

Country Statement: THAILAND

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*“Key Priorities of Action to Strengthen Disaster Risk Governance”*

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Ladies and gentlemen,

I am delighted to deliver Thailand message on key priorities of action to strengthen disaster risk governance today.

First, I would like to commend UN-DRR on leading and continue support on this event during this challenging time of COVID-19. We have seen the way you have adopted to the “new normal” way of doing business by conduct several series of informative webinar and consultation. Thailand is very thankful for your support in conducting our first Thai webinar for Thailand DRR focal point on the promotion of Bangkok principle back in September. The webinar was a success and will be our model in educating our DRR focal point on the implementation of Sendai Framework and keep them in the loop of communication.

Secondly, as we all have reported our progress on target E recently, over 50% of Thai local administrative offices is now equipped with local disaster risk management plan. The local disaster risk management plan and incident action plan are mandated by our national disaster prevention and mitigation plan for local administration. With the principle of localization and disaster risk governance in allowing local community to participate in the development of disaster risk management plan in their area, Thailand is focusing on the community empowerment through the CBDRM program as well as initiate a research project on local and community disaster risk assessment. Our goal is to register DRR as one of the local administrative level indicators in their development plan and institutionalized DRR at the local level.

On the last note, this year Thailand is joining the Technical Working Group on Disaster-Related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific and Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics. DDPM is also developing Thailand National Disaster Database. With these developments, Thailand is certain that we will be able to implement Sendai Framework effectively in the future.

Thank you.