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APEC Workshop on Food Security 2013

(In Tokyo Japan, September 10-11, 2013)

The world's population will continue to grow to well over 9 billion by 2050 and a large increase in food production is required to feed this population. However, the global food supply is expected to remain tight due to the climate change, increasing demand for livestock and bio fuels and others.

Under this situation, the first and second APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in Niigata in 2010 and in Kazan in 2012 were held respectively, where our ministers reaffirmed that APEC member economies would collectively pursue the shared goals of (i) sustainable development of the agricultural sector, (ii) facilitation of investment, trade and markets in the Niigata and Kazan Declaration on Food Security, and agreed that to strengthen food security and to focus on increasing agricultural production and productivity and so on.

With all these factors, we have steadily implemented the Niigata Action Plan on Food Security. And to share information and good examples on food security or on the actions, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (hereafter MAFF Japan) has hosted the Workshop on Food Security three times¹ since 2011 and elaborated and launched the Asia-Pacific Information Platform on Food Security (APIP on Food Security) (www.apic-apec.org) since 2012.

I hereby honorably inform you that MAFF Japan will hold the forth APEC Workshop on Food Security 2013 as APEC self-funded project. The venue and date of this Workshop is; in Tokyo, Japan, September 10 to 11, 2013.

Our provisional agenda of this Workshop is as follows.

● **Further Actions for Strengthening Food Security through achieving Niigata Action Plan**

- ✓ Based on Kazan Declaration as well as Niigata Declaration on Food Security, APEC economies will present the review for each effort and action which have been taken so far and show the further actions for achieving each task in order to make sure which actions are/not in progress with exchanging their experiences, good/ practices and lessons learned. This session is expected to contribute to remind and make sure current situation of the Action plan to promote achieving it and updating contents of the APIP on Food Security.

¹ Each topic and theme of the workshop was follows;

1) The 1st Workshop, Feb. 2011: Action Plan for Food Security and APIP concept (No.1)

2) The 2nd Workshop, Jan. 2012: Analysis and Mapping of Impacts under Climate Change for Adaptation and Food Security (No. 33), The Adaptation and Mitigation Measures to Cope (No. 31), and the Use of Water and Land Resources and Farmers-Participatory Irrigation Management (No.5)

3) The 3rd Workshop, Sep. 2012: Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in New Plant Varieties (No.57), APIP development (No.1) , and Further Action on Food Security

● **Thematic Discussions: Responses to Secure Food Security**

i. Promotion of Agricultural Investments (Niigata Action Plan, Shared Goal 2)

Promotion of agricultural investments improvement of their enabling environments are quite important to increase agricultural production and to achieve stable and diversified food supply which contribute to ensure global food security. Its importance was also pointed out and summarized in FAO's publication titled *The State of Food and Agriculture 2012*. In order to promote understanding of the importance and current situations of agricultural investments, as stated in the top provision of shared goal 2 of Niigata Action Plan, some APEC economies and private entities could share experiences to encourage such investments in this occasion. The session will contribute to share the good practises of agricultural investment.

ii. Agricultural Externalities and Multifunctionalities

To strengthen food security, it is necessary to raise agricultural productivity with sustainable utilization of natural resources. Positive evaluation of externalities and multifunctionalities of agriculture which include biodiversity, landscape preservation, and so forth could complement market mechanism and achieve sustainable agricultural growth through the adoption of appropriate resource management practices. Some economies and related initiatives/institutions are invited to present their actions for evaluation and/or remuneration of agricultural externalities. This session would provide participants with further understanding agricultural externalities/multifunctionalities.

iii. Efforts to reduce Food Losses and to improve Food Safety with utilizing Public and Private Partnership (PPP) (Niigata Action Plan No.13, 58-62)

As almost one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year gets lost or wasted, reducing food loss or waste is crucial to secure food security as well as increasing food productions. Factors influenced to food losses are closely related to food safety issues, such as supply chains, channels for distribution, and others. Presentations and discussions would be made to share information to minimize food losses and to improve food safety with PPP initiative, on which APEC latest publication titled *Challenges to Achieving Food Security in APEC* also put emphasis. These information and discussions would provide hints to step forward for these issues since it is the highest interested topic that many APEC economies raised as target in the Action Plan.