Good evening! I feel honored to attend tonight's reception party.

First of all, on behalf of the State Administration of Grain Reserves, P.R. China, I'd like to express congratulations on the opening of 'the 7th International Working Conference on Stored-Product Protection' and 'The 98 China International Exhibition of Modernized Grain Storage and Processing Technology and Equipment', which are now being held in Beijing. I'd also like to extend warm welcome to the grain storage experts and scholars from the different countries of the world.

It is well known that China is a big grain-producing and grain-consuming country. Each year, we store large quantities of grain. For the purpose of adjusting grain varieties, we also import and export some grains. Besides, the central government and regional governments have also set up relatively large-scale grain storage facilities. As a result, China's grain storage problem is of vital importance. Grain Storage Industry is also one of those with great demands and market potentials. For many years, the Chinese government attaches great importance to the development of grain storage undertakings. It has always been devoted to the construction of grain storage facilities and the improvement of grain storage science and technology, devoted to the international exchange and cooperation in the area of grain storage technology and facilities and has achieved good and satisfactory achievements. Great numbers of the Chinese Grain Storage workers and storage experts have made painstaking efforts, and great contributions. Many of the foreign experts and scholars, who are present at the party, have also given valuable advice and suggestions, and provided us with helps.

I'd like to avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you our heart-felt thanks and our great respect to you.

At present, China is undergoing reform in its grain distribution system and construction of large-scale grain storage facilities, as well as extension and application of advanced technology. This reform and construction will greatly improve China's grain storage. At this crucial moment, International Grain Storage Circle holds this stored-product protection conference in China so that both the overseas and Chinese experts and scholars, from different continents, countries and regions could get together and exhibit new technology, new achievements, discuss new problems, new trends, exchange experiences, learn from each other, and promote friendship. Therefore, this conference will surely further promote the technological progress in the field of grain storage both in China and all over the world, will further promote China's grain storage undertaking.

Finally, I wish the conference a complete success and wish all friends happiness in your work.

Thank you.