FFTC's International Symposium on "Recent Progress in Swine Breeding and Raising Technologies"



Opening Remarks

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Director Huang and Director General Tsai, distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen:

Good morning. It is my honor to be a part of the international seminar on "Recent Progress in Swine Breeding and Raising Technologies" & "Cutting-Edge Reproductive Technologies and Perspectives for their Usage in Swine". It is also my pleasure that my institute is one of the sponsors to co-organize this international symposium. I'd like to thank FFTC for their support.

As we know, in the recent decades, the innovative technologies have been applied in swine breeding and raising. With genomic selection, several swine economic traits can be improved significantly. Managing reasonable feed and nutrition formulation is also a key factor for raising pigs. Besides, diseases protection and diagnosis are very

important in swine production. With all advanced and modern technologies running together, it is very likely for us to overcome the challenges caused by the effects of climate change in the future.

My institute (LRI) is one of the leading institutes in the development of genetics and reproductive technology in Asia. To be a responsible member of the international society, LRI has committed itself to sharing its experiences in scientific development with neighboring countries in the region. The establishment of cooperation and partnership in the development of livestock industry among Asian-Pacific countries is also expected and very much welcomed.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a successful symposium and I hope that everyone will find this event productive and fruitful. Thank you.