

Preface

Bismilahirrahmanirrahim, Assalamu'alaikum wa rahmatulahi wa barokatuh.

Praise be to Allah who has bestowed His grace, so that the event can take place smoothly.

The Honourable Rector UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta, The Honourable Head of Agriculture Office of Yogyakarta province, the Honourable invited speakers, Distinguished Guests, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of The International Conference on Green Agro-Industry Organizing Committees, I am pleased and honoured to welcome all of the participants to the Second International Conference on Green Agro-Industry at Mustika Sheraton Hotel, Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 4-6 August 2015. This conference is hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture Universitas Pembangunan Nasional "Veteran", Yogyakarta, Indonesia and this event would not have been possible without the support of its global partners: Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan, Murray State University, USA, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, University of Western Sydney, Australia, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia, Tongji University, China, and Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The theme of the Second International Conference on Green Agro-Industry is "Green Agro-Industry: Resource Management for Sustainable Future". Agro-industry is important not only because it can transform raw agricultural materials into value added products while generating income and employment, but it is important in the bigger picture because it contributes to the overall economic development in both developed and developing countries. In the context of trade, agro-industry provides significant impact to Indonesia's export. The government is targeting exports of the agro industry to grow up to 29% amounting to USD 40 billion this year, from USD 31 billion in 2014.

As we are all well aware, the resources available to support the development of agro-industry is not unlimited, therefore, it is crucial for us to manage the resources that we have carefully. Recently, there has been an increased pressure on agro-industries to shift to more resource-efficient and low-carbon production processes as part of the global efforts to sustain growth, conserve resources and slow down the pace of climate change. To provide a sustainable future, the development of agro-industry should not merely aim for high profit, but it should also be environmentally friendly and socially sustainable.

In furtherance of this ideal, this conference is organized with the hopes of achieving three things. First, it is held to foster and support the development of highly productive methods and technologies for the various segments of the agro-industries. Second, it is designed to provide a forum for the presentation, discussion and debate of state-of-the-art and emerging technologies in the field of agro-based industry and any issues related