



Opening address by the Coordinator of the Asia Pacific Network for Sustainable Agriculture, Food, and Energy (SAFE-Network)

Distinguished guests, esteemed speakers, and valued participants of the SAFE2024 International Conference,

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Network for Sustainable Agriculture, Food, and Energy (SAFE-Network), I am honoured and privileged to welcome you to the SAFE2024 International Conference. This year's conference theme, Circular Economy Implementation in Agri-food Energy Production for Community Empowerment, reflects our commitment to fostering sustainability and building a better world, particularly in the critical areas of agriculture, food, and energy.

The challenges we face in achieving sustainability are complex and multifaceted in today's interconnected world. Climate change, food security, and energy demands are issues that no single nation or organization can address alone. However, collaboration and partnership can make significant strides toward a sustainable future.

The Asia Pacific region's diverse landscapes and cultures present unique opportunities and challenges. As the Coordinator of the SAFE Network, I am proud to see so many distinguished experts and practitioners gathered here with a shared vision of creating sustainable solutions. Your presence signifies a collective commitment to innovation, knowledge-sharing, and cooperation.

The SAFE2024 Conference serves as an essential platform for fostering friendships and partnerships. By working together, we can develop and implement strategies that address the pressing issues in agriculture, food, and energy and contribute to the well-being of our communities and the preservation of our environment.

As we embark on this journey over the next few days, I encourage you to engage actively in the discussions, share your insights, and collaborate on ideas that can drive real change. Let us seize this opportunity to learn from each other, inspire and be inspired, and build networks that will support our endeavors long after this conference.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the organizers, sponsors, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring this conference to fruition. Your dedication and hard work are deeply appreciated.

Once again, welcome to SAFE2024. I look forward to the fruitful discussions and innovative solutions this gathering will yield. Together, let us pave the way for a sustainable and better world.

See you for SAFE2025!

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