



Agriculture joins hands with “Industry” Accelerating “Five Chalermbchai’s Strategies”



Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) joins hands with Ministry of Industry accelerating “Five Chalermbchai’s Strategies” by appointing Mr. Yongwut, Mr. Kanok, Mr. Yukol, Mr. Khosit and chairman of the 5 Regions Federation of Industry to promote the Agri-Food industry nationwide along with Agritech and Innovation Centers (AIC) in 77 provinces. The Drone and Agricultural Machineries “Made in Thailand” projects were approved.



Mr. Alongkorn Phonlabut, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, as Chairman of the Cooperation Committee between MOAC and the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) revealed on March 13, 2021 that the latest FTI’s meeting approved a new mechanism to

drive the development of agro-food industry at national and regional levels. Particularly, the projects “One Province-One Agro-Food Industry” and Precision Agriculture” will advance to become an industrial business of 2 million Rai.



With the establishment of the Agro-Food Industry Promotion Committee, Mr. Yongwut Saowapuk, former Director of the Food Institute is the chairman. The advisor committee consisted of r. Kanok Apiradee, Mr. Yukol Limlamthong, Mr. Kosit Suwinitjit, and subcommittee on cooperation between MOAC and 5 Regions Federation of Industry. Each region is chaired by respective Industrial Federation (North, South, Northeast, Central and Eastern) and working with AIC (Agritech and Innovation Centers) in 77 provinces on the basis of the four main partnerships: government, private sector, academia and farmers.

In addition, the meeting also approved the projects on training farmers to become drone pilots with professional qualification system, the unmanned drone development and the agricultural machinery “Made in Thailand.”

Mr. Alongkorn informed that according to the resolution of the 1st meeting on January 21, 2021 “One Province – One Agro - Food Industry” project was approved. It will promote and support the establishment of agro-food industrial estates for small, medium and large scales for all 18 provincial groups in order to create a structure agricultural product processing system

throughout the country. There will diversify investment, create jobs and domestic economy as well as generate opportunities to find a balance between environment friendly and community development under the 5 strategies of agriculture reform of Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

Currently, there are at least 8 provincial groups which are in the process and under consideration. They are 1) Upper Northeastern provinces 2) Central Isan provinces 3) Lower Northeastern provinces 4) Upper central provinces 5) Eastern provinces (EEC) 6) Upper Northern provinces (Lanna group) 7) Lower Southern provinces and 8) Central Southern provinces.

For the latest 3rd meeting on March 11, 2021 Mr. Alongkorn Phonlabut as the Chairman, Mr. Ratchasap Onprathum, Mr. Wittaya Jansom and Mr. Nikorn Suwanthada (advisor to MOAC minister), Mr. Polchet Tracho (Deputy Secretary General of Office of Agricultural Economics), Mr. Sakchai Unchittikul (Vice President of Federation of Thai Industries), Ms. Paphawee Suthavivat (Vice President of the Institute of Industry for Agricultural Federation of Thai Industries) representatives from the government, Federation of Thai Industries, private sector, and farmers attended the meeting either at MOAC or via Zoom Cloud Meetings.

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