

Global Rice Bran Oil Conference 2015

Address by

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Distinguished Speakers from China, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam & India, Mr. Pravin Lunkad, President-SEA, Past Presidents of SEA, delegates representing IARBO & SEA, Invited Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I welcome you all to this Second International Conference on Rice Bran Oil organized by the International Association of Rice Bran Oil.

Friends, IARBO was formed at the initiative of Dr Xubeing Xu, Wilmar Global R&D Centre and Asst Prof. Dr Riantong Singanusong, Naresuan University, Thailand. They brought together India, China, Thailand, Japan & Vietnam - The major rice producing countries in Asia to form this Association. The objectives of IARBO are to encourage technological Innovations in the field of processing of Rice Bran Oil & other value added products from Rice Bran, to standardize specifications of Rice Bran Oil with a view to promote International Trade by improving communication between the Rice Bran Oil producers, academic researchers and local Governments, to create awareness about the health benefits of this wonderful oil which is currently catching the eye of the consumers worldwide.

To achieve these objectives, IARBO had decided to organize International Conferences on Rice Bran Oil in different countries. The first International Conference was organized in Wuhan, China in May 2014 under the able leadership of Dr Xubeing Xu , the founder President of IARBO and it was really a memorable event. This is the Second International Conference on Rice Bran Oil and with your support, we will indeed organize many, many more across the World.

We are indeed very much delighted due to over whelming response to this Conference. We have today about 400 key delegates and special invitees from India and overseas attending this Conference. We have several exhibitors here with us, who will showcase their products and disseminate information on the latest technologies on Rice Bran Oil and value-added products developed by them.

This Conference will give all our delegates the opportunity to listen to fellow delegates from other countries, and to have discussions with them, which will surely help in achieving the objectives of the IARBO.

The current potential of Rice Bran Oil in the world is 3.5 million tons, against which the current production is only about 1.5 million tons. The major producers are India (9,50,000 T), China (2,00,000 T), Japan (80,000 T) and Thailand (50,000 T). India represents nearly 2/3rd of the world production and is No. 1 in the world.

As you all know, the theme of this Conference is "Position, Promotion and Prospects of Rice Bran Oil as a Health Oil in the World". Let us all put our heads together and explore the possibilities of increasing production and awareness about Rice Bran Oil Worldwide.

An year ago, when I was the Chairman of SEA's Rice Bran Oil Promotion Council, and had addressed the 1st Global Rice Bran Oil Conference organized by Wuhan Polytechnic University in China, I had announced that SEA was planning to publish a recipe book on Rice Bran Oil for the benefits of Rice Bran Oil producers and marketers. This book will be released later today, and I congratulate SEA on coming up with this very interesting book. I am sure, house wives would love to have a copy of this book in their kitchen to make the delicious recipes using Rice Bran Oil.

I would like to thank my colleagues in IARBO; Dr Xubeing Xu, Past President, Prof. Dr Teruo Miyazawa, Vice President and particularly Asst Prof. Dr Riantong Singanusong, Secretary In General for efficiently functioning IARBO office from her University and all Board Members for their gracious presence at this Conference.

In conclusion, Ladies & Gentlemen, I thank The Solvent Extractors' Association of India, a premier association of Vegetable Oil Industry & Trade, for having hosted this Conference in Mumbai: The Financial Capital of India and specifically thank Dr B V Mehta, Executive Director, SEA and his dedicated team to make this Conference a great success.

Thank you & God Bless.

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