

【Special Remarks】

Thank you for your introduction.

I'm Kimiko Ishikawa, EAPVP Forum Office.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to

Dr. Rohim Bin Sudin/ Deputy Director-General (Operation) Forest Research Institute Malaysia, Mr. Sulaiman Hashim/ Deputy Director of Crop Quality Control Division/ representing Director-General of Department of Agriculture, Malaysia and Dr. Nowarti Bt. Muhammad/ Chairman of the meeting

for holding TWG meeting of Acacia.

and

Mr. Osamu Chigira, Director of Iriomote Tree Breeding Technical Garden. Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (FFPRI), Japan, and

Mr. Yuichiro Ishii, DUS Test Coordinator, National Center for Seeds and Seedlings (NCSS)

for participating the meeting as an leading expert of Forest Trees and DUS test,

and dear participants from Cambodia, China and Vietnam,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the participation of you to the EAPVP cooperative activities.

The East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum is a framework to promote mutual cooperation for ASEAN+3 countries to develop and implement PVP system based on the UPOV system, for the overall goal of achieving food security and other benefit to the society, through sustainable plant breeding activities.

UPOV test guidelines is a basis of DUS test to grant Plant Breeders' Rights, and also international cooperation in examination.

I believe this meeting will provide all the participant useful information for establishing harmonized testing system in the EAPVP Forum member countries.

Finally, I wish all the participant health and success.

Thank you!

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