Speech at JISPA 30th Anniversary Event By Mr. Batsaikhan Namkhai, Economic Advisor to the Governor, Bank of Mongolia

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Esteemed Guests, and Fellow JISPA Alumni,

A warm afternoon to you all. Today, we come together to celebrate a significant milestone-the 30th anniversary of the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia, or as we fondly call it, JISPA.

Reflecting on my transformative journey with JISPA, it feels like just yesterday when I embarked on this extraordinary adventure. At first, it was about dreams and aspirations, not knowing the profound impact JISPA would have on shaping my life. It became more than a scholarship; it became a homeland of knowledge, mentorship, and lifelong connections.

In education, JISP A was my compass. More than financial support, it allowed me to pursue my passions, engage in research, and achieve academic milestones. Each lecture, every challenge, and the friendship among scholars left an unforgettable mark on my educational journey.

Transitioning to the professional sphere, JISP A's impact is clear. The wealth of knowledge, skills and experiences gained during the program have been instrumental in navigating the complexities of the professional world. Today, the great influence of JISPA on my career success is obvious, and I carry the lessons learned with deep appreciation.

Beyond the individual, our journey is a collective narrative of regional development. JISPA alumni have become drivers of positive change, contributing to the progress of our respective nations. The program has been a catalyst for positive transformation, and Asia as a region has a significant contribution to the global economic growth.

As we commemorate this 30th anniversary, let us not just recall but also anticipate the future. Imagine a future where JISPA continues to foster scholars and provides opportunities for alumni to contribute globally. This could mean collaborations, knowledge-sharing; or even opportunities for professionals to work on impactful projects beyond borders. Our interconnectedness, built over 30 years, can become a catalyst for positive change on an even broader scale.

In closing, I express deep gratitude to the visionaries who established JISPA, the mentors who guided us, and the supporters who believed in each scholar's potential. To my fellow alumni, let us stay connected, collaborate, and work towards a future where JISPA's impact exceeds boundaries, creating a network of professionals committed to positive change.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Here is to JISPA, to the past 30 years, and to the limitless possibilities that the future holds.

Thank you.