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**Welcome Remarks**

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**Health Emergency Response Operations (HERO)**

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Ladies and gentlemen, Good Morning, Ciao Ciao, Sabadee, Ni Hao

On behalf of SEAMEO TROPMED Network and of Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon, Secretary General/Coordinator of the Network, let me welcome you to this Regional Training Course.

At this point let me express my sincere thanks to Dr. Olowokure for making time to join us here in HCMC.

SEAMEO TROPMED and WHO WPRO started this collaboration on emergencies and disaster way back in 2006. It has been a very productive collaborative relationship between the two organization and both are committed to HRD.

On this area of HRD, several courses have been developed and implemented like MCM, Risk Communication, Safe Hospital and the HERO. The courses have been offered several times in the region and have been adopted in other region as well. It is on this positive context of collaboration that this course is being offered.

Again Welcome!