

**Remarks by Ambassador Ronny Prasetyo Yuliantoro at the  
Opening Ceremony for the Farmers, Farmers' Groups,  
Smallholders, Agripreneurs to Receive Training on  
Processing Technology of Agricultural Products for  
Tanzania**

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**Distinguished resource persons,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good morning. We are gathered here today to see the participants of Training on Processing Technology of Agricultural Products for Tanzania. First of all, I would like to wish each of you a successful learning processes and deliberations during the training sessions.**

**I am sure that the training will provide the right knowledge and skills on post-harvest production and food processing.**

**Mr. Soekarno, Indonesia's late former President once said: Food is a matter of life and death for the nation. When food supply does not meet the needs of a nation, it will inevitable**

**result in “catastrophe.” It is therefore necessary to make a significant effort to achieve food security.**

**We are aware of the potential benefits of farming to the economy of Tanzania. Agriculture contributes nearly thirty per cent to the GDP and around sixty per cent to total employment. The Development Vision 2025 of Tanzania has also highlighted the importance of agriculture.**

**On this basis, the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation---the Centre, decided to facilitate further enhancement of agricultural cooperation between Indonesia and Tanzania.**

**We have seen significant progress in agricultural cooperation over the past fifty-five year diplomatic ties between the two countries. Farmer's Agriculture and Rural Training Centre---FARTC---was established in Mkindo, Morogoro in 1996, and Joint Committee for Agricultural Cooperation---JACC---was created eight years later.**

**Under the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals--SDGs, we were partnering with the Government of Indonesia in 2018 to provide a training on processing technology of agricultural and animal husbandry products for 13 delegates from African countries, including Tanzania.**

**This event is a continuance of the training. It is our desire to provide the technical know-how in food processing to a wider range of Tanzanian people.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Indonesia has a positive experience and record in the development of agriculture. Within four years, Indonesia has managed to reduce food inflation from eleven per cent**

**to just two per cent. Another success is two hundred and seven per cent rise in export value, followed by one hundred percent reduction in imports of general commodities.**

**I am sure that the success in Indonesia could be replicated here in Tanzania. Agricultural cooperation between the two countries has a great potential. While the Centre will continue to promote further capacity-building projects, setting a solid foundation in the agricultural sector for human resources in both countries.**

**It is also our hope that you could transfer the new knowledge and skill to peers once the training is completed. Let's work together to foster friendship, and bring more benefits to the people of Tanzania and the people of Indonesia.**

**Thank you!**