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Closing Message

**26th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease
in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia**

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I am glad to be with you here today to officiate the closing ceremony of the 26th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia. This meeting is a positive note to begin Malaysia's duty as the appointed President of SEACMD Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease. It is nice to see all presenters, experts, FMD National Coordinators and partners together here online to share information and updates on the SEACFMD programs and plan the country's way forward in FMD control and eradication from this region. FMD is one of the most concerning Transboundary Animal diseases that post a threat to Ruminants and Swine Industries within this region and throughout the world. As all of us know, the efforts in FMD control and eradication from this region has been long since 1997 and ongoing.

The objectives of this meeting reflect the importance of all member countries and partners working together to control and eradicate FMD. The member country presentations show how challenges must be handled with practical strategies and methods to be realistically implemented to achieve the objectives. Therefore, I believe that this OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia is an excellent campaign in providing an essential platform for discussions and developing strategies to combat FMD.

The recommendations of this meeting are important statements of understanding and agreement of actions plans following the SEACFMD Roadmap 2021 – 2025, focusing on the critical technical elements in FMD control and eradication. Focusing on:

1. Capacity building for human and technical resources in member countries
2. Validate and declare freedom from Asia 1 serotype from the SEACFMD region
3. Facilitate easy access to these resources by the members and stakeholders
4. Improve FMD reporting in the new WAHIS platform.
5. Strengthen epidemiological investigation and management of FMD outbreaks to maintain FMD free status of the Endorsed official Control Program.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Congratulations to OIE SRRSEA for the successful organization of the 26th Sub-Commission meeting and all member countries for this fruitful meeting since its establishment.
2. The success of the meeting is also the result of the commitment of our member country, partners and all attendees.
3. For the speakers, presenters, participants and observers, I hope this FMD sub-comm meeting has left a memorable impression in your memories.

On that note, I now declare 26th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia is now closed.

Stay safe & Thank