Honorable Mr. Xu Dazhe, the Vice Minister of MIIT and the Administrator of CNSA,
Honorable Mrs. Simona Di Pippo, the Director of UNOOSA,
Distinguished Guest Professors and Professionals of Space Law Community,

Ladies and Gentleman,

After the very beginning of the space era where the launching of the first satellite Sputnik-1 happened, the space community and the actually the world is living historical and terrific days for the last couple of years with the latest accomplishment of landing of ESA's Rosetta Probe on a Comet.

We can see that the Space technology is developing and changing our future in a pace like never before. These developments will inevitably have an influence on our lives. All the countries in the world will have to deal with space technologies and start using those technologies. Space will be a part of our daily life.

While the space technology is evolving this fast, we can see that the national space law of the countries that are into space and international space law are improving somewhat slowly. Many countries have either no or very weak national space law and policies. And also the international space law has a tardy progress. To get rid of this inert state, there is a much more need for multilateral cooperation on space law and policy that has never been before to catch up with the maturity of the space technology.

Ladies and Gentleman,

As Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization, we can see the importance of Space Law and Policy and therefore we are aiming to act more actively with this regard. We have been supporting and co-organizing the Space Law Workshop together with UNOOSA before and this workshop is going to be the 3rd workshop after the workshops in Iran and Thailand. Also APSCO is organizing a space law forum on the years where we are not organizing the UN Space Law Workshop together with UNOOSA. On those forums the establishment of a regional space law and policy research center was discussed and the general framework of this research center was drawn. Next year, APSCO will work on finalizing the feasibility study of establishing such a research center in Asia Pacific. Hopefully with the support of our member states, other countries in the region and also UNOOSA, we would like to establish this research center in the near future.

In addition to this, I want to declare that APSCO is planning to organize a short training on space law in the year 2015 to serve for the capacity building of our member states on space law where we are having a lack of experts on this field.

As I stated before, collaboration is needed on space law between all the nations of the world. I hope this workshop would be the ignition of this cooperation and collaboration on the development of national and international space law of the world nations. I am sure that the sharing of information and experience here will continue after this workshop and there will be more interactions between all countries.

Finally I would like thank to CNSA, UNOOSA and my colleagues from APSCO for their intensive efforts to make this workshop happen and also our valuable participants from all around the world for their contribution to the workshop: and wish a big success.

Thank you very much