

## **APEC Seminar on Food Value Chain to Foster the Rural Urban Development in Asia Pacific Region**

Can Tho, Vietnam, August 20, 2017

### **Executive Summary**

1. “APEC Seminar on Food Value Chain to Foster the Rural Urban Development in Asia Pacific Region” was held at Can Tho, Vietnam on August 20, 2017, hosted by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan and supported by Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development (MARD), Vietnam. Nine (9) APEC economies and others from local governments, business, and academic sectors, total 127 participants attended.

#### **Session 1 (Keynote Speech)**

2. Strengthening food value chains is one of the most important issues to foster the rural-urban development in APEC regions. MAFF Japan explained the purpose and importance of the Food Value Chain for better understanding by APEC economies. Japan also introduced its policy about global food value chain and related efforts in Japan and other economies.

#### **Session 2-1 (Best Practices in APEC economies (1))**

3. Several practical experiences on Food Value Chains were shared. The importance of cold chain logistics service was showed from Japan. The key activities for family farmers to participate in Global Value Chains was also shared.

#### **Session 2-2 (Best Practices in APEC economies (2))**

4. And the Seminar had four international speakers from Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. In Vietnam, there have been on going pilot project which object is to develop “The Agriculture Development Master Plan”. On the other hand, organic farmers are addressing to create the strong connection between rural producers and urban consumers. Thailand explained Agribusiness and Food Value chain. We had been introduced the addressing of supply chain management for high value products by small farmers which help increasing the income. Korea also shared their experience in terms of the sixth industry led by academia and institute. Some of them have already commercialized.

#### **Session 3 (Discussion)**

5. Regarding food value chains, experts and participants discussed about possible contribution for Food security by dint of the questionnaire from the floor.

**Wrap-Up**

6. The Seminar was informative and useful for all of us. All participants have gained their better understanding on Food Value Chains and its role for the rural development. Presentation materials will be uploaded at APIP, Asia-Pacific Information Platform on Food Security, for further information sharing in APEC region. In addition, the discussion at the Seminar will serve a great input to the implementation of “Action Plan Rural-Urban Development to Strengthen Food Security and Quality Growth” based on the “Can Tho Statement”.

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