

Remarks

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Colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

- It is really an honour and privilege for me to have opportunity to attend the inauguration of the Silver Jubilee Functions of Nutrition Foundation of India; and to release the Twenty Five Year Book of the Foundation.

- Nutrition Foundation of India has contributed outstandingly for 25 years to the work in the areas of research and development in the field of public health nutrition.
- The Foundation has served not only India, but also the global international community.
- Nutrition Foundation of India has worked in close collaboration with World Health Organization, especially in South-East Asia, in the field of Nutrition research.
- Work of the Foundation has remarkably contributed to the effectiveness of WHO programme on nutrition, particularly in growth monitoring, and control and prevention of micro-nutrient deficiency.
- The three publications produced by the Foundation, namely:
 - Nutrition Problems in South-East Asia;
 - Impact of On-going Nutrition Transition in South-East Asia; and
 - Nutrition Research in South-East Asia,have been found very useful for programme development in areas of nutrition in the countries of South-East Asia Region.

- We, in WHO, highly recognize and appreciate the contribution by the Foundation to the work of the Organization.
- On this auspicious occasion, I, on behalf of WHO, would like to pay tribute to Nutrition Foundation of India; congratulate the Foundation for its successful 25 years of service to India and to the international community.
- I wish the Foundation all success in its future endeavours.

Thank you.