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## Five Measures to Enhance Food Security in APEC Region



*Thailand and the US steered the Bangkok's goals on BCG in agricultural sector, Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE) joined PPFS meeting highlighting the importance of the 5 measures to enhance food security in the APEC region.*

Mr. Chantanon Wannakhajorn, Secretary-General of the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE) and the spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) reiterated the 7<sup>th</sup> APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting in August 2022 in Prachuap Khiri Khan Province which Thailand was the host. The Thai Agriculture Minister is determined to continue driving the policy on food security in cooperation with the United States. OAE has recently attended the Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) meeting under the APEC framework on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Palm Springs, California.

At the PPFS meeting, the OAE Secretary-General was the vice chairman while Ms. Allison Thomas, Managing Director, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign

Agricultural Service (FAS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA) was the chairperson. The meeting agreed to push forward the implementation in accordance with the Bangkok's goals on BCG economic model in agriculture. The operation strategies are elaborated in the Action Plan under the *Food Security Plan Towards 2030* in collaboration with the US. Member economies are encouraged to adopt the flexible policies to keep up with the challenges of situations that affect food security. It also emphasized the 5 measures in line with the policies of the Thai Agriculture Minister which are 1) Supporting food safety and trade facilitation; 2) Improving livelihoods and well-being; 3) Promoting the sustainability of natural resources and environment; 4) Promoting sciences, innovation and technology in agricultural and food sector; and 5) Creating a balance of economy, society and environment. The measures will lead to a success of food security in the APEC region and sustainable agricultural and food production.

OAE and the Chamber of Commerce of Thailand reported the progress of the implementation of the action plans, which are in line with the 3 action plans of *Food Security Plan Towards 2030* as follows:

1. Action Plan for Food Management in Thailand Phase 1 2023 - 2027 emphasizing 3 areas of action which are food security, food safety and food studies, aiming at achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 2: End hunger and sustainable agriculture;
2. Action Plan on Food Waste Management; and
3. Action Plan on Agriculture to Cope with Climate Changes of MOAC 2023-2027, focusing on improving adaptation through the application of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA), supporting low-carbon agricultural products marketing, database development, supporting the exchange of knowledge on adaptation and participation in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In 2023, the US becomes the host of APEC 2023 after Thailand with the theme "Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All". The sub-topic of the agricultural sector is "Together Achieving, Sustainable, Equitable and Resilient Agri-Food System". A food security ministerial meeting will be held in August 2023 in Washington State, Seattle, USA.

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