

**Closing Remarks by U Naing Kyi Win, Director General,  
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"EAPVP Technical Steering Meeting and Seminar on Vietnam and  
China Experiences"**

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**Good Afternoon,**

**Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**I would like to express my sincere thanks to –**

- High Officials and delegates from UPOV, MAFF, GNIS, KPHIS, CPVO,**
- And all delegates from each UPOV member ASEAN countries and other invited countries,**
- Representatives from national and international NGO, INGO and Plant Breeding and Seed Production Companies of Myanmar,**
- Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to highly acknowledge Dr. Nguyen Thanh Minh, PVPO, MRD of Vietnam and Mr. Min Song, Professor and Deputy Director of China Center for Intellectual Property in Agriculture, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science for your presentations of Vietnam's PVP benefits of becoming UPOV member and Sharing China's Case on Economical Perspective of PVP and Innovation on PVP system.

We are well aware now the tools of UPOV members for international cooperation and harmonization as well as the UPOV Convention and benefits of UPOV membership.

Moreover, we learnt many information and knowledge on the impacts and challenges for agriculture and impact of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention from our partner experiences through today seminar. Information on Rights and PVP systems of different countries is very helpful for the implementation of our national PVP system.

This morning, according to the valuable suggestions, comments and agreement for our EAPVP activities and adoption of the priorities and criteria as well as cooperative activity plans in 2017-18 fiscal year, on behalf of all member countries, I strongly believed that we will be able to promote the international harmonization of our EAPVP system with the other UPOV member countries.

I would like to kindly extent my heartfelt thanks to honorable Dr. Tin Htut, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation for delivering opening speech and guide line for our future PVP system in Myanmar this morning.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the delegates, for your keen interested in all aspects and your discussions and deliberation for our PVP system.

In my conclusion, we, Myanmar are a very beginning step to establish our PVP system for the benefits of plant breeders, seed producers, famers and all our people. I would like request all agencies participating today meeting of EAPVP steering committee and experiences sharing seminar of Vietnam and China to keep in touch with us and share your kind assistance for our future activities.

**Thank you.**