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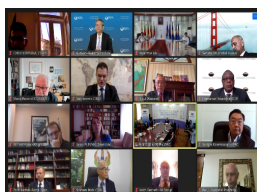
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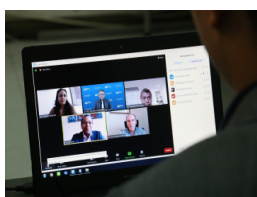


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MI and Think Tanks call for Joint Recovery Efforts

Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, was one of several representatives who presented ways forward in deepening regional connectivity and economic integration through the Belt and Road Initiative at the SiLKS Road Think Tank Annual Meeting. [Read more.](#)



Digital Technology Can Scale Up Agricultural Development

Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, was one of four speakers at a webinar on “Impacts of Digital Technologies on Food Trade in Southeast Asia” last October 7, 2020. Hosted by Source Trace and the International Rice Research Institute, Mr. Suriyan underscored the need to support digitalized trade facilitation of agri-food products to reduce trade barriers, lower transaction costs, and foster efficiency along the supply chains. [Read more.](#)



Co-Benefits and Cooperation for Sustainable Agricultural Development

With support from the International Rice Research Institute and other partners, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation and Pakistan Basmati Heritage Foundation hosted a webinar, which featured Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, in celebration of World Food Day last October 16, 2020.

[Read more.](#)

Photo and Blog Contest on Sustainable and Smart Tourism in the Mekong Region

To highlight unique tourism attractions, practices, and potentials in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, MI opened a photo and blog contest from October 19 to November 27, 2020. The activity is implemented under the “Sustainable and Smart Tourism Development in the Mekong Region” project, which is supported by the Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund. [Read more.](#)

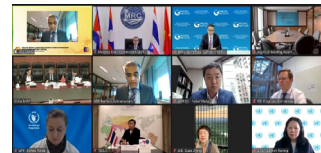
Mekong Scholars attend MI Training on Managing Food Safety

Funded by the New Zealand Aid Programme, MI organized a PROSAFE regional training on “Managing Food Safety Along the Food Supply Chain” for 26 master’s and doctorate degree students from Cambodia, P.R. China, Myanmar, and Vietnam—who are based in Thailand—from October 19 to 23, 2020 at the MI Headquarters. [Read more.](#)

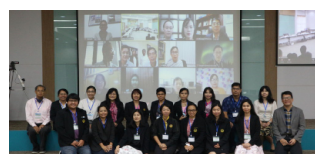


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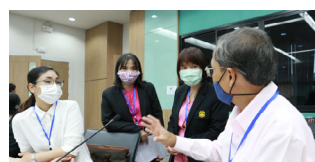
Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, underscored the importance of investing in synergies to deepen regional engagement for effective COVID-19 initiatives at the virtual Development Partners’ Meeting hosted by the Asian Development Bank last October 20, 2020. [Read more.](#)



Information Sharing is Key to Resilient Rice Industries



With support from the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund, MI and the Thailand Rice Department hosted the first blended online and onsite workshop on “Development of Rice Pest and Natural Disaster Monitoring Forecasting and Warning Center for Sustainable Rice Production under Climate Change in the Mekong-Lancang Subregion” for 36 government officials from Cambodia, P.R. China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam at the MI Headquarters on October 27 and 28, 2020. [Read more.](#)



Vietnam Government and Agri-Food SMEs Pool Efforts for Recovery



MI and the SMEs Development Support Center 2 under the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam conducted a food safety forum last October 28, 2020. Under the theme “Challenges and Coping Strategies for the Agri-Food Sector in the Time of COVID-19,” the blended forum presented recommendations to address food safety issues in Vietnam. [Read more.](#)

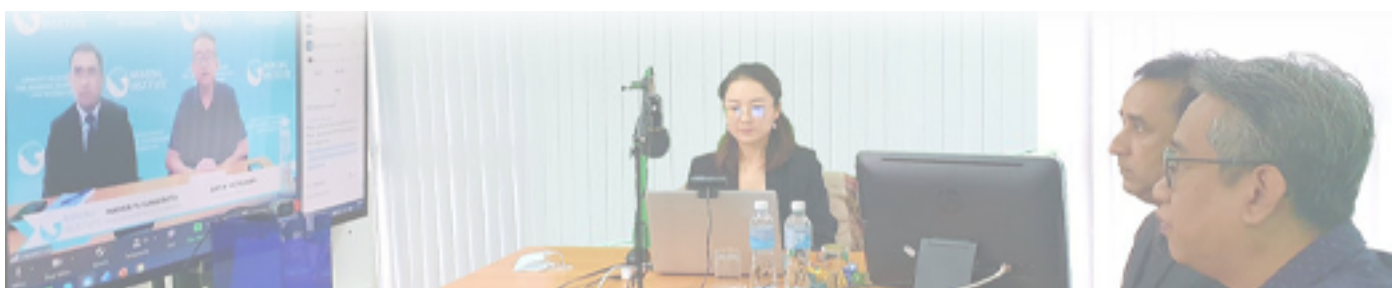
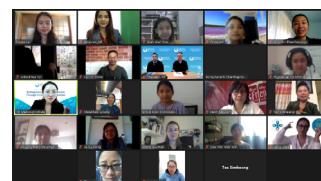
11th Economic Corridors Forum: MI Shares Results of the Monitoring of Early Harvest Implementation of GMS Cross Border Transport Agreement

Mr. Madhurjya Kumar Dutta, MI Director of Trade and Investment Facilitation, presented the results of the monitoring report on “Early Harvest Implementation of the Cross-Border Transport Agreement (CBTA)” at the 11th Economic Corridors Forum, which was hosted by the Asian Development Bank last October 28, 2020. [Read more.](#)



Connecting Women-LED CLMV SMEs to Global Markets

MI kicked off the “Entrepreneurship Development Through E-Commerce Promotion” modular training from October 26 to November 6, 2020 for 20 female representatives of small- and medium-sized enterprises. The two-week online training is supported by the Korea International Cooperation. [Read more.](#)





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Food Safety Forum on Challenges and Opportunities of Cambodia Food Service Industry Amidst COVID-19

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