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Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Education,

Distinguished guests,

Speakers and participants of the conference,

A very good morning.

On behalf of the National University of Singapore, I join Dr Su Guaning, President of Nanyang Technological University, to welcome all of you to the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity.

We are witnessing transformation of global research and innovation enterprise with growing R&D expenditure and innovation activities in Asia. The world is now spending more than a trillion dollars on research and development, perhaps the highest in modern history. Nearly one-third of this sum comes from public funds. Naturally there is more expectations on the research community to deliver scientific breakthroughs for grand challenges of the day. As researchers focus on making scientific progress and impact, the emphasis on research integrity cannot be understated. This is more so in a globalised world of community of researchers with diversity of languages, culture and

practices. Sustained efforts with due attention must be made by various stakeholders and researchers to nurture a culture of Research Integrity and higher standards.

NUS has an international community of faculty and students from over 100 countries. Recognising the importance and to promote a culture of Research Integrity, NUS took the lead to have a written Research Integrity code in 2006. We called it 'NUS Code & Procedures on Research Integrity'. Since then, we have continued to make regular revisions to keep it updated and relevant to the evolving research landscape.

Research Integrity is all about Code of Honour, confidence and TRUST. In a recent book by Stephen M.R. Covey 'Speed of Trust', it said that with high Trust level, things get done faster and at lower cost, whereas low Trust leads to things being done slower and at higher cost. This is intuitive and yet profound.

In closing, I wish all of you a fruitful and successful conference. For our overseas guests, we invite you to visit some of our scenic areas and enjoy vast variety of Asian and international cuisines.

Thank you.