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THE 10th ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) FOOD SECURITY MINISTERIAL MEETING (FSMM)

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Incheon, Republic of Korea – Ministers responsible for food security across the Asia-Pacific region gathered on 10th August 2025 in Incheon for the **10th APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting**, chaired by H.E. Song Mi Ryung, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Joined by representatives from ABAC, ASEAN, PECC, and OECD, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the **APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040** and collaborative action to ensure a resilient and inclusive food system across the region.

Brunei Darussalam was represented by the Charge De' Affairs in Republic of Korea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs who attended on behalf of the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism. Under the 2025 theme, **“Building a Sustainable Tomorrow: Connect, Innovate, Prosper,”** ministers stressed the importance of **innovation in agri-food systems**. The meeting recognise the importance of promoting more sustainable and resilient food systems through the efficient use of agricultural resources, and implementing of policies and approaches that support sustainable agricultural productivity growth.

This meeting also discussed on **multiple and interrelated challenges** affecting food systems, including climate change, labor shortages, and supply chain disruptions. A strong focus was placed on the **adoption of digital technologies**, such as artificial

intelligence, blockchain, remote sensing, and precision farming. Ministers called for greater inclusivity in digital transformation to bridge the digital divide and ensure that technology is accessible, culturally appropriate, and effective in reducing food loss and waste.

In the meeting, the representative of the Honourable Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism iterated the importance of continued investment in R&D and smart farming systems to increasing production, improving quality of food products while minimizing supply chain disruptions. She further mentioned that the transformative potential of **AI in enhancing innovation** and resilience in agri-food systems is important and is working toward a data-driven, digitally enabled ecosystem as well as continuously **promoting youth involvement** in agritech.

A mid-term review of the **APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030** highlighted progress made and affirmed the importance of ongoing efforts. Ministers and APEC member economies expressed their appreciation to the host and support for the deeper **public-private partnerships** and enhanced cross-fora cooperation within APEC to ensure lasting food security across the Asia-Pacific.

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