(e) Agricultural Statistics

The technical assistance programme on Food Balance Sheet will be conducted from 29 October to 2 November 2018. This workshop will be coordinated by the Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific of the Global Strategy, based in the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Bangkok & Kathmandu to assist Malaysia to improve agriculture and rural statistics as well as its statistical system.

Recently, Malaysia has participated as one of a pilot country for the Urban/Rural Definition Field Testing conducted by the Global Strategy to Improve Agriculture and Rural Statistics (GSARS). This harmonious definition of urban and rural areas is important to enable comparisons between countries, particularly those relating to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Malaysia would like to welcome and convey our note of appreciation for the effort made by The Regional Office of the Global Strategy, in collaboration with the Pacific Community, further supported the preparation of a Pacific strategic plan for agricultural and fisheries statistics.

Besides that, to strengthen agricultural and rural statistics in Malaysia, the use of secondary data will be further enhanced. Information that can be obtained from administrative data will contribute many ways such as developing the Agricultural Production Index.

To further enhance the capacity of Malaysia on agricultural and rural statistics, we would like to participate actively in any forums/workshops/relevant activities conducted by the Global Strategy with regards to development of these statistics.