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Good morning.

I am delighted to meet you all at the 13<sup>th</sup> AUNILO Meeting at Mahidol University. It is the greatest pleasure for the AUNILO members and me to be received by President Banchong of Mahidol University today. We are very grateful to you and Mahidol University for hosting this meeting.

May I also thank AUNILO Secretariat for organizing the meeting, and coming up with the theme of “ASEAN Digital Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for Academic Libraries”

And I should like to express my gratitude and appreciation to our AUNILO colleagues for your continued support and contributions to AUNILO network and its activities. I am particularly conscious of the important role of library in today’s world of learning whereby the growth of global data sphere is faster than our abilities to make sense and make use of them.

AUNILO is a valuable platform for AUN, and for ASEAN, to share and discuss what we can do together to catch up with changes, especially the changes in the way students are now learning or constructing their knowledge.

I hope we can continue to keep in the closest inter-library cooperation. Thirteen years of collaboration is quite an achievement already.