

OPENING REMARK FOR EAPVPPF – Mr. Tran Xuan Dinh

Dear Mr. Yamaguchi MAFF of Japan

Dear Mr. Peter Button, Vice secretary of UPOV

Ladies and Gentleman

The Conception of Plant Variety Protection is imported to Vietnam about 20 years until now. To be aware of the importance of the Plant Variety Protection in encouraging the breeding and development of new plant varieties to the agriculture production for the benefits of people, Vietnam has built the plant Variety Protection System in 2000.

In 2006, in order to implement a National system more effectively, Vietnam has decided to join UPOV Convention and have been receiving significant achievement: Number of applications are increasing rapidly, many new varieties with good features is introduced to the agriculture production so it make more benefits for the farmers as well as for consumers. Furthermore, the varieties of high value species as flower, vegetable and fruits from oversea come Vietnam also help Vietnamese farmers increased their profit. Until now, Plant Variety Protection has been being more important in Vietnam.

In the scope of East Asia region, since East Asia PVP Forum is established in 2008 at Tokyo, Vietnam always take part to the activities of the forum for strengthening the PVP in region. At present, Vietnam have agreement with Japan and Singapore on the exchange of examination results and considering to negotiate with Korea for the same agreement.

This year, Vietnam is host country for the 9th Meeting of EAPVPPF in the context of 10 years joining UPOV, this is a good opportunity to evaluate the results and exchange the experience with other Members in region.

On behalf of the Organizers I would like to open the meeting and hope the Meeting will be successful with the good cooperation on PVP in region.

Thank you for all of participants in the Meeting.