

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
International Relations**

**Closing Remarks of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister on the occasion of 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN  
(Association of South East Asian Nations)-India Agriculture Minister Meeting for  
Agriculture & Forestry (AIMMAF) on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

Hon'ble Agriculture Ministers, Ladies & Gentlemen

1. I would like to express my gratitude to the Agriculture Ministers of ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) for the meaningful and constructive deliberations and hope that ASEAN-India relations shall be further strengthened to solve the complex challenges facing agriculture, food systems and supply chains, and help access to adequate, safe, and nutritious food.
2. The ASEAN countries must look into diverse areas of sustainable practices that promote diversification of production systems, efficient utilization of water resources and fertilizers, soil health management, and post-harvest management of crops, transboundary diseases in plants and animals, among others. The emerging digital technologies should be utilized for ease of farming. India shall be happy to share its expertise in these areas.
3. Once again, I request your active participation in promoting millets and millets products as nutritious food during the International Year of the Millets 2023. I also look forward for deepening of our cooperation in some of the emerging areas of digital agriculture, nature-positive agriculture and post-harvest loss & waste management.
4. I thank ASEAN Secretariat for providing support to India for successful hosting of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Agriculture Minister meeting.
5. I look forward meeting you all in 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Agriculture Minister meeting.

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