Hon. Chief justices of ASEAN, Vice President of ADB, justices, judges, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, my chief justice has assigned me to represent him to speak before you all in Session One because on 11-12 December he has to inaugurate the establishment of new fishery court in Ambon, one of the east provinces in Indonesia. This a his task that cannot be delegated to someone else. He will arrive in Hanoi tomorrow afternoon.

Please allow me to refresh our memory about the history of ASEAN Chief Justices’ Roundtable on Environment. ADB has hosted the Asian Judges Symposium on Environmental Adjudication, Green Courts and Tribunals and Environmental Justice, 28-29 July 2010, Manila. Some of chief justices of ASEAN or their representatives and justices or judges of South Asia countries participated in the Symposium. One of issues arose during the discussion was the need for ASEAN chief justices to have a forum for them to share of their experiences in leading their courts to play the strategic role in insuring economic activities in their respective countries were consistent with the ideas embodied in Rio Declaration 1992 concerning Sustainable Development. In brief the idea of sustainable development is economic activities shall not degrade our physical and social environment. Chief justice of Indonesia at that time, Hon. Harifian A Tumpa, has offered Indonesia judiciary was ready to be a host for the First ASEAN Chief Justices on Environment. Chief justices of other ASEAN members had supported the offer. Then The Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia, supported by ADB, had hosted the First ASEAN Chief Justices’ Roundtable on Environment in Jakarta on 5-7 December 2011. Chief justices in the First ASEAN Chief Justices’ Roundtable on Environment in Jakarta has agreed to produce a monumental document which reflects the commitment of judiciaries to performs their judicial function in insuring economic development in their respective countries is consistent with the idea of sustainable development. The document is called: A Common Vision on Environment for ASEAN Judiciaries, a judicial goals to 2020.

The Second ASEAN Chief Justices’ Roundtable on Environment was held in Melaca in 2012 where we also discussed probable regional cooperations but we agreed to review in more carefully the draft the regional cooperation and need more time to do that. Third ASEAN Chief Justices’ Roundtable on Environment was held in Bangkok in 2013 where we were aware of the need and importance of Action Plan to implement Jakarta Vision. For this purpose, the preparatory meeting of the Fourth ASEAN Chief Justices on Environment was held in Hanoi on 2014, although not all ASEAN judiciaries sent their representatives. One of the issues discussed and developed in the preparatory meeting was the draft of the Action Plan. Indonesian judiciary supports the idea of Action Plan. Therefore, Chief Justice of Indonesia has established the National Working Group on Environment which becomes one of the elements of the Action
Plan. Indonesia has also carried out environmental law certification program for judges in pursuant to Jakarta Vision, specially point v. The tasks of the National Working Group under Hanoi Action Plan are indeed in line with our environmental judicial certification program which requires monitoring and evaluation as well. The existence of the Working Group helps the Supreme Court need to monitor and evaluate the programs. CJ of Indonesia also supports the idea of establishing ASEAN Working Group on Environment. In the final session, that is Session 9, CJ of Indonesia who is scheduled to be present will personally express his support to the idea.

Thank you.