

WELCOME REMARKS
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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON POPULATION DYNAMICS AND
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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Thank you Ms Mazalina, MC for this morning

Honorable Dato' Hj Munir b Hj Mohd Naw
Director General of Fisheries Malaysia cum
SEAFDEC Council Director for Malaysia

Mr Hj Zawawi Ali
Director, Department of Fisheries Terengganu

Head of Departments and Agencies under MOA

Mr Ruzaidi Mamat
Director, Fisheries Academy of Malaysia

Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro Based Industries and
Department of Fisheries Malaysia

Our distinguished participants from Bangladesh and Malaysia

Media Members

Ladies and Gentlemen...

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

and very Good Morning to everyone...

1. On behalf of the organizing committee and SEAFDEC/MFRDMD, I would like to extend our warm welcome to everyone to our “Official Opening Ceremony for International Training on Population Dynamics and Stock Assessment for OIC Country, Bangladesh”

2. Special thanks are dedicated to our honourable Dato’ Hj Munir b Hj Mohd Nawi, the Director General of Fisheries Malaysia, who is today representing the Secretary General of MOA Malaysia. We understand that Honourable Dato’ is quite tired, due to your tight schedule for MAHA2018 event which just finished yesterday. Anyway, we are proud and thankful, as Dato’ has accepted our invitation to be here with us this morning.

Distinguished Guests...

BANGLADESH MARINE FISHERIES CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT UNDER CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR OIC COUNTRIES – CBP4OICC

3. Under the existing MoU between three parties namely the Government of Malaysia, Government of Bangladesh and Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Malaysia has obligation to provide consultancy services and training program for fish stock assessment. During the last month, in October 2018, SEAFDEC/MFRDMD had conducted an international acoustic training here, attended by 10 participants from Bangladesh. Malaysia has allocated 10 participants from Bangladesh for this training program, however only 8 participants manage to attend, and another 5 participants are from the Department of Fisheries Malaysia.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON POPULATION DYNAMICS AND STOCK ASSESSMENT

4. Knowledge on fish stock assessment is very important not only for fisheries scientist, but to managers and other stakeholders who are going to manage and utilize our resources sustainably. In order to manage marine resources effectively, we need to understand and have full knowledge about our marine flora and fauna in our waters. This knowledge could be generated from special training and information sharing through workshops and consultations.

5. This training will focus on fish population dynamics and stock assessment, which cover for both pelagic and demersal fish resources. Therefore, this program will talk about fish modelling, data requirement and analyses before ending with Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) which is the ultimate product from fish stock assessment. In the process, it would talk also on fishery hydroacoustic technique to evaluate pelagic fish stock and the swept area method for demersal resources.

6. During 5 days training program, we will cover not only the theory for stock assessment and analyses, but to include also practical works on operation of bottom trawl and scientific echo sounder-

7. We are indeed very lucky, because this training program not only conducted by our local experts from the Department of Fisheries Malaysia, but also contributed by experts from the local universities from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) Terengganu.

8. I am personally hope that our trainees from Bangladesh and Malaysia could digest whatever information that we are going to share under this program for better development of marine capture fisheries. I was informed that Bangladesh also seek technical support from other partner such as the Institute of Marine Research, in Bergen Norway especially on marine resources survey, using RV Dr Fjot Nanshen

Honourable Guest...

NATIONAL CURRENT EFFORTS IN AQUATIC (FISHERIES) RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

9. Its worth to point that Department of Fisheries Malaysia (DOF) have launched a new fisheries management system (FMS) to cater for the development and management of various fisheries management plans (FMPs). The launching of FMS on the 4th December, 2017, marked a historical shift in the management of our capture fisheries from conventional methods since the establishment of DOF, to a more ecosystem-based management (EAFM) approach. The management of the fisheries will be decentralized to five regional fisheries management centers (RFMCs) which will oversee 53 FMPs altogether.

10. The first draft of several FMPs document is scheduled to be completed by end of this year. The fisheries are now managed based on the species-area specific, rather than gear-based management as practised before. Fishing will be gearing towards catching target species and avoiding non-target species, implemented and governed by set of plans as specified in the fisheries management plan (FMP).

Ladies and Gentlemen...

FISHERIES (AQUATIC NATURAL RESOURCES): FOR FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION

11. It is highly critical with the latest development at the international fora for our Department to increase our expertise to provide the best and sound management plans and actions in regards to our fisheries or aquatic resources (natural and farmed) towards food security and sovereignty as well as biodiversity protection and rehabilitation.

12. Under the existing MOU that will be end in June 2019, I hope the Department of Fisheries Malaysia and Bangladesh are able to

summarize and conclude all activities in a special publication and video output for circulation to all parties in this project.

13. Before I end my short welcome remark, I would like to express again our thanks and appreciation to the Honourable Dato' Hj Munir b Haji Mohd Nawi, the Director General of Fisheries Malaysia, who are able with us this morning to officiate our training program.

14. I am also would like to express my appreciation to all our invited guest for your attendance and cooperation to this event.

15. Last but not least, my sincere thanks to all organizing committee members and staff of MFRDMD who are working hard to ensure our program run smoothly and in good order.

Thank you.

WabillahiTaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh...
