

ASEAN MINISTERIAL UNDERSTANDING
ON PLANT QUARANTINE RING

WE, the undersigned attending the Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 8th - 9th October, 1982 upon the invitation of His Excellency Datuk Abdul Manan bin Othman, Minister of Agriculture, Malaysia;

RECALLING the Declaration of ASEAN Concord signed in Bali, Indonesia on 24th February, 1976, which provides that ASEAN member countries shall take cooperative action in their national and regional development programmes;

REAFFIRMING the principles guiding ASEAN cooperation in the field of food and agriculture to promote a strong, peaceful and resilient ASEAN community;

NOTING the Manila Consensus arising from the First Meeting of ASEAN Agriculture Ministers in Manila in August, 1979;

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REALIZING that plant pests do not recognise national boundaries and therefore more effective cooperation is necessary among member countries in controlling plant pests;

RECOGNIZING the ever-increasing threat of having exotic plant pests and diseases introduced into the countries of the ASEAN due to :-

- a. increased movement of people and commodities in international trade;
- b. expanding agricultural programmes; and
- c. the urgent need to introduce new or improved plant varieties.

RECALLING that many of the world's most destructive plant pests and diseases still are not known to occur within the ASEAN Region;

NOTING further that the ASEAN Regional Plant Quarantine Centre and Training Institute (PLANTI) has carried out a pest risk and analysis of plant pests;

FULLY AWARE of the adverse economic consequences that could result from the introduction of injurious

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exotic plant pests and pathogens into any ASEAN countries;


WE, representing Member Countries in the ASEAN do hereby declare that :-

- (i) All member countries shall follow the ASEAN pest risk analysis for excluding dangerous and exotic pests from entry into the ASEAN Plant Quarantine Ring;
- (ii) All member countries shall practise inter and intra-state quarantine;
- (iii) In the event of the report of the presence of a dangerous pest, immediate action should be taken to eradicate the pest from within the ASEAN Quarantine Ring;
- (iv) Member countries which intend to introduce beneficial insects and biological control agents not present in the ASEAN Region should inform other member countries.

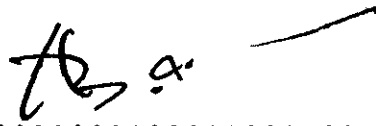
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One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

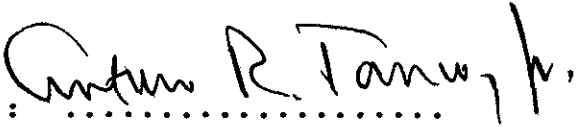
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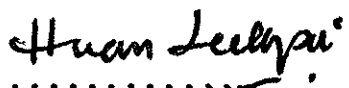
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