

Opening Speech

by

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on the occasion of the Online Training Course on
Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and
Disease Management for Caribbean and Latin
American Countries

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Zoom Meeting

The honourable Director for Technical Cooperation
Mrs. Maria Renata Hutagalung,

Head of Agricultural Training Centre of Indonesia Dr.

Leli Nuryati,

Head of Indonesian Centre for Agricultural Training

of Ketindan Mr. Sumardi Noor,

Distinguished Trainers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am glad to begin this Opening Ceremony of “Online Training Course on Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and Disease Management-IPDM for Caribbean and Latin American Countries” organised by the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-NAM Centre and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia.

I want to thank our trainers very sincerely for their relentless dedication and thank everyone for suspending their usual duty to attend this training.

Director Renata, I appreciate your warm remarks and the Government of Indonesia as a whole when inviting larger participation from Caribbean and Latin America. The NAM Centre could surely not make this event possible without your generous cooperation.

I might also want to appreciate the contribution that has been made by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia throughout the training session, through their prominent lecturers.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The organisation of this training course was carried out within the framework of:

- The **severity** of the issues relating to plants pests and disease;
- The **reduction** of outputs and crop **failure** caused by continuous pest and diseases that are becoming intolerable; and
- **Recommendation** to conduct agricultural technical cooperation programmes through training for Caribbean and Latin American countries which includes IPDM.

This online course is therefore a strategic means of analysing, sharing experiences and recognising IPDM potential in recent advancements.

Honourable participants,

It is **important** to remember that we can identify successful IPDM measures at each level

through this training. This course provides the implementation of IPDM modules, IPDM resources and the understanding of IPDM systems. We also encourage you to transfer the information and know-how that you develop in your country of residence.

It was therefore the responsibility of the organisers of this programme to supply food quality managers, traders, farm experts, teachers, researchers and others with information to solve pests and diseases. The organisers held training on the following subtopics:

- **Ecological IPDM;**
- **Tackling pests and diseases;**
- **Horticulture plant disease management.**

The programmes include lectures, simulations and discussions.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished trainers,

Such online training is promising for agriculture tomorrow. I believe that in the Caribbean and Latin American countries, particularly their extension officers, are committed to deepening IPDM. It is pretty fascinating. Their involvement shows optimism for the future.

This positive position has to be communicated and enhanced. I feel that during the training you anticipate the intensity of the discussions with trainers.

I do not think it is superfluous to remind you of the relevance of this training to NAM in general and in particular in your nations. Indonesia, Caribbean and Latin America's skills and expertise will enable us to make major advances in reaching our global development goals.

I sincerely hope that the next three-day training will further increase our determination to face the difficulties of the day.

As part of my wish to complete your course successfully, I declare the launch of the "Online Training Course on Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and Disease Management for Caribbean and Latin American Countries."

Thank you for your kind attention.