

Closing Statement by President of the Conference

It is my pleasure to make a closing statement as the President of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Through the five days of active discussions, we have adopted:
“Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030” as our new guidelines; and
“Sendai Declaration”, which shows our high-level commitments for implementation.**

All-night negotiations towards the adoption indicate our ambitious goal for the outcome.

I would like to congratulate all the participants and your contribution to the successful outcomes.

I would also like to thank all the organizers including UN teams, Host Country Japan, Host City Sendai and Tohoku region and volunteers.

Our new framework clarifies the idea that DRR is not cost but investment for the sustainable and resilient society. It shows the importance of mainstreaming of DRR into all policies, Build Back Better approach and multi-stakeholder involvement in DRR activities.

Based on this framework, we will strengthen our DRR efforts at local, national, regional and global level. We will also work on incorporating DRR aspects into the new Development Agenda and Climate Change Framework this year.

Self and mutual help should be also promoted by awareness raising activities. In Japan, November 5th is designated as Tsunami Preparedness Day. Establishing the International Tsunami Preparedness Day would enhance disaster awareness all over the world.

Let’s unite our efforts to minimize future disaster damages.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the participants again, especially for her Excellency Paivi Kairamo and his Excellency Tani Thongphakdi, and also thank our interpreters for your long working and always helping us achieve these remarkable results.

I wish you all will have a safe trip to your hometown.

Thank you.