

Opening Remarks of Ms. Li

BUSINESS MATCHING

The 8th ReCAMA Training and Study Tour for Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors

Sustainable Mechanization for Smallholder Farmers

25 October 2023, Wuhan, China

Distinguished Mr. FAN Jianhua, President of China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association (CAMDA),

Dear Representatives of ReCAMA member associations, and enterprise friends,

Ladies and Gentlemen, Good afternoon.

On behalf of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP-CSAM), I would like warmly welcome you to the Business Matching event of *the 8th Training and Study Tour for Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors* of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (or ReCAMA).

Again, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association, the China Agricultural Mechanization Association, and the China Association of Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers in organizing this Business Matching Event.

The Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (or ReCAMA) is flagship project of ESCAP-CSAM with the mandate to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization within the region through improving the connection and exchange among the association members and enterprises and promoting sustainable regional trade.

I am pleased to share that due to attending the various activities of ReCAMA including similar business matching events as today, the network has generated business opportunities worth around USD 29 million among its members. I am also

proud to inform that the ReCAMA initiative was selected one of the Best Practices for South-South cooperation by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.

I look forward to your engagement in our activities, and to your suggestions and partnerships to continue promoting and disseminating sustainable agricultural machinery in the Asia-Pacific region.

I wish a great success of this Business Matching Event as well as your visit to the upcoming China International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition in the coming days.

Thank you.