Welcome Remarks

Distinguished UN Representatives.

Distinguished Representatives from BAPENAS, Ministry of Environment, and Ministry of Research and Technology,

Dear Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum, wr.wb, and Good Morning,

First of all let me express my warmest welcome to all of you, welcome to the United Nations/Indonesia International Conference on Integrated Space Technology Applications to Climate Change. This international conference is organized by the National Institute of Aeronautics and Space of Indonesia (LAPAN) in cooperation with UNOOSA and European Space Agency (ESA).

It is really an honor for Indonesia to organize this international conference, because as an archipelagic country Indonesia is also dealing with the thread of climate change. I think this international conference will discussed several issues related to mitigation and adaptation, especially looking at the possibility to utilized space based technology. I really believe that this international conference will come up with concrete proposals on how countries affected by climate change can make better use of space applications to assess vulnerability to climate change.

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Indonesia and on behalf of LAPAN, once again allow me to welcome all of you to Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia, especially for those of you who have traveled long-long way from your countries.

In this occasion I would to thank UNOOSA and ESA for providing valuable supports, and making this very important event possible. Special thank to Dr. Juan Carlos Villagran and his team work, thanks to his excellent efforts and arrangements, this international conference can be carried out.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. Have a fruitful deliberation.

Wassalamualaikum, wr.wb.

Bambang S Tejasukmana, Chairman of LAPAN