Words of Appreciation Mr. Chatchai Sirilai, BAAC President 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of APRACA General Assembly (GA) Date : 06 September 2023

Mr. Shaji K. V, APRACA Chairman and Chairman of NABARD Mr. QIAN Wenhui, APRACA Vice Chair and Chairman of ADBC All APRACA Member Institutions

At the outset, I wish to convey my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. QIAN Wenhui, the Chairman of ADBC, on his recent appointment as APRACA Chairman. This is truly a momentous achievement, that reflects the trust and confidence that the APRACA Member Institutions have placed in ADBC's leadership.

ADBC's dedication and expertise have consistently shone through in their work, and there's no doubt that their tenure as Chairman will be marked by excellence and a visionary approach. With ADBC leading the way, APRACA is wellpositioned to achieve new heights and make significant progress in the field of agricultural and rural finance.

I would also like to take a moment to express our deep appreciation to the APRACA Member Institute for their trust in us. It is a privilege and an honor that we hold in high regard. At BAAC, we are fully committed to supporting ADBC and APRACA's initiatives as well as fostering collaboration among member institutions. We will actively facilitate the exchange of information and expertise, with the aim of delivering tangible benefits to our member states.

We have every confidence that the combined efforts of ADBC, BAAC, and all APRACA members will not only thrive but also grow stronger. Together, we will advance our shared mission of enhancing the quality of life for rural communities and smallscale farmers in a sustainable manner, transcending generations.

So, let us embark on this journey with a spirit of unity and cooperation, knowing that our diverse backgrounds and experiences will enrich our collective efforts. Thank you.