

## "Chalermchai" dignified on the world stage reinforcing the world's kitchen in the COVID-19 era



Mr. Alongkorn revealed MOAC Minister preparing to show the achievement of Thai agriculture on FAO stage during July 19-21, 2021 to build confidence of Thai kitchen to the world, safe in COVID era.

On February 24, 2021 Mr. Alongkorn Phonlabutr, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) revealed that Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives prepared to drive reform of food system and agriculture to the world sustainability. The Minister is ready to show the achievements of Thai agriculture sector at the United Nations forum to build confidence of Thai agriculture products and Thai foods under the concept "Thai Kitchen to the world, Safe and Sustainable in COVID era.

The Secretary-General António Guterres announces a move to reform building a stable and sustainable world's food system because the food system at the national and world level has weakness and inequality. Past food production and agriculture degenerated the world's resources. The world population is increasing and urban areas are expanding. There have been an invasion of deforestation, improper use of chemicals in the agricultural sector, ecosystem is out of balance, soil deterioration, biodiversity declines and the marine resources were destroyed.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the global hunger situation totaled 820 million people after COVID-19, which increased by 132 million from 2019. More than 3 billion people in the world could not access healthy food. Over 2 billion are suffering from dietary problems such as improper diet, obesity and overweight which affect their health and public health's expenditure. It is the reason that all countries need to accelerate the reform of food system and the agricultural sector towards sustainability.

The Secretary-General António Guterres announced the preparation of the UN Food System Summit (UNFSS 2021) which will be attended by Ministers of Agriculture from around the world between July 19-21, 2021. There will be the National Leadership and Prime Minister's Meeting in September, 2021 which will call the leaders of countries and Ministers of Agriculture and Food from around the world to accelerate discussions and formulate policies and plans for reforming the food system and agriculture that are stable and sustainable. Proposals will be collected from those who have a role and stakeholders in the food and agricultural production systems of each country for presentation at the United Nations forum in the future.

Mr. Alongkorn Phonlabutr stated that Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives is preparing to present the result and achievements which include 1) Driving the "3S" policy which is "Safety", food safety, "Security", the prosperity of agriculture and food and "Sustainability", the sustainability of the agricultural sector, building confidence in Thai food and agricultural products under the policy of "Thai Kitchen to the world, Safe and Sustainable in the COVID era" 2) Creating provincial crop calendar to manage food security and link with Agricultural Big Data system 3) Thailand's success in solving IUU fishing in order to preserve and balance

marine resources 4) Presenting the Royal Initiative Projects of Kings Rama IX and X on poverty, Khok-Nong-Na Model Project to inform the world about the concept of building food system and sustainable agriculture of Thailand.

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