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Opening Address

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In his opening remarks, Professor Chou referred to the notion of energy security which he explained as being evolved from the traditional ideas of self-sufficiency to the present which is more multi-faceted in nature and intricately linked to other global issues such as climate change, market dynamics and food security. More importantly, the conventional model of the relationship between oil producers and consumers is no longer a zero sum game. Energy security as understood today emphasises equitable relationships and mutually beneficial scenarios. These new dynamics in energy security are further highlighted when the issue of climate change is drawn in and its transnational challenges and implications surface.