

Opening Address

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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished Guests and Speakers,
Esteemed Colleagues and Participants,

Good Morning,

I am profoundly honored to welcome each one of you to the 12th International and National Seminar of Fisheries and Marine Science organized by the Faculty of Fishery and Marine Science, Universitas Riau. It brings me immense pleasure to stand here, not only as the Dean of our cherished Faculty but as a fellow enthusiast of the boundless domain that is our oceans and water bodies.

The theme of our seminar this year, "Challenges and Strategies for Sustainable Fisheries and Marine Affairs Development to Support the Blue Economy Program," resonates with the global urge to harmonize our actions with the natural rhythm of the aquatic ecosystem. It reflects our collective aspiration to ensure that the marine resources, which are a reservoir of biodiversity and an engine of economic growth, continue to thrive for the generations to come.

This seminar serves as a prestigious platform that amalgamates the wisdom, experiences, and innovations from across the globe. The topics we delve into span a wide spectrum of fisheries, marine, and environmental sciences, including, but not limited to Aquaculture, Biodiversity, Marine Biotechnology, Oceanography, and Socio-Economic Fisheries, among others. Through spirited discussions, technical sessions, and interactions, we aim to foster a conducive environment for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaborative learning.

We are privileged to have an illustrious panel of invited speakers who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Their distinguished presence enriches our seminar and provides us with an opportunity to learn, innovate, and envision a sustainable future together.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude towards our esteemed speakers, Prof. Dr. Ir. Tengku Dahril, Dr. Zulkarnain, Dr. Christopher Marlowe A. Caipang, Dr. Tan Lik Tong, Dr. Bui Tran Nu Thanh Viet, and Dr. Sukree Hajisamae, for graciously accepting our invitation and enriching this seminar with their invaluable insights.

I also extend my thanks to all the participants, the organizing committee, sponsors, and everyone who has contributed to the fruition of this significant event. Your collective efforts have made this seminar a hallmark of scholarly exchange and a beacon of hope towards achieving sustainable fisheries and marine affairs.

As we embark on this journey of exploration and discovery, I trust that the interactions and deliberations over the next few days will ignite new ideas, foster lasting partnerships, and contribute significantly towards propelling the Blue Economy Program forward.

Thank you, and I wish you all a fruitful and enriching seminar experience.

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