

In my capacity as Prime Minister of Japan, I would like to send my sincere congratulations to all of the participants of the eighth EASTICA General Conference for a successful conclusion of the event.

Amid the momentous changes under way today, it is becoming an increasingly important task for us to correctly transmit to the future our social and personal records. This means that there is a growing expectation in society towards your role as archival specialists.

I earnestly hope that this conference will lead to a closer partnership and cooperation among all the participants from EASTICA member countries and regions. It should also enrich the archival activities in East Asia, and make a vital contribution towards a bright future for all mankind.

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