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Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you all to the 34th Global GS1 Healthcare Conference 2018 and to Thailand as well. I learned that many of you travel long distances serves to remind us all just how important these all two and a half fruitful days is.

The transformation of digital technology plays a very important role in changing our life and the world at large, affecting every sector of society and we need to prepare ourselves to accommodate this change and settle with the new era wisely.

Healthcare sector also needs to adapt itself more effectively by taking full and creative advantages of digital technology to develop infrastructure, innovation, data capability, human capital, and other essential resources.

Increasing the quality of people's lives in Thailand is a huge challenge, but with our strong policy on Universal Health Coverage, we can ensure that all Thai people are able to access to quality healthcare services.

In this respect, the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand has worked closely with the National Health Security Office to enhance national health securities. We have developed and empowered human capital; broaden opportunities to improve social equality and equity; improved quality of healthcare, using digital technology and innovative interventions. We are as such proud of being the first few countries in the South East Asia region having the eHealth-strategy to help us improve our health services delivery and accessibility under UHC.

I am very delighted to see the Conference's program covering the state-of-the-art knowledge to improve global future healthcare, ranging from the traceability system which enables us to see the movement of goods throughout the supply chain process, to value-based healthcare and improving patient safety. I strongly support these deliberations towards health attainment and healthcare efficiency. We truly need to strive to provide the best optimal care for the benefit of our people.

I thank the GS1 Global and GS1 Thailand for hosting this important Conference and trust that all participants will be inspired from



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knowledge exchanging and experience sharing and enjoy Thailand's atmosphere.

I wish the Conference productive and a great success.

Thank you.

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