



Inaugural Speech of Indonesian Ambassador, Mr. Dindin Wahyudin on
One-Day Virtual Agriculture Training for Farmers of Senegal and Sierra Leone
Friday, 18th March 2022, 08.30

The honorable:

- Ambassador Diar Nurbintoro, Director of Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation;
- Dr. Leli Nuryati, Director for Indonesian Center for Agricultural Training, Ministry of Agriculture;
- Dr. Daniel Annerose, CEO of Manobi Africa;
- Mr. Hendro Wijayanto, President Director of CV Karya Hidup Sentosa;
- Directeur Général of Development Rural in St. Louis, Mr. Hamadou Balde;
- Representative of Société Nationale d'aménagement et d'Exploitation des Developement (SAED) in St. Louis, Mr. Bassirou NDIAYE;
- Moderator and Trainers;
- Distinguished Training Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Bonjour, Good afternoon!

Assalamualaikum Wr.Wb

It is an honour for me to welcome you all in One-Day Virtual Agriculture Training for Farmers of Senegal and Sierra Leone, under theme: "Dispatch of Experts on Rice Sector Development Program Kick-off Meeting".

The purpose of the training will bring together the Indonesian's expertise in rice plant management and agriculture machinery operation and maintenance for participants.

Currently, from the training hall of Africa Rice Center in **St Louis, Senegal**, 20 farmers and agents are joining with us for this training. I hope all of the participants can take benefit, knowledge, and experiences from trainers.

This training, I believe, is not only beneficial for farmers and agents, but also for all parties and related stakeholders in promoting people to people contacts. As we know, this training also is part of the off-training which will be held in St. Louis Senegal in May/June 2022, as the follow-up of cooperation between CV. KHS and Manobi Africa.

Ladies and gentlemen,

On this important event, I also would like to reiterate the long standing cooperation between Government of Indonesian and Senegal, especially in the field of agriculture.

In 2014, the Government of Indonesia has granted five hand-tractors to the Government of Senegal, to introduce mechanization equipment from Indonesia for farmers in Senegal.

This year, Government of Indonesia will cooperate with Ecole Nationale Superior Agriculture (ENSA), Thies-Senegal in the field of agriculture. And all we believe that in the next future, more business to business cooperation will be implemented, among Indonesia, Senegal, and West Africa Countries.

Ladies and gentlemen,

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to thank Director of NAM Centre and team for hard work in realizing today's training. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Manobi Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, CV. Karya Hidup Sentosa, and all parties which have fully contributed in the training.

Finally, by asking the pleasure of Allah SWT and by saying Bismillah, I officially open this training program. I look forward to the successful of participants training, and wish you all good health, happiness and success.

Thank you very much.

Wassalamualaikum Wr.Wb