

**Opening Remarks for Regional Workshop for Research and Academic  
Institutions on: ‘Establishing a Cooperation Mechanism for Human  
Resource Development on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization’**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

It is my great honour to attend this Regional Workshop for Research and  
Academic Institutions on ‘Establishing a Cooperation Mechanism for  
Human Resource Development on Sustainable Agricultural  
Mechanization’. Firstly, on behalf of CAAS, I’d like to warmly welcome  
all the participants from abroad and home to this meeting, and I’d also  
like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the great efforts made by  
CSAM and NRIAM for the meeting organization.

Founded in 1957, CAAS serves as the only national-level integrative agricultural scientific research organization in China, and carries out basic, applied and high-tech research covering a broad range of topics, divided into eight disciplinary clusters: crop science, horticulture science, animal science, veterinary medicine, agricultural resources and environment, agricultural mechanization and engineering, agro-product quality, safety and processing, and agricultural information and economics. Today there are 34 institutes directly affiliated to CAAS as well as a graduate school and a publishing house. Over the past 60 years, CAAS has generated thousands of scientific and technological advances; more than 1,000 new varieties of crops, livestock, and poultry have been developed, which brought great social and economic contribution to the agriculture development of China and the world. Nanjing Research Institute for Agricultural Mechanization, Ministry of Agriculture (short for “NRIAM”), as one of our institutions specialized in agricultural science and technology innovation, education and training and quality testing businesses, plays an essential role in promoting the development of China's agricultural mechanization.

The recent years witnessed the remarkable progress of CAAS and its significant role in promoting agricultural technology innovation, team building and international cooperation in China. The year of 2017 is

crucial for CAAS, since it marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CAAS. Taking advantage of a series reform measures by Chinese government to promote agriculture development model in a sustainable way, CAAS is determined to embark on a number of technology innovation initiatives and to vigorously advance its global strategy.

It is generally known that the Chinese government launched the One Belt and One Road Initiative in 2013, and the Asian-Pacific region is of great importance for the implementation of this strategy. CAAS also gives priority to the cooperation with its Asian-pacific partners. In many Asia-Pacific countries, agriculture accounts for a great proportion of the national economy and the agricultural population is still quite large. As is known to all, agricultural mechanization has been not only the premise but also a main symbol of agricultural modernization. To ensure the construction of modern agriculture and the sustainable agricultural development, it's in urgent need to strengthen academic exchanges and experiences sharing on agricultural mechanization with in the region, based on 3 reasons:

First, the regional agricultural technology is highly complementary. With different economic and social development and diverse natural resources, the agricultural technology innovation capability, manufacturing level and market perfection are different among the Asian-Pacific countries. There

is high potential for mutually-beneficial cooperation. Second, the lack of specialized platform for exchanges and collaboration. At present, there hasn't been built a multilateral platform for agricultural mechanization among Asia-Pacific countries due to various factors. The technology demand and supply requires an effective mechanism for scientific and technological exchange. Third, a good basis for communication. Asian-Pacific countries are geographically close to each other, and some have approximate culture background. Along with the rapid development of modern information technology, these advantages provide efficient support for timely exchanges of information and technologies.

I believe today's workshop will become an important event for the development of Asia-Pacific regional agricultural mechanization. I hope that all the participants will enjoy this platform to fully exchange and share your experiences and views, and to explore a sustainable way for agricultural mechanization development .

Let's take this opportunity to further enhance our friendship and join our hands to create a fruitful future for agricultural mechanization development in Asian-Pacific region!

At last, I wish the meeting a complete success! Thank you!