

# SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CSAM

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## Brief opening remarks by Dr. Yutong Li, Head of CSAM

Distinguished delegates,

A very good morning / good afternoon. I am pleased to welcome all of you to the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) which is now held virtually.

We are pleased to have in attendance today delegates from 9 members of the Governing Council, namely Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. We are also pleased to have delegates from Japan attending this meeting as observers.

I am now pleased to introduce to you the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Fifteenth Session of the Governing Council, namely:

- Chairperson-in-charge: Dr. K. Alagusundaram, Deputy Director General (Engineering), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India
- Vice-Chairperson: Dr. Thi Tam Dinh, Vice Director General, Vietnam Institute of Agricultural Engineering and Post-Harvest Technology, Viet Nam

I am also pleased to introduce Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, the Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP.

At the outset, I would like to make a few housekeeping announcements:

- Speakers please mute yourselves when not speaking
- Participants who would like to speak to make a comment or ask a question should click the "Raise hand" icon on the top of your MS Teams screen. Participants could start to speak with the consent of the Chair and 'lower hand' when finished.
- This session will be recorded.

I now request the Chairperson of the Fifteenth Session of the Governing Council, Dr. K. Alagusundaram, as the Chairperson in-charge, to open this meeting.

Mr. Chairperson, you have the floor, please.