

Friday, 1 August 2025 - Closing Ceremony

Closing Remarks by Mr. TERADA Yoshimichi

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Good morning, everyone.

My name is TERADA Yoshimichi, Vice-Minister for Transport, Tourism and International Affairs of Japan.

As we come to the close of the 60th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation for the Asia and Pacific Region, I would like to say a few words.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General of ICAO; Mr. Tao Ma, Regional Director of the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office; and all those who have contributed to the success of this conference.

This year, we welcomed over 300 participants from 35 states and 13 international organizations.

Over the course of five days, you have engaged in intensive discussions aimed at realizing sustainable aviation.

I would like to express my deepest respect for your passion and dedication.

As you are well aware, the Asia-Pacific region is one of the world's fastest-growing air transport markets.

At the same time, we face a wide range of challenges, including aviation safety, air traffic management, aviation security and facilitation, air transport efficiency, environmental sustainability, and human resource development.

I understand that throughout this conference, participating states and international organizations not only shared their views on these broad topics, but also identified concrete action items to be pursued moving forward.

As the host country, we are very pleased that these discussions have been both fruitful and meaningful.

I also firmly believe that this conference represents a significant step forward—not only in encouraging each state’s individual efforts, but also in enhancing regional collaboration to address our shared challenges and ensure the sustainable development of civil aviation in the Asia-Pacific region.

In closing, I sincerely hope that civil aviation in this region will continue to grow in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

Thank you very much.