

# PAWEES 2021 Taiwan Statement

International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (hereinafter referred to as “PAWEES”) held the 2021 Taiwan PAWEES International Conference (hereinafter referred to as “2021 Taiwan Conference”) with the theme of “Innovative Technologies for Agricultural Water Sustainability” on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced the 2021 Taiwan Conference to go virtual. Despite having the conference in a virtual format, PAWEES 2021 remains aiming to provide an interactive platform to international researchers and practitioners working on the paddy systems and relevant fields. The participants include scholars, researchers, policymakers, engineers, and private sectors from different countries around the world.

Over the past few years, many of us have faced floods and droughts, two of the most devastating consequences of the climate crisis, with staggering costs in human suffering and economic loss. To come up against the more and more severe challenges, the 2021 Taiwan Conference addresses the promotion of sustainable agriculture as an important key to secure people's living. 2021 Taiwan Conference expected the technology development discussed during this online event could assist in achieving agriculture sustainability in the coming future.

In the 2021 Taiwan Conference, 224 participants from 12 countries shared thoughts and ideas regarding policy planning and technology innovation for agricultural water sustainability while dealing with the impacts resulting from global warming and climate change. To realize the aims, PAWEES will proceed with the following activities, respectively:

1. The activities of PAWEES including editorial duties of the international journal of PAWEES, Paddy and Water Environment (PWE), shall expand and strengthen cooperation with national and international institutions as well as individual experts from paddy cultivation regions to societies of the world.
2. The international journal of PAWEES, Paddy and Water Environment (PWE), has been well recognized in the disciplines of agricultural sciences, engineering, and environmental sciences. The PAWEES members agreed to continuously support the publication of the PWE and maintain its quality.
3. The PAWEES 2022 will be hosted by JSIDRE in Fukuoka, Japan. The purpose of the next conference is to discuss the emerging issues related to paddy and water environment, as well as those that continuously impact the conservation of paddy fields and the environment. The specific theme of the conference will be announced later. The PAWEES members hope that PAWEES 2022 will provide an opportunity to enhance the exchanges of our knowledge and experience among participants, face to face, next year.