

Unofficial Translation of the Key Points delivered by Dr. Meas Pyseth as Welcome Remarks during the Opening Ceremony of the Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation - National Workshop held in Phnom Penh on 24 January 2018

- On behalf of the management of MAFF, thanks for the opportunity to deliver welcome remarks
- Paying respects to the people who preside over the opening ceremony. Welcome all the participants
- We are here to participate in a Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation National Workshop and project/programmedone by IFAD
- Hope that everyone already know the purpose of this workshop
- Re-inform Cambodia is a member of IFAD since 1992 and has so far received total fund ofUS\$ 189.5 million in grant and loan mainly to develop Cambodia Agricultural sector and help the farmers.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries alone can not solve all the problems in the sectotwithout participation and involvementof other line ministries and development partners.
- 5 projects funded by IFAD were already finished. Another5 projects/programmes, such asTSSD, PADEE, S-RET, ASPIREand AIMS, are on. They are working related to each other mainly focusing on human capacity building, socio-economic, agricultural development economic empowerment, renewable energy technology , market linkage and climate adaptation.
- Important for Cambodia to make better living for famers and economy growth. Meanwhile, IFAD has almost the same goal and has cooperated so well with the Cambodia government to reach this common goal.
- The workshop today will show us both good and negative points. We may not like the negative ones, but suggest to consider them as mirror or how our problems are seen by outsiders or from different direction.
- With the IFAD assistance,we have two great opportunities: Technical and financial support.
- We used to do things or worknormally or traditionally. But the farming situation is changing. The same with the technologies. We have to cope with them
- Despite many problems, Cambodia could manage to have surplus of agricultural products and we need to find good markets and make the products suitable. We need to make our farming resilient to climate change. We need to have food security and safety since people now are aware on health issue.
- To make our agriculture prosperously growth, we need to work together with good cooperation with all stakeholders.
- The results of the evaluation might not make everyone satisfy or happy but the evaluation team has tried hard with their professional skill to find problems, and to give us some key recommendations.
- On behalf of MAFF and farmers, I like to request IFAD to keep continue to support us both technical and financial
- I like to urge all the participants who are all the stakeholders to do their best to participate and use the results to improve your own works and responsibility in order to achieve the common goal by using professional skill and own liabilities.

- Finally, I would like to wish you all with success and thank!