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Congratulatory Remarks

## Dr. Yun Seob Moon

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Dear esteemed members of the International Society for Crisis and Emergency Management,

I'm Yun Seob Moon, Director of the Chungbuk Carbon Neutrality Support Center.

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the esteemed Chairperson An Chen and Professor Jae Eun Lee for arranging this meaningful event today. I would also like to thank all the speakers, session chairs, discussants, and attendees for joining us today despite your busy schedules.

It's a great honor to join you in celebrating the 18th International Society for Crisis and Emergency Management. This year's conference, themed "Responding to Extreme Disasters and Securing Human Dignity in the Era of Climate Crisis," tackles one of the most urgent issues of our time.

Today, I'm privileged to talk about the critical importance of achieving carbon neutrality. Carbon neutrality isn't just an environmental goal; it's a strategic necessity crucial for the future well-being of humanity.

Extreme weather events have gone from distant possibilities to immediate crises happening worldwide, affecting not just our nation but the entire globe. We're already seeing the profound impacts of climate change: severe weather, rising sea levels, and ecosystem disruptions that directly affect us all. In this context, pursuing carbon neutrality is not an option but a necessity. It's our duty and responsibility to leave a better world for future generations.

Achieving carbon neutrality requires the combined efforts of individuals, businesses, and governments. Each sector has to identify and fulfill its role. For instance, individuals can improve energy efficiency and switch to renewable energy sources. Businesses can adopt sustainable management practices and invest in eco-friendly technologies. Governments must support and facilitate these efforts through strong policies and regulations.

Our International Crisis Management Association must lead this transformative journey. We need to spearhead research and policy development for carbon neutrality, seeking practical solutions. By sharing global case studies and experiences, we can find the most effective strategies tailored to each region's unique circumstances.

Finally, it's crucial to recognize that carbon neutrality isn't just an environmental issue. It's a pathway that also pursues economic opportunities and social stability. By choosing and actively advancing this path now, we can create a brighter future for everyone.

I urge you to continue your unwavering commitment and collaboration as we embark on this critical journey toward carbon neutrality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yun Seob Moon

Director, Chungbuk Carbon Neutrality Support Center