



## *Congratulatory Speech*

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- Excellency Pakorn Nilprapunt, Secretary General of the Office of the Council of State, Kingdom of Thailand;*
- Excellency Nguyen Khanh Ngoc, Vice Minister, Ministry of Justice, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam;*
- Mr. Han Yeongsoo, President of Korea Legislation Research Institute;*
- Distinguished Guests, Esteemed Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen;*

Good afternoon.

1. It is my great pleasure and honor to participate in the 12th Asian Legislative Experts Symposium under the theme of “Law Encounters AI: Cooperation Measures for Advancing Legal Tech in Asia”. The organization of this Symposium marks a significant milestone in our collective journey toward integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into the legal landscape, and its theme reflects our shared commitment to tackle this new dimension of technology into our respective legal system.

2. As we gather here, I am indeed filled with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm for what lies ahead of us. Our mission is clear. We have to harness the transformative potential of AI to enhance the efficiency, accessibility, and fairness of the legal processes across Asia.

3. In the face of rapid technological advancements, the success of our endeavors will depend on our collaborative and adaptive ability to work together to explore and find appropriate solutions to respond to these emerging trends. It is through partnerships, knowledge-sharing, and a common vision that we will be able to overcome challenges arising from the complexities of AI regulations and seize opportunities to develop ethical standards so that we can foster trust in our respective legal systems.

4. To achieve this, it is essential that our legal experts across Asia engage in continuous dialogue and cooperation by forming regional alliances, which can serve as a platform for sharing best practices and developing joint frameworks to address the unique challenges presented by AI in our diverse legal environments. This collaborative approach will allow us to create robust regulatory mechanisms that protect the rights and interests of all stakeholders.

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5. The Royal Government of Cambodia, under the wise leadership of my Prime Minister, **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, has launched at the outset of his administration in 2023 the Pentagonal Strategy Phase I for Growth, Employment, Equity, Efficiency, and Sustainability, in which five key priorities were highlighted, namely “People, Road, Water, Electricity, and Technology”. By technology we refer especially to digital technology to address the 4th Industrial Revolution and accelerate the digital transformation of Cambodia’s economy and society.

6. I am pleased to let you know that Cambodia's legal system is evolving quite rapidly, and AI presents both opportunities and challenges. By actively engaging in this Symposium, I certainly hope that our Cambodian legal experts can contribute their valuable insights into how AI can be integrated into our judicial processes all the while preserving our unique legal traditions and values.

7. One of the key areas where we must focus our efforts is on establishing clear guidelines and regulations for the use of AI in legal practices. This involves not only setting standards for data privacy and security but also ensuring that AI systems are transparent and accountable. As such I count on all of us here to work together so that we can develop the appropriate ethical frameworks that can govern the use of AI and prevent any misuse or bias.

8. Another crucial aspect of our collaboration is the integration of AI into legal education and training. As legal professionals, it is our responsibility to

stay abreast of technological advancements and understand how they impact our field. By incorporating AI into our curricula and offering specialized training programs, we can equip the next generation of legal experts with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate this new landscape.

9. In sum, I truly believe in fostering cooperation between academia, industry, and government agencies to advance our understanding of AI's impact on the legal sector. Through these interdisciplinary research and joint initiatives, I am optimistic that we can develop innovative solutions to enhance the legal service delivery and uphold the rule of law.

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10. As I am about to wrap my speech here, I would like to seize this moment to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work in this pioneering endeavor. Your contributions are instrumental in shaping the future of legal tech, not only in Asia but across the globe. As we embark on this long journey, let us remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence and innovation that AI can offer. Let us embrace the possibilities to work collaboratively to create a regional legal ecosystem that is responsive, resilient, and just.

11. Having said that, let us not forget the importance of us as human being, to maintain a strong human oversight and judgment in the use of AI in legal contexts. While AI can undoubtedly enhance our capabilities, it is ultimately our human values, ethics, and sense of justice that must guide its application. We must ensure that AI serves as a tool to augment our expertise, rather than replace the critical thinking and empathy that define our profession.

12. In conclusion, the future of legal tech in Asia is bright, and Cambodia stands ready to contribute its unique perspectives and strengths to this collective endeavor. Through collaboration, continuous learning, and commitment to ethical practices, we can harness the potential of AI to create a more efficient, accessible, and just legal system. Together, we will pave the way for a new era of legal innovation, one that benefits society as a whole and upholds the highest standards of justice.

13. I look forward to the inspiring discussions and breakthroughs that will emerge from this Symposium, and I wish the Symposium a great success.

*Thank you.*