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Summary Report



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Executive Summary

The 4th Member Meeting of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (ReCAMA) was co-organized by the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering, and German Agricultural Society (DLG) on 22-24 August 2018.

The objectives of the 4th Member Meeting of ReCAMA were:

- To discuss the next ReCAMA Research Paper theme and Training focus;
- To review and endorse the work report of ReCAMA in 2018 and proposed work plan for 2019;
- To review and approve participation of member associations and applications of observers;
- To discuss major administrative, financial and other matters related to the Network.

The 4th Member Meeting of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (ReCAMA) brought together 43 participants from 14 countries, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam.

During the keynote speeches and discussion, the meeting highlighted the significant role of agricultural machinery associations and cooperatives as intermediaries and facilitators of business-government relations, emphasizing that supporting and strengthening agricultural machinery associations is important for paving the way towards sustainable agricultural mechanization in the region.

Member associations at the meeting endorsed the work report of ReCAMA in 2018 and discussed the work plan for 2019 including the research areas, training focus, and the venue and date of the 5th Member Meeting of ReCAMA, as well as other potential cooperation opportunities. The Member Meeting also approved the participation of the Association of Indonesian Agriculture Machinery (ALSINTANI) as a new member and elected Nepal Agriculture Machinery Entrepreneurs Association as the Chair Association and Russian Association of Specialized Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers as the tentative Vice Chair Association for 2018-2019.

A panel discussion was organized on the afternoon of 23rd August, with keynote speakers from CSAM, China, India, Thailand and Turkey, as well as association and private sector representatives sharing insights on how to create an enabling environment for sound regional trade and investment in agricultural machinery. The participants also visited the Chokchai Agricultural Machinery Co., Ltd and the Pankwan Dairy Farm on 24 August 2018 as part of a field trip.

I. Introduction

The Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations (ReCAMA) was established by the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in 2014 as the outcome of the 1st ‘Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific’ held in 2013. ReCAMA aims to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization in Asia and the Pacific through strengthening the capacity of national agricultural machinery associations, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and information, and enhancing collaboration and closer business connections among national associations and their members. ReCAMA is an important initiative for scaling-up the availability, adoption and sustainable use of agricultural machinery at the regional level through a demand-driven model closely involving the private sector. This initiative is hence directly supportive of SDG 2 (ending hunger and malnutrition), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth) and SDG 17 (enabling global partnership for sustainable development) among other SDGs. To date, ReCAMA has 19 member associations from 14 countries.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of ReCAMA, a Member Meeting is convened once a year to discuss and make decisions on matters pertinent to the Council’s operations and development. Since 2014, three Member Meetings have been organized in conjunction with key agricultural machinery exhibitions in 2015, 2016 and 2017 in China and India. Three Trainings and Study Tour have also been organized focusing on whole-process mechanization (2015), conservation agriculture and transplanting technologies (2016), and precision agriculture and harvesting technologies (2017). In addition, a research paper on Trade and Investment Policies on Mechanization of Agriculture was completed in 2017 covering China, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

Countries in the Asia-Pacific region face significant challenges to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In the context of agricultural development, an empowered, profitable, responsible and appropriately regulated private sector is critical for agricultural employment, poverty alleviation, and livelihood improvement for the rural population.

II. Objectives

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- To review and approve participation of member associations and applications of observers;
- To discuss major administrative, financial and other matters related to the Network.

The detailed workshop programme is enclosed as **Annex I**.

III. Organization and Participation

The 4th Member Meeting of ReCAMA was co-organized with the Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering and German Agricultural Society (DLG), on 22-24 Aug. 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Representatives of ReCAMA member associations and their member enterprises from the Asia-Pacific region as well as pertinent stakeholders from Thailand participated in the meeting. The 4th Member Meeting of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (ReCAMA) brought together 43 participants from 15 associations of 14 countries, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam.

The Participants List is enclosed as **Annex II**.

IV. Conclusion

The objectives of the 4th Member Meeting of ReCAMA were all achieved, and the member associations agreed specifically as below:

- The Association of Indonesian Agriculture Machinery (ALSINTANI) was approved as new member of ReCAMA.
- Nepal Agriculture Machinery Entrepreneurs Association was elected as the Chair Association for 2018-2019.
- The Russian Association of Specialized Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers was proposed as the Vice-Chair Association of ReCAMA. Additional time for internal approval was requested by the Russian Association of Specialized Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers for accepting this role. It will be confirmed within one month.
- Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers agreed to be the back-up Vice Chair Association in case the Russian Association of Specialized Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers does not confirm this role.
- The Chair Association is expected to hold the upcoming Member Meeting in their country. Ideally, the Member Meeting could be held together with their domestic event, for example, agricultural machinery related exhibition, meeting or good practice visit. If the Chair Association is not able to hold the meeting due to any specific reason, the Member Meeting could be held in another country.
- Since Nepal Agriculture Machinery Entrepreneurs Association is current Chair Association for 2018-2019, it was suggested that the 5th Member Meeting of ReCAMA will be organized in Nepal in 2019. Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers' Association (AMMA-India) offered support if the 5th Member Meeting could be held in the plain area of Nepal.
- Building upon the research on trade and investment policies in China, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand completed recently by CSAM, the research will be extended to five more countries including Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Pakistan and Turkey in 2018.

- China, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand associations agreed to join the research paper on market status of agricultural machinery sector in China, India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand in 2019. The research will focus on the perspective of how to ensure the sustainable development of this sector through the whole value chain and contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- It was agreed that the ReCAMA Training and Study Tour in 2018 will cover the topics of automation, irrigation (solar power), and plant protection (with UAV).
- The potential topics for the ReCAMA Training and Study Tour in 2019 could include machinery and technologies conducive to addressing climate change, whole value-chain mechanization, and horticulture machinery and technologies.
- ReCAMA will explore the opportunities to conduct regular sharing of data and information on this sector. The practices of Agrievolution will be referred.

A panel discussion was organized on the afternoon of 23rd August, with keynote speakers from CSAM, China, India, Thailand and Turkey as well as association and private sector representatives sharing insights on how to create an enabling environment for sound regional trade and investment in agricultural machinery. During the presentations and panel discussion, the participants discussed the condition of regional trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific, cases of different countries, and the needs and expectations of the private sector. The suggestions included ensuring quality and safety of agricultural machinery, favorable trade and investment policies, sound information exchange and sharing, adequate understanding of development trends, and so forth.

The participants also visited the Chokchai Agricultural Machinery Co., Ltd, one of the biggest domestic agricultural implement producers in Thailand, and the Pankwan Dairy Farm, on 24 August 2018 as part of a field trip.

Overall, the feedback received for the 4th Member Meeting of ReCAMA was very positive (Annex III); many of the participants expressed their strong interest in continuing their participation in ReCAMA activities, as well as sharing the information and knowledge they received from the meeting with their colleagues. By contributing their unique insights, expertise and experiences, they substantially enriched the network that they share.

Most of the participants expressed that the objectives and structure of the meeting were well laid out, and the meeting effectively facilitated the sharing of knowledge, especially the information on international trade and investment of agricultural machinery. Many of them also expressed that the meeting promoted the participants' international network and gave rise to opportunities for international collaboration.

The outcomes of the events will be further integrated into the ongoing activities of ReCAMA/CSAM and will be used as a basis for programmatic fine-tuning, reorientation and preparation of an action plan for the future.

Annex I: Event Programme

<i>21st August, Tuesday</i>	
Arrival in Bangkok	
<i>22nd August, Wednesday</i>	
Visit the Agritechnica Asia 2018 - BITEC, Bangkok	
<i>23rd August, Thursday</i> <i>Amber 3 (2nd floor)</i>	
09:00-09:40	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Dares Kittiyopas, President, Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering</i></p> <p><u>Welcome Address:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Peter Grothues, Managing Director, DLG</i> <p><u>Opening Remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Dr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</i> - <i>Dr. Li Yutong, Head, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</i>
09:40-10:00	<p>Group Photo and Tea Break</p>
10:00-10:30	<p>New Member Presentations and Admission</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Dares Kittiyopas, President, Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Association of Indonesian Agriculture Machinery (ALSINTANI) – Mr. Henry Haryanto, Head of Committee of ALSINTANI</i> <p>Selection of Chair and Vice Chair Associations</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Work Report and Work Plan Review and Endorsement</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Swoyambhu Krishna Shrestha, Chairman, Nepal Agricultural Machinery Entrepreneur’s Association (NAMEA) (TBC, current Vice Chair)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Work Report in 2017 & Work Plan in 2018 - Ms. Feng Yuee, Programme Coordinator, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</i> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research areas - Training need identification – Training and Study Tour in 2018 & 2019 in China - Venue and Date of the 5th Member Meeting of ReCAMA - Other potential cooperation and issues
11:30-12:00	Wrap up of the Member Meeting
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	<p>Keynote Speeches (<i>Venue: Agriculture Forum 2018, Foyer</i>)- <i>Enabling Environment for Sound Regional Trade and Investment</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Anshuman Varma, Programme Officer, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to ensure quality and safety of agricultural machinery produced and traded in Asia-Pacific countries? - <i>Mr. Anshuman Varma, Programme Officer, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</i> - Case introductions by country representatives of trade and investment policies in their countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Mr. Fan Xueming, Division Director, Department of Farm Mechanization, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs</i> o <i>Dr. Surendra Singh, Technical Advisor, Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers' Association (AMMA-India)</i> o <i>Ms. Dares Kittiyopas, President, Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering</i> o <i>Mr. Mustafa Selami İleri, Secretary General, Turkish Association of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Manufacturers</i> - Needs and expectations of the private sector (representative of private sector) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Dr. Prachak Sapmanee, Independent Researcher, Subcommittee in Logistics, Cross Border Trade and Special Economic Zone, Federation of Thai Industry</i> o <i>Representatives of MASCHIO and AGCO</i> - Q&A
15:30-16:00	Tea Break
16:00-17:00	<p>Panel Discussion – Regional Actions for Integrated Trade and Investment of Agricultural Machinery in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Klaus Erdle, Head, International Crop Production Center, German Agriculture Society (DLG, Deutsche Landwirtschafts-Gesellschaft)</i></p> <p><i>Panel List: Mr. Anshuman Varma, Mr. Fan Xueming, Dr. Surendra Singh, Mr. Mustafa Selami İleri, Dr. Prachak Sapmanee, Mr. Yanapol Limpanachokchai, Representatives of MASCHIO and AGCO</i></p>
17:00-17:30	<p>Wrap up and Closure</p> <p><i>Mr. Anshuman Varma & Mr. Klaus Erdle</i></p>
24th August 2018, Friday	
Visiting Chokchai Agricultural Machinery Co., Ltd and Pankwan Dairy Farm	
25th August 2018, Saturday	
Departure from Bangkok	

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Annex III Summary of the Evaluation Questionnaires

Number of compiled questionnaires: 26

I. Objectives			
A. The objectives of this meeting were clearly set out.			
1. Agree strongly	23	88.5%	
2. Agree moderately	3	11.5%	
3. Agree slightly			
4. Disagree slightly			
5. Disagree strongly			
B. The structure of the meeting enabled itself to reach its designated objectives.			
1. Agree strongly	21	80.8%	
2. Agree moderately	5	19.2%	
3. Agree slightly			
4. Disagree slightly			
5. Disagree strongly			
C. The meeting fully achieved its objectives in general.			
1. Agree strongly	18	69.2%	
2. Agree moderately	8	30.8%	
3. Agree slightly			
4. Disagree slightly			
5. Disagree strongly			
D. The overall quality and usefulness of the meeting was			
1. Excellent	20	76.9%	One participant did not reply to this question.
2. Above average	5	19.2%	
3. Average			
4. Below average			
5. Extremely poor			
E. The quality and usefulness of the presentations and meeting materials were			
1. Excellent	14	53.8%	One participant suggested that we might discuss more things during the discussion. Another participant suggested that we have the chance to get more information during the meetings.
2. Above average	10	38.4%	
3. Average	2	7.7%	
4. Below average			
5. Extremely poor			

II. Effectiveness and Efficiency			
F. The organization of the meeting was efficient.			
1. Agree strongly	19	73.1%	
2. Agree moderately	7	26.9%	
3. Agree slightly			
4. Disagree slightly			
5. Disagree strongly			
G. The duration of the meeting was appropriate to cover all topics.			
1. Agree strongly	19	73.1%	One participant did not reply to this question.
2. Agree moderately	5	19.2%	
3. Agree slightly	1	3.8%	
4. Disagree slightly			
5. Disagree strongly			
H. I am willing to share and spread the information acquired from this meeting to relevant stakeholders.			
1. Agree strongly	22	84.6%	
2. Agree moderately	4	15.4%	
3. Agree slightly			
4. Disagree slightly			
5. Disagree strongly			

III. Beyond the designated objectives of the event, please list other benefits you have drawn from this meeting.

Most of the comments mentioned that they got valuable information of other countries and institutions. Some participants said that the meeting share the good practice of other members and knowledge related to the foreign markets. One participant also suggested that the advices on how to create an association were important.

IV. How do you hope to extend the knowledge and insights gained from this meeting?

Most of the participants who answered this question said that they would share the information with their colleagues. Some participants also mentioned that the knowledge and information would be shared through the regular meetings or monthly magazines of their associations.

VI. Comments/Suggestions for Improvement and Future Focuses

Most of the comments are related to topics included in the programme. One participant suggested that we should include more topics. Some participants said that we should focus on the needs of each county. One participant also suggested that safety in production might be a good topic to discuss. Another participant suggested that we might focus on the below-average production areas rather than the high technologies.