## Congratulatory Remarks

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Dear members of the International Society for Crisis and Emergency Management (ISCEM) and all attendees of the 18th International Crisis and Emergency Management Conference (ICCEM).

It is with great pleasure that we host this academic conference at the Chungbuk Free Economic Zone Authority from July 12th to 14th, 2024. The theme of this year's conference, "Responding to Extreme Disasters in the Age of Climate Crisis and Ensuring Human Dignity," is both timely and critical. It poses a significant challenge directly connected to our lives, requiring ongoing attention and resolution.

Together with various institutions co-hosting this event, the Chungbuk Research Institute is thrilled to provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion on this vital issue. Through collaboration with numerous domestic and international research institutions and societies, including the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), the Korean Academy of Disaster Management (KAD), the Korean Academy of Crisis Management (KACEM), and the Global Crisis Management Institute (GCI), we will explore practical and concrete solutions.

This conference will serve as a platform for experts from many countries and diverse backgrounds to share their experiences and knowledge, seeking more effective ways to respond to extreme disasters. Through this, we will come up with measures for sustainable growth.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the institutions and members who have joined us in making this conference possible. Without your dedicated efforts, this international exchange and collaboration would not have been feasible.

We look forward to lively discussions and insightful analyses in the upcoming sessions. I hope that all participants will find this event a valuable time to gain new ideas and expand their global networks. May the knowledge and experiences gained from this conference lead to tangible changes in each of your communities and countries.

Thank you.