

## **Welcome Speech**

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**Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

Dear Participants and Guests of the Conference!

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the Government I greet you on the land of Kazakhstan!

In the modern world there are many large-scale disasters accompanied with the large number of victims, causing significant damage to the ecological and economical safety of the states.

Unfortunately, emergencies can take place in any of our countries and this fact contributes into the escalation of the human safe activity issues.

In this regard, your activity is aimed at the noble goals to protect population, facilities and territories from the large-scale disasters.

In a number of cases, the abilities to prevent natural disasters go beyond the economic and scientific-technical abilities of a separate country. From this viewpoint, the cooperation that you establish in this crucial direction is an invaluable contribution into the provision of national and regional security from large-scale disasters.

In this process Kazakhstan carries out the large-scale work, within the Asian Disaster Reduction Center and other recognized international organizations – UN, CIS and SCO.

Protection of Kazakhstan's national interests from the negative disaster consequences is under the special control of the President of Kazakhstan N.A. Nazarbayev and is one of the main priorities of the long-term development strategy of our country.

Hyogo Framework for Action adopted during the World Conference on Disaster Reduction became the basic document in the community to define the main directions for the provision of safety for citizens from large natural disasters.

I am certain that the conference will become another large step to strengthen the cooperation of the countries in the Asian region with regard to the protection of our people from large-scale disasters, and it will make the positive impulse in the development of the specific recommendations in this crucial area.

I wish you good luck in your noble work!

Sincerely yours.

The Prime Minister  
of the Republic of Kazakhstan

K. Masimov