

Opening Speech

by

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Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and
Disease Management in the Tropics

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Head of Agricultural Training Centre of Indonesia Mr.
Bustanul Arifin Caya,

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Distinguished Trainers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to start this event, the opening session of the “Online Training Course on Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and Disease Management-“IPDM”-in the Tropics,” organised by the Ministry of Agriculture-Republic of Indonesia and the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-“the Centre”, **in partnership** with the Bangladesh Agricultural University.

I would like to extend a warm gratitude to our trainers for their selfless dedication and thank all participants for having suspended their usual duties to attend this training.

Mr. Bustanul Arifin, I truly appreciate your kind words and to the whole Government of Indonesia, which is implementing IPDM policies and sharing its experience with friendly Asian and Pacific regions.

I would like to also recognise our privileged partner, Bangladesh Agricultural University, for having contributed to the main course through their prominent lecturer, on the second day of the training session.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The organisation of this course took place within a context marked by:

- **The gravity of problems** associated with tropical plant pest and disease;

- **The reduction in yields and cultivation failure**

due to the continuing pests and diseases, that become more and more intolerable; and

- Recommendation addressed to the Centre, to organise training, which incorporates IPDM in the agricultural technical co-operation programmes.

This online training therefore appears as a strategic tool for studying recent advances, sharing experiences and recognising opportunities for IPDM in the tropics.

Honourable participants,

It is important to note that we are able to identify measures for successful IPDM at all levels through this training. This training presupposes that participants have the necessary skills to implement IPDM modules, distribute resources for IPDM, and

understand IPDM approach systems. In the same way we encourage you in the countries where you live to transmit the skills and know-how you acquire.

It has therefore been the responsibility of the organisers of this training that, each session offers **biosecurity officers, academics, field officers, plant protection officers** and those related a view to the resolution of pests and diseases problems. For this training, the organisers have developed sessions with subtopics:

- **Ecologically based IPDM;**
- **Integrated pest management control tactics;**
- **Postharvest crop protection management issues; and**
- **Disease management of horticulture plant.**

The presentations, simulations, and discussions will be included in the sessions.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished trainers,

Such an online training is promising for tomorrow's agriculture. The countries in the Asia-Pacific region, especially their human resources, have strong commitment to deepen their IPDM practices. It is very interesting. Their involvement shows that some optimism exists for the future.

We must share and consolidate this optimism. The trainers invited for this training give me the opportunity to anticipate the intensity of the talks during the sessions.

To remind you of the importance of this training for NAM generally and for your countries in particular does not seem superfluous to me. There is no doubt that pooling expertise from Indonesia and Bangladesh will enable us to make substantial progress on our international development goals.

I sincerely hope that the two days will be yet another springboard for us to further strengthen our wills to meet the challenges of the day.

While wishing your training to succeed, I declare to open the "Online Training Course on Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and Disease Management in the Tropics."

Thank you for your kind attention.