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Thailand aims to be among the top 10 food exporting countries in the world



*Alongkorn, reveals "Agriculture" will join hands with National Food Institute, Ministry of Industry, to drive high-valued agriculture and make Thailand one of the top ten largest food exporting countries in the world, in response to food security and increasing farmers' incomes sustainably.*

Mr. Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Advisor to Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, and his team attended a meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to discuss the cooperation between Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) and National Food Institute (NFI) at Meeting Room 1, Building A, NFI. Mrs. Atchaka Sibunruang (NFI Chairperson), Mrs. Anong Paichitpraphaporn (Director), Mrs. Nittaya Piraphatrungsuriya (Deputy-Director), Ms. Rapeeporn Suthatham (Director of Research and Strategy), Mr. Pongtai Thaiyothin (Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Economic Research, Office of Agricultural Economics - OAE) were also in attendance along with other relevant officials.

The meeting discussed the issues on important MOAC operations which were (1) Future Food Project by developing alternative protein from plants and insects such as mung beans, mushrooms, algae, pulp and insects (2) Agricultural Start Up Promotion and Agricultural SMEs Projects which are collaboration between MOAC and the Federation of Thai Industries, (3) Fruit Metropolis and Fruit Industry Development Project (4) Eastern Thailand Food Valley Project (5) Fishery Product Development Project by local fishery communities and (6) Halal Food Product Development with a market of more than 2 billion people, etc.

This discussion between MOAC and NFI will expand the cooperation in development of agricultural and food products towards high valued commodities. Knowledge and various research studies will be utilized for processing, market research, product designs, product development and branding of agro-food products to meet the needs of both domestic and international customers.

Mr Alongkorn said that the world is facing food security challenges amid the COVID-19 crisis, Russian-Ukrainian war and climate change. Therefore it was an opportunity for Thailand, as the world's 13<sup>th</sup> largest agricultural producer and food exporter, to accelerate the development of agricultural production sectors and create high valued agriculture which is one of the goals as per the 13<sup>th</sup> National Economic and Social Development Plan.

Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, has the policy to generate national incomes and increase farmers' incomes in a sustainable manner in response to Thailand's future opportunity. The cooperation between MOAC and NFI, Ministry of Industry, is therefore important to drive towards the goal of bringing Thailand as the Kitchen of the World and among the top ten food exporting countries according to the Cabinet Resolution.

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