

**Message from Mr R V Verma, Chairman and Managing Director, National Housing Bank and Vice Chairman, APUHF**



We are extremely happy to be a part of this Workshop on Housing Finance – a joint initiative of the Mongolian Mortgage Corporation, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, KfW and the APUHF. We commend the efforts and the enthusiasm of the host institution Mongolian Mortgage Corporation and their partners in organizing this event. We note with satisfaction that the collective Regional Initiative, APUHF has generated good momentum in the region with positive responses from a number of countries in the Asia- Pacific region. Evidently, this platform will increasingly serve as an Advocacy Forum promoting the cause of affordable housing in the region, engaging attention of various stakeholders and Policy makers. We deeply appreciate the guidance we have been receiving from H E Governor Fitrat of Central Bank of Afghanistan. Our endeavor will be to develop this initiative into a highly interactive and dynamic model for achieving the objectives of the Union. Serving this over-arching objective, this Workshop is an important event, bringing together a number of country representatives to deliberate on common themes and issues.

I am sure that the deliberations during this Workshop will be extremely useful in exchange of knowledge, expertise, experience and best practices etc.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of all those associated with this Event in making it happen. My compliments to all the organizers, delegates and speakers. I wish this Workshop on Housing Finance organized by Mongolia and the partner institutions a success.

I also take this opportunity to announce that National Housing Bank, India will be hosting the next APUHF Conference during October 12-14, 2011 at New Delhi, and we look forward to participation from different countries.