

Online Training Course on Added Value of Fish and Fishery Products
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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour and a pleasure for me to speak at the opening ceremony of this "Online Training Course on Added Value of Fish and Fishery Products." I'd like to take this opportunity to greet everyone to this virtual platform.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for collaborating with the NAM Centre in organising this training, gathering stakeholders from Pacific countries, and providing technical expertise.

Directors,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We can see how developed countries produce food that exceeds their domestic needs and sell it to developing countries, resulting in high costs for developing countries to buy imported food.

In addition to the issue of food imports, we can see how individuals' daily energy intake has not been evenly distributed around the world, with low energy intake in developing countries.

Looking at developing countries' wealth of natural resources, we are optimistic that these food problems can be solved if developing countries' people have the knowledge and skills required to process natural resource products into food. As a result, training like the one we're attending today is part of our commitment to achieving food security in developing countries.

Directors,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

According to the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA), total fisheries and aquaculture production in 2020 was 214 million tonnes, of which 178 million tonnes were aquatic animals and 36 million tonnes were algae. Fisheries and marine products have the potential to become the world's largest food source in order to improve human nutrition, health, and quality of life.

Consumers can get high-quality animal protein, essential amino acids, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, and minerals from fishery products.

In terms of health, consider Japan, one of the world's largest consumers of fishery products, where life expectancy is very high and the risk of obesity and death due to heart disease is low.

As a result, we can all agree that consuming fishery products is critical and the best solution for developing countries in terms of meeting nutrition and public health goals.

Directors,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

People who live in rural coastal areas can gain economic benefits from fishery products by trading them as commodities.

Women in rural areas can also be empowered because they can participate actively in the economy by performing fish and shrimp processing activities that add value to the household economy.

We are grateful to the Asian and Pacific participants who attended today's training because it demonstrates a strong desire to play an active role in the shared vision of generating economic, nutritional, and health benefits that improve the well-being of the people in developing nation.

Directors,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is critical that we all understand that if coastal communities are equipped with the skills to process catches, we can avoid the risk of loss of freshness and quality of catch due to the long distance from the coast to the processing site or due to a lack of infrastructure.

This training, I believe, will provide participating countries with additional skills and knowledge to make the best use of catches. I also hope that the participants of this training will continue to build relationships with one another in order to strengthen solidarity between Asian and Pacific countries, particularly in the fisheries sector.

I hereby request that all participants make the most of this training's benefits and opportunities. After this training, I hope to see an increase in food productivity based on fishery products in Asian and Pacific countries that promote food self-sufficiency within a year or two.

Directors,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I believe that the discussions that will take place during the training will result in influential recommendations for promoting global food security policies.

Finally, please allow me to thank you for taking the time to attend this training and wish you fruitful deliberations.