

**Meeting between ERIA, Ambassadors of ERIA Member States and
Dialogue Partners**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the floor.

First, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to ERIA for successfully hosting this important meeting.

(Asia Zero Emission Center)

Last year, ERIA has shown great leadership through the establishment of the ERIA Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre (E-DISC), which facilitates further development in the important field of digital economy and entrepreneurship in the region.

This year, I would like to congratulate ERIA on newly establishing the Asia Zero Emission Center, contributing to decarbonization in Asia toward the goal of carbon neutrality. I would also like to congratulate Dr. Nuki for being appointed as the head of this new center. I am confident that this center will serve as an intellectual engine towards further policy coordination, that would be essential for tackling global challenges such as climate change and energy transition.

(Expectations for ERIA)

Since ERIA was established by an agreement among Leaders in East Asia in 2008, we have witnessed ERIA's activities to expand, with greater collaboration with ASEAN countries and beyond. This is the result of ERIA's trust in the region. Japan will continue to work with ERIA, and I hope other countries will further explore areas of cooperation as well.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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