

# **CLOSING REMARKS**

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## INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON FISHERIES FOR ASIA-PACIFIC COUNTRIES & INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON AQUACULTURE FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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Closing Remarks of His Excellency
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- Mr. Abdullah Azwar Anas, Banyuwangi Regent;
- Mr. Al Busyra Basnur, Secretary of the Directorate General of Information and Public Diplomacy – the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Indonesia;
- Dr. Maman Hermawan, Master of Sciences, Secretary of Agency for Marine and Fisheries Research and Human Resources Development - the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Republic of Indonesia;
- Mr. Achmad Subijakto, Head of Banyuwangi Fisheries Training Centre;
- Ladies and Gentlemen;
- Distinguished Participants;

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation, I have a great honour to deliver remarks on the occasion of Closing Ceremony of these very important International Training on Fisheries for Asia-Pacific Countries and International Training on Aquaculture for African Countries.

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Abdullah Azwar Anas, Banyuwangi Regent and his subordinates for

assuring realisation of people-to-people connection, by inviting participants to a number of city events and also hosting the Closing Ceremony in this beautiful place.

My deepest appreciation towards the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, for acting on behalf of the Committee, for leading these five-day Trainings---and trainers from Banyuwangi Fisheries Training Centre who contributed rewarding modules to the trainings. I would like to express my high appreciation to the fruitful results of the trainings through transfering of ideas, experiences and lessons.

The NAM Centre is also extremely grateful for active participation from distinguished delegates from Asia-Pacific and African countries.

### Ladies and Gentlemen;

The Trainings organised by the NAM Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries will soon conclude. It is our great distinction to spend the past seven days with participants from different countries. With active participation, all sessions of trainings successfully completed.

As the trainings finish, I believe we all have the same feeling that people are tirelessly exploring the dream of sustainable, prosperous, developed and independent coastal communities.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The NAM Centre has always aspired for a sustained people-centred development, where mutual benefits powered by cooperation among developing countries could transform local communities' institutions, technology, values and behaviours.

Another topic brought forward and also extremely crucial was analysis of eco-friendly fishing gear. We are so grateful that participating countries will further expand their observation parameters on types of fishing gears.

On the issue of fingerling management, it is important to increase the capacity for future fingerling production. In this light, international cooperation to develop fingerling production techniques for critically endangered species is imperative.

It is essential, that all participating countries must establish a close partnership. Today there should be no country that insists on the need to keep destructive fishing practices that cause a devastating low number of fish.

### Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope these trainings on fisheries and aquaculture held in Banyuwangi will leave an extraordinary impression on all participating countries.

I hope that all participants present at these trainings can enhance friendship and strengthen cooperation, to create joint efforts in pushing forward the sustainable fisheries management.

We encourage further communication between participant and trainer. Let the strong bond remains in our hearts.

With a spirit of continued success, cooperation and coordination may I wish you a good return journey.

Thank you for your attention, please send regards to your countries and especially, to your families. Now, we pronounce all participants from Asia-Pacific and Africans countries as family members of NAM Centre.