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After the opening remarks by Chairman Hirate of the APAC Steering Committee, Ms. Michiyo Takagi, Deputy Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare and Mr. TQ Cuong, Vietnamese Ministry of Health, gave guest greetings. Deputy Minister Takagi mentioned that we would like to contribute to the improvement of Asian health and medical level in cooperation with the authorities of Asian countries, while also referring to the discussions at APAC as well as in the public and private sectors. Specifically, the first is to promote the harmonization of regulatory science and international regulations based on the "International Pharmaceutical Affairs and Harmonization Strategy", and to further contribute to the improvement of world health and sanitation, Second, to provide training at the Asia Training Center for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Regulatory Affairs in cooperation with industry organizations, and thirdly, based on the "Comprehensive Strategy for Strengthening the Pharmaceutical Industry", and it is to accelerate the move towards the creation of innovative new drugs originating in Japan by promoting the development of an environment that can realize efficient drug discovery at low cost. After the guest greetings, a pleasant discussion was started with a toast by Chief Executive Kondo of PMDA. After many opinions were exchanged, the meeting was closed by Director General Goto, Director General of JPMA.