Speech at the 7th IWCSPP and the Exhibition

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On behalf of China Association for Science and Technology (abbreviated as CAST), I’d like to extend our warmest congratulations on the opening of the 7th International Working Conference on Stored-Product Protection, which is now being held in China.

Chinese Cereals and Oils Association (CCOA) and its Storage Specialty Branch (SSB-CCOA) are non-government academic organizations under CAST. CAST has given the full support to the opening of the 7th IWCSPP in China.

CAST attaches great importance to both the domestic and international academic exchange and cooperation. Under the guidance of the permanent committee of IWCSPP, and in accordance with the confirmed conference theme ‘Stored-Product Protection into the New Century – Common Approaches and Coordination’, Chinese Cereals and Oils Association and its Storage Specialty Branch have well organized this comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, foresighted academic exchange. This conference will further promote the international cooperation and the work of stored-product protection through our mutual efforts.

Today is Oct 16th, which is approaching ‘The International Grain Day’. Promoting grain production, reducing post-harvest loss and ensuring to meet the world’s need for grain still remain to be the key problems of grain scientific research into the 21st century. For these purposes, the Chinese grain scientific and technological workers should make their due contributions.

China is not only a big grain-producing country, but also a big grain-consuming country. Grain is one of the most important stored durable commodities in China. Grain storage has always been the problem of great concern of our government. This year, in order to reinforce the construction of grain facilities, the Chinese government has decided to build additional grain storage facilities with a capacity of 25 billion kilograms, so as to eliminate the inadequacy of grain storage capacity and the backwardness of grain storage facilities.

The 21st century is a new era of knowledge and economy, which will be centering on high-tech, and also based on the production, storage, utilization and consumption of knowledge and information. In the field of stored-product protection, we need to absorb the advanced experiences of foreign countries in the application of electronic technology, biological technology, integrated mechanic-electronic technology, as well as in the new materials for the construction of grain facilities, and the new methods of pest control and grain protection, so as to speed up the development of the Chinese economy, and to improve the work of stored-product protection of our country. This is a new task facing us.

The selection of Beijing, China as the venue for the 7th IWCSPP provides us with a good opportunity to learn, as well as an opportunity for foreign friends to know more about China. I hope all the conference participants will benefit from this conference. I wish the conference a complete success.

Thank you all!