## WELCOME TO ASIA-PACIFIC AQUACULTURE 2018 (APA18)

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished participants:

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would very like to cordially welcome all of you to attend APA18 in the Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan.

"Innovation for Aquaculture Sustainability and Food Safety" is the theme of conference and trade show. Sustainable aquaculture and food safety is the main objective in Taiwan and the rest of Asia-Pacific Region. Biological resources from the freshwater and saltwater are the most important food supply in the past, present and surely also future. Sustainable aquaculture in a friendly environment with safety food becomes the common issue for the human beings. New concepts, approaches, and technologies are needed for the sustainable aquaculture. The success of sustainable aquaculture and food safety also needs the collaboration across the Asia-Pacific regions in all the areas of business, research, education, governance, and others. The main goal of this APA18 is to share the new ideas and technologies, and also to provide the possible and alternative solutions for our future direction of better aquaculture.

I would very like to thank all the International and National Steering Committee (co-chairs and members) and Program Committee putting the great efforts together, therefore this fantastic conference could come true. I especially like to thank my colleagues of National Taiwan Ocean University for their strong supports. We appreciate the financial supports from the Ministry of Science and Technology in Taiwan, Taiwan Fisheries Agency of Council of Agriculture, The GROBEST HOLDINGS LIMITED, and National Taiwan Ocean University.

I hope that all the participants enjoy the conference, farm tours and city visit in Taiwan.

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