

# Speech of High Level Session of 50<sup>th</sup> Session of ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee

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Dear Colleagues and Old friends of TC,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau, it is my honor to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Session of Typhoon Committee.

Macao, China became a full Member of the Typhoon Committee in 1992. We have the honor in hosting 3 Typhoon Committee Sessions in 1994, 2000 and 2007. And starting from February, 2007, the Typhoon Committee Secretariat succeeded in moving to host in Macao. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Antonio Viseu (former Deputy Director of SMG), and Mr. Olavo Rasquinho (former Secretary of Typhoon Committee, WMO/ESCAP) for their contribution in hosting TC Secretariat in Macao.

Countries in Asia and the Pacific are vulnerable to natural disasters, such as typhoons. Macao as member of TC and WMO has been actively taking part in programs, seminars and training activities organized by Typhoon Committee. Macao also nominates focal points in different components

of activities that depicted in commitment and thorough support to the WMO programs. In addition, we are honor to continuous hosting the Typhoon Committee Secretariat in Macao, China in coming 4 years. We believe that Macao can provide a good platform on promoting activities related to tropical cyclone.

Today, I wish to thank all members and experts that work in the mitigation of typhoon damage, technical development such as forecasting, warning and modeling system, on the implementation of improving the technology for meteorological, hydrological and disaster risk deduction. All work should be acknowledged.

Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, I would like to express my congratulations to TC session on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and my sincere thanks to our host. I wish you all every success in your deliberations. Thank you very much!