

**JMA/WMO Workshop on Quality Management in Surface,
Climate and Upper-air Observations in RA II (Asia)**

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Welcome Address

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Good morning,
Ladies and gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure and honor to deliver an opening address for the "JMA/WMO Workshop on Quality Management in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations in RA II (Asia)".

First of all, on behalf of the Japan Meteorological Agency, JMA, I would like to extend my warm and cordial welcome to all of the participants, and make a cordial acknowledgment to cooperation and supports by WMO for holding this workshop.

National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, NMHSs, have very important missions in weather forecasts, climate information and advice, and hydrological services to meet their national needs. In order for NMHSs to fulfill the missions, collecting observational data, managing the quality, and sharing them with other NMHSs are essential.

However, a number of NMHSs, especially those of least developed countries, have yet to acquire such capabilities, especially to manage data quality.

In order to tackle such situation, the fourteenth session of Regional Association II (Asia), held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in December 2008, established the Pilot Project to Enhance the Availability and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations, and, Japan was appointed as the coordinator of the Pilot Project.

In accordance with the terms of reference and the work plan of the Pilot Project, JMA

has been leading the project by conducting a questionnaires survey and organizing this workshop, in cooperation with the project Coordinating Group members and WMO Secretariat.

I am convinced that this workshop is a great opportunity to share the current status and a vision of the future observation networks among the RAll members.

We have 20 participants from 18 Asian countries and two invited leading experts from WMO/CIMO and Meteo-France that have been deeply involved with this issue for many years.

Lastly, I strongly hope that this workshop will be very fruitful and will assist Asian NMHSs in enhancing their capability to manage the quality of observational data.

Thank you very much for your attention.