

Excellencies,
Distinguished Experts,
Dear Colleagues,

It is my great honour to open today's regional conference on 'Enhancing Resilience to Violent Extremism Among Migrant Workers in Southeast Asia'.

government' and 'whole-of-society' approaches, but goes further to incorporate 'whole-of-region' action. We applaud and continue to stand ready to support your work.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the Government of Australia for its generous contribution to this project, which has made the ground-

These organizations have made huge strides over the last two decades in securing better rights for migrants in Southeast Asian host countries and their views need to be heard. We have also been heartened by stories of the resilience of many of these migrant communities, and the strength and opportunities that we can leverage to act against the unscrupulous exploitation of these groups.

The findings from the research and the virtual workshop have been used to inform today's discussion. The purpose of this conference is for practitioners and policymakers in the ASEAN