

# **INTERNATIONAL PEPPER COMMUNITY**

## **Opening Ceremony of the 39<sup>th</sup> Session & Meetings of International Pepper Community**

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011, Sheraton Senggigi Beach Hotel,  
Senggigi, Lombok Island, Indonesia

### **1. Introduction**

The 39<sup>th</sup> Session and other Meetings of the IPC was held at Senggigi, Lombok Island of Indonesia from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Session and Meeting were hosted by the Government of Indonesia and organized jointly by the Ministry of Trade and the International Pepper Community, Jakarta.

The meeting was attended by plenipotentiary representatives and delegates from member countries of Brazil, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam as well as official and representatives from other producing countries such as China, Cambodia, Nigeria and spice trade associations / trade representatives from consuming countries viz. European Spice Association, All Nippon Spice Association, USA, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Singapore.

More than 330 delegates participated at the Session and other Meetings. The complete delegates list is available online from [www.ipcnet.org/session39id/peserta4kpi](http://www.ipcnet.org/session39id/peserta4kpi).

### **2. Inaugural Session**

The 39<sup>th</sup> Session and other Meetings of IPC was officially inaugurated by Mr. Bayu Krishnamurthi, Honorable Vice Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 at 19.00 at Sheraton Senggigi Beach Resort Hotel, Lombok Island, Indonesia. The function was attended by government officials from the host country, delegates from the IPC member / non-member countries and trade representative from consuming countries.

#### **2.1. Opening Remarks by Mr. Gusmardi Bustami, Chairman of IPC and Director General of International Trade Cooperation, Ministry of Trade, Republic of Indonesia**

In his Opening Remarks, Mr. Gusmardi Bustami, the Chairman of IPC mentioned about the changes in the pepper industry and challenged faced by the IPC since its establishment over 39 years ago, including the stringent legislations set by the major importing countries.

Mr. Gusmardi further informed some of the new and restarted activities undertaken by the IPC during his chairmanship such as the launching of the dissemination of pepper prices information through SMS to the farmers, training to village farmers on the newly developed Good Agricultural Practices by IPC, release of the World Pepper Statistics 2001-2010 and CD Black Pepper Pests & Diseases, etc.

While highlighting the need for the IPC to receive the continuous support and cooperation from member countries to enable IPC to function and play its role efficiently, Mr. Gusmardi also extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to all the member countries for giving such supports during his Chairmanship and for the Executive Director and IPC Secretariat for their dedicated support.

His Remarks is given in *Annex 01*.

## **2.2. Address by Mr. H. Muhammad Nur, Secretary of West Nusa Tenggara Province, Republic of Indonesia**

Meanwhile, Mr. Muhammad Nur, Secretary of the Government of West Nusa Tenggara Province stated that there is a potential for the province to develop and grow pepper. He informed that in some farmers in West Nusa Tenggara have grown pepper although at small extent. He further informed that the Government of West Nusa Tenggara welcomes foreign investment company to invest their capital for the development of pepper and other agriculture crops in the province and he assure that the Provincial Government will supports such investment.

## **2.3. Inaugural Address by Mr. Bayu Krishnamukti, Honorable Vice Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia**

Mr. Bayu Krishnamurti, Honorable Vice Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia in his Inaugural Address appreciated the work done by the IPC particularly in providing the market information on pepper, conducting and promoting GAP training programme to the pepper farmers at village level and stressed that the spirit of all the IPC Meetings aimed at achieving the prosperity of smallholders' pepper farmers.

He briefly informed about the development of the pepper industry in Indonesia and mentioned that in Asian countries, Agriculture sector will continue to be the important sector providing employment. He also highlighted the changes in the food and safety legislations and the need for the pepper producing countries to works towards meeting these challenges.

The Inaugural Address of the Honorable Vice-Minister is given in *Annex 02*.

### **3. Launching of IPC Pepper Statistics 2001-2010 and CD on Black Pepper Pests and Diseases.**

Immediately after the inaugurating the 39<sup>th</sup> Session and Meetings of IPC, Mr. Bayu Krishnamurthi also launched the following new publications of IPC, namely:

- a) IPC Pepper Statistics 2001-2010 providing a wide range of statistical data on area under cultivation, production, export, import, re-export, consumption and prices (local and FOB) which are presented in tabular and graphical forms of the six IPC member countries and also other major pepper producing countries,
- b) An electronic compilation on Pests & Diseases of pepper: A new publication of IPC providing authentic information about various pests & diseases of black pepper and their management. The CD provides several pictures on symptoms along with simple description for easy understanding and identification of various biotic stresses to Black Pepper in various pepper growing countries. A video presentation and a number of color photographs were also given to enable the use for diseases diagnostics.

The launching of the above two IPC publications was marked by handing over each a set of the publications by Mr. Bayu Krishnamurti, the Honorable Vice Minister to the Head of Delegations of the IPC Member countries viz: Mr. Johannes B. Torrecillas of Brazil, Mrs. Vijaylaxmi Joshi of India, Mr. Edward Sibarani of Indonesia, Mrs. Noor Azilah Abu Shahid of Malaysia, Mr. W.D.L. Gunaratne of Sri Lanka and Mr. Tran Van Cong of Vietnam.

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