

## **“MODERN CENTRAL BANKING: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS”**

### **HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

#### **OPENING REMARKS OF AMARBAYASGALAN DASHZEGVE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONGOLIA**

Distinguished guests, Excellencies

Ladies and gentlemen,

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Mongolia’s modern banking system. It is my immense pleasure to wish you all a wonderful celebration of this historic occasion.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the honorable guests and distinguished delegates from around the world who have arrived here to attend this high-level international conference on “Modern central banking: Challenges and Prospects” marking our centenary. I am delighted to welcome you all to our beautiful country.

It is important to emphasize that over the past century, Mongolia’s banking system has played an integral role in our country’s social and economic development, financial stability and its intermediation.

Today, 12 commercial banks operate in Mongolia, employing 16500 (sixteen thousand five hundred) people and comprising 85 percent of the financial system, with total assets reaching 90 percent of the GDP. There has been rapid advancement in digital banking services alongside developments in financial intermediation and inclusion.

In response to the challenges stemming from the global COVID-19 pandemic and heightened geopolitical tensions, The State Great Hural (Parliament), the Government of Mongolia, and the Bank of Mongolia have implemented well-coordinated fiscal and monetary policies and banking regulatory measures. As a result of these stimulus measures, economic growth reached 7.8 percent in the first quarter of the year, inflation stabilized and reached to the Central Bank’s target, foreign exchange reserves increased sufficiently to meet the demand for imports for seven months, and nonperforming loans in the banking sector decreased to six percent of total loans. Banking sector reforms implemented since 2020, aimed at improving supervision, transparency and governance, have begun to show relevant outcomes.

Despite the stabilization and recovery of Mongolia’s economy, there have been important issues that we must address to ensure economic and financial stability and further develop the financial system. We are facing challenges related to global climate change and its impact on social, economic and financial markets; geopolitical conflicts followed by economic and financial fragmentation; the need to keep pace with the Fourth Industrial Revolution; and leading green and digital development while preventing possible risks stemming from it.

Moreover, there has been a strong need to heed the opinions and theories of global policymakers and academicians and to strengthen cooperation in order to identify solutions to tackle these common challenges, especially in central bank policies and activities.

Therefore, I am confident that there will be important recommendations and fruitful discussions on important topics such as the role of monetary policy in achieving a sustainable and inclusive economy, digital currency, sustainable development, green financing during this conference, “Modern Central Banking: Challenges and Prospects”.

There is no doubt that the conclusions and proposals emerging from this conference will be of great significance to Mongolia’s green development, further economic and financial policies during this time of ongoing judicial reform in the banking sector.

Warm wishes for a successful conference.

Distinguished guests and excellencies,

May I extend the blessing that the policies you design for a sustainable global economic and financial markets be fruitful, and may all your future endeavours be successful.

MONGOLIAN GOLDEN SOYOMBOT FLAG  
MAY FOREVER RISE.

\_\_\_\_\_ oOo \_\_\_\_\_