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Mr. John Donlon, International adviser on security  
intelligence

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Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary,  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission  
for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

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Lt. General Datuk Dr. William Stevenson, MiDAS  
Chief Executive, Malaysia

Distinguished participants ,

Members of the media ,

Ladies and gentlemen,

A very good morning to you all. On behalf of  
Prime Minister General Prayuth Chan -ocha, / it is  
my great pleasure and honour / to welcome you to  
the Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience  
Asia Conference. This is the first time that / this  
conference is being held in Asia . And I am

privileged that / Thailand is hosting the event here  
/ in the capital city of Bangkok .

We are aware how important critical infrastructure  
is to our economy, / our society / and our way of  
life. Today / the infrastructure is crucial to all of  
us / because it provides life necessities, / from  
water and food / to electricity and gas. It also  
provides the telecommunications services / that  
help us conduct our business; / and it supports the  
banking and finance system / that keeps our  
economy running.

Several years ago , / the systems and networks of  
the infrastructure operated separately. However,  
/ they are now so tightly integrated , / especially

with the introduction of “Internet of Things”. We must take a totally new path to safeguard our critical infrastructure, and also strengthen our resilience to threats, whether they be from terrorism, natural disasters or cyber-attacks.

We are living in a whole new age of criminal activity. In the past, infamous criminals could have driven across different states. But these days, criminals can commit a thousand robberies on the same day in many countries, without ever leaving their homes. That is the challenge we face today.

In addition, the recent devastating earthquakes and increasing terrorist activities in Southeast Asia highlight the need for ASEAN to be prepared and secure against the changing threats. When

there is so much at stake / and there is no room for failure, / no single agency or organization is capable enough / to match the scope and scale of the challenge. We need cooperation among all critical infrastructure partners / including government agencies, / private owners / and operators. We need unity. And it is the reason conferences like this are so important .

Before closing , / I would like to recognize the two Thai organizations that co -host this event, / DDPM for CIP (Critical Infrastructure Protection) / and ETDA for CIIP (Critical Information Infrastructure Protection).

DDPM / or the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation / under the Ministry of Interior / is in charge of disaster management / in order to better prevent / and mitigate disaster damage and loss .

ETDA / or the Electronic Transactions Development Agency / is under our own Ministry of Information and Communication Technology.

ETDA is Thailand's core agency to develop / and promote secure electronic transactions. Its

ThaiCERT proactively responds to cyber security needs / and deals with security incidents in Thailand.

On a final note, / I would like to extend my warmest thanks to all speakers and participants. Thank you for coming. That many of you have travelled long distances serves to remind us all / that how important our work is. I look forward to the fruitful

outcome of the conference. The experiences and ideas that we are here to share may indeed lead to new ideas / and innovation / that could benefit your respective country and organization . Last but not least , / I hope you enjoy your stay in Bangkok.

Ladies and Gentlemen, / it is with these few remarks / that I officially declare this conference open.

Thank you.