conference on Crisis and Emergency Management. This year's conference theme, "Responding to Extreme Disasters and Securing Human Dignity in the Era of Climate Crisis," is timely and critical.

As we gather in this forum, we are reminded of the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and disasters exacerbated by the ongoing climate crisis. The challenge before us is immense, but so is our collective resolve and capacity to address it. This conference is vital for sharing knowledge, strategies, and innovations to enhance our preparedness, response, and resilience in such unprecedented challenges. I am delighted to see participants from all over the world gather here today with a common goal to reduce the impact of disasters in vulnerable communities.

ADPC commends your dedication to advancing the field of crisis and emergency management. We are inspired by the diverse expertise and experiences that each of you brings to this conference, fostering an environment of collaboration and mutual learning.

In closing, we wish the 18th ICCEM great success. May your discussions be fruitful, your collaborations be strong, and your outcomes impactful. Together, we can build a more resilient and equitable future for all.

Congratulations once again, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to this vital cause. Your dedication is a beacon of hope in these challenging times.