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Summary of the PPFS 2014 Second Management Council Meeting

Dr. Han Jizhi, PPFS Chair 2014

1. The Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) 2014 2nd Management Council (MC) Meeting has been held on 17th September, 2014 in Beijing, China. The meeting is chaired by Dr. Han Jizhi (China). Vice-Chairs, Mr. Tjuk Eko Hari Basuki (Indonesia), Ms. Drusila Esther Estenor Bayate (on behalf of Mr. Asis G. Perez, the Philippines), Mr. Steve McCombie (on behalf of Mr. Tony Nowell, ABAC, New Zealand) delivered short remarks respectively, and Mr. Thanawat Sirikul, Program Director of APEC Secretariat presented a report on key issues. Representatives from both government and private sectors of 15 economies, namely Australia; Canada; People's Republic of China; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Peru; the Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; and the United States of America have attended the meeting. Delegates from FAO and FSCF also spoke in the meeting.
2. PPFS Chair 2014 has reported the progress of PPFS 2014. Based on the PPFS 2013 Management Council Meeting's spirit (9 July, 2013 in Kyoto, Japan) and Hand Over of Chairmanship and Recommendation for China (Reff. No. : 537/KL.110/K/10/2013), issued on 18th October 2013, the theme of PPFS 2014 has been designed as "Strengthening Partnerships for Food Security", an echo to the APEC 2014 theme and topics. PPFS Action Plan for 2013~2014 has also been developed.
3. With the joint effort of all PPFS members including public sectors and private sectors and APEC secretariat, the PPFS successfully organized and held many meetings and activities, including the PPFS 2014 Government - Business Dialogue Conference on Food Security and Trade and the PPFS 1st Management Council Meeting in Ningbo this February at the margins of SOM1; the PPFS Workshop on Business

Plan in Qingdao this May at the margins of SOM2; the PPFS 2014 High Level Dialogue Conference on Key Issues, the PPFS Plenary Meeting and the APEC Food Technology, Facility and Resource Exhibition in Beijing this August at the margins of SOM3; as well as field trips to grain & oils wholesale market, grain storage enterprises, grain storage depot, scientific research institutions for investigating. Besides, the PPFS 2014 Second Management Council Meeting has been held today, where in its agenda discussed vegetable oils laws enforcement, governance and trade with presentation from FAO-RAPA, China and Indonesia.

4. In the PPFS 2014 Plenary Meeting held on 15th August, 2014, delegates reviewed and discussed draft meeting documents. The documents endorsed in the meeting including: APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2020(version 2014), APEC Food Security Business Plan (2014-2020), APEC Action Plan for Reducing Food Loss and Waste, Action Plan to Enhance Connectivity of APEC Food Standards and Safety Assurance, PPFS Inputs for the 2014 APEC Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement, PPFS inputs for 2014 APEC the Leaders' Declaration, and PPFS Report on Improving Food Security to the APEC 2014 SOM3. On August 20, the PPFS Chair reported on the PPFS 2014 action, outcomes and suggestions on improving food security in the APEC Third Senior Officials' Meeting. This report was highly acclaimed and endorsed by the APEC 2014 SOM Chair. And the endorsed documents received recognition and support in the Draft Beijing Declaration developed by the third APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.
5. In today's meeting, delegates discussed how to implement the APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2020(version 2014), APEC Food Security Business Plan (2014-2020), APEC Action Plan for Reducing Food Loss and Waste, Action Plan to Enhance Connectivity of APEC Food Standards and Safety Assurance.
6. Constructive opinions and suggestions have been put forward for PPFS 2014 work. Inputs for PPFS 2015 mainly include:
 - 1) Promote the implementation of the APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2020(version 2014), APEC Food Security Business Plan

(2014-2020), APEC Action Plan for Reducing Food Loss and Waste, Action Plan to Enhance Connectivity of APEC Food Standards and Safety Assurance.

- a) Welcome to make efforts to put forward the activities listed in the Compilation of Working Groups' Proposed Activities (Version 2014) of the Roadmap.
 - b) Welcome to continue and support the Strengthening Public-Private Partnership to Reduce Food Losses in the Supply Chain led by Chinese Taipei taking place in the Philippines.
 - c) Welcome to continue and support the Survey on Innovative Technology and Best Practices to Reduce Food Loss led by the U.S.
 - d) Welcome and support APEC PPFS 2015 Conference on Maize, Wheat and Rice Standards and Safety Assurance proposed by China, the U.S., New Zealand, Australia, and the Philippines to be held in the Philippines. It is expected to work corporately with FSCF in the conference.
 - e) Welcome to continue and support the role of PPFS Working Groups in achieving food security in the region.
 - f) Strengthen cooperation and exchanges with the APEC Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group (ATCWG), Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) and Oceans and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) to jointly improve regional food security.
- 2) Leverage the comparative strength of each economy, boost inter-regional cooperation on food security in the following areas: a) Promote policy communication on food security; b) Strive to reduce food loss and waste; c) Facilitate agricultural and food trade; d) Improve food safety and nutrition; e) Improve farmers and small holders' income and welfare; f) Increase connectivity of food security partnership.
- 3) Further arouse initiatives of private sectors' participation in promoting APEC food security activities. The private sector has been playing an indispensable role in maintaining food security with

active engagement in food production, distribution, and supply. They are the participants, implementers and maintainers. Private sectors of PPFS recommended by each economy's government show their great influence in their respective economies. As the bridge between the governments and the private sector, PPFS should do its part to encourage more involvement of the private sector by promoting best practices, expertise, technologies and good patterns of private sectors on ensuring food security and building up an open, inclusive, mutually beneficial and win-win partnership. Welcome to continue and support a Dialogue Conference on Private Sector and Public Sector before PPFS Plenary Meeting.

7. Give full play to the famers and small businesses. In most APEC member economies, farmers and small businesses are the major players of the food industry. However, they tend to be more vulnerable to natural disasters and market fluctuation. Therefore, it is necessary to improve their ability to fight against risks. Viable measures include disseminating food production and storage technologies, organizing personnel training, and enhancing cooperation. Moreover, farmers and small businesses could have better profits by taking part in every step of the food supply chain and sharing a slice of the added-value cake. All of these serve to the aim that food is accessible and available to the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.
8. In today's meeting, delegates also exchanged and discussed their experiences and sustainable development practices on the aspect of coconut oil, camellia oil, palm oil and other oil seed, shared achievements of the FSCF. These achievements embodies the implementation of APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2020(version 2014) and Action Plan to Enhance Connectivity of APEC Food Standards and Safety Assurance, and has significant implications for promoting food security in the Asia-Pacific region.