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Broadening Food Safety Knowledge of Local Agri-Food SMEs

MI, in collaboration with SMEs Development Support Center 2, implemented a food safety training on “Packaging and Labeling for Processed Agri-Food” for 30 small-and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, it aimed to help small businesses meet growing consumer demand for safe food by enhancing their practices in packing and labelling food products. [Read more.](#)



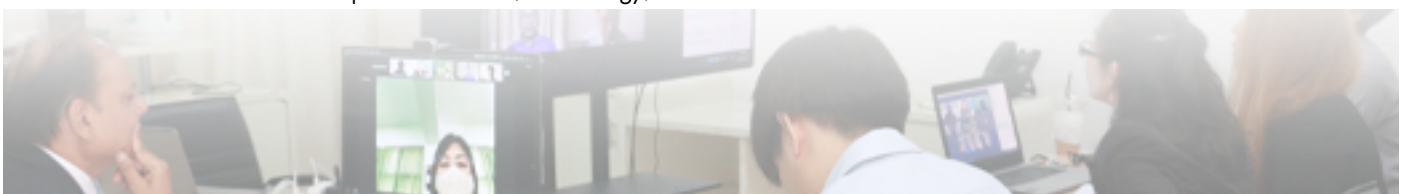
MI and ROK Officials Reaffirm Partnership

Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, and the senior management team, welcomed H.E. Ambassador Lee Wook-heon of the Republic of Korea to Thailand and his delegation to the MI Headquarters on November 3, 2020. The officials discussed future ROK-MI collaboration and ways forward in delivering targeted efforts that will promote the efficient recovery of the subregion from socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19. [Read more.](#)



MI Supports Development of Myanmar Innovation Plan

With support from the Government of the People’s Republic of China, MI hosted a national e-training on “Capacity Building on National Innovation Plan Development” from November 9 to 13, 2020. About 12 government, academic, and private sector representatives attended the online training to strengthen research and development, smoothen coordination and linkages among stakeholders, and advance practical policies for the development of a strategic roadmap and master plan for science, technology, and innovation. [Read more.](#)



Lao PDR to Build Back Better Agri-Food Industry

MI, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Lao PDR and the Commercial Agricultural and Tree Planting Association, kicked off the “Food Safety for Market Access: Bringing Lao Flavors to the World” Forum last November 10, 2020. The onsite and online forum strengthened capacities of 40 representatives from the agri-food private sector, trade and food safety agencies, and international organizations to enhance the resiliency of the agri-food industry against a COVID-19 landscape. [Read more.](#)



Harmonizing Rice Standards for Higher Revenue and Food Security

With support from the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, MI and the Thailand Rice Department hosted a blended workshop on “Development and Implementation of Common Rice Production Standard in Mekong Lancang Sub-Region” for 30 government officials from Cambodia, P.R. China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam at MI Headquarters on November 10 and 11, 2020. [Read more.](#)



Supporting Post-COVID Business Recovery and Cross-Border Trade in Thailand

With support from the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, MI and the Pracharath Raksamakkee Prachinburi Co., Ltd., conducted a national training on “Strategies for Cross-Border Trade in the Post-Pandemic of COVID-19” at the Khumphucome Hotel on November 6, 2020 in Chiang Mai. Around 20 business traders, government officials, and small-and medium-sized enterprise representatives, participated in this event to help strengthen business confidence and boost international cross-border trade. [Read more.](#)



Smart Tourism as a Driver of Economic Recovery

MI, national tourism organizations, the Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office, and other partners held a five-day online workshop on “Sustainable and Smart Tourism in the Post-Pandemic” from November 16 to 20, 2020. Supported by the Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund, 21 government officials and tourism sector representatives from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam were trained to apply innovative strategies to boost the resiliency of the tourism industry during the pandemic. [Read more.](#)



MI Helps Vietnamese Academics and Private Sector Form National Innovation Policy

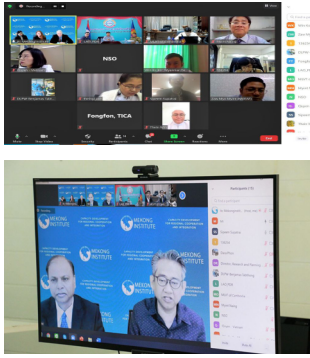
MI kicked off the “Capacity Building on National Innovation Policies Development” national training from November 23 to 27, 2020 for 11 Vietnamese participants representing the academic and private sectors. Supported by the Government of the People’s Republic of China, the training was designed to foster broader public-private collaboration in developing and implementing innovation strategies that will respond to the needs of the people, particularly in delivering more efficient systems and services. [Read more.](#)



MI Deepens Regional Integration Via Communications and FTZ Training

To advance cross-cultural communications and move forward the adaptation of international best practices on free trade zone development in the Lancang-Mekong countries, MI rolled out the online training on “Capacity Building for Regional Economic Integration and Innovation for Free Trade Zone Development in the Lancang-Mekong Region.” From November 22 to December 4, 2020, 36 government officials and academic representatives from Cambodia, P. R. China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam attended the e-training, which was supported by the People’s Government of Yunnan Province, P.R. China. [Read more.](#)





MI Holds Workshop on Regional Migration Management

Supported by the Thailand International Cooperation Agency, MI organized the Synthesis and Evaluation Workshop on “Labor Migration Strategic Management to Labor Migration in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Addressing the Challenges Through Good Practices” from November 23 to 25, 2020. Twenty-six representatives from the Ministry of Labor and recruitment agencies representing Cambodia, P.R. China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand joined the online workshop to learn and exchange information on labor mobility and management approaches.

[Read more.](#)

Cambodia Food Service Industry Tackles Challenges and Opportunities Amid COVID-19

MI, in collaboration with the Department of Drugs and Food of the Ministry of Health and the Cambodia Restaurant Association, hosted a food safety forum last November 24, 2020. Under the theme “Challenges and Opportunities of Cambodia Food Service Industry Amid COVID-19,” the blended forum was organized for 45 health and tourism officials and business representatives to build a wider public-private food safety network and push forward cohesive measures to increase the competitiveness of the food service industry in Phnom Penh.

[Read more.](#)



MI Highlights Merits of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in Microfinance

Funded by the Thailand International Cooperation Agency, MI completed a two-week international training on “Sufficiency Economy in Microfinance for SMEs Development.” From November 2 to 13, 2020, MI helped strengthen capacities of SMEs by introducing advanced financial concepts and approaches to 38 government officials, business, and academic representatives from 23 countries.

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MI Helps Boost Postharvest Safe Food Handling Efficiency in Vietnam

MI, together with the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) and Da Lat University, completed the “Postharvest Safe Food Handling” workshop in Da Lat University, Lam Dong, Vietnam last November 26, 2020. Supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, the activity aimed to enhance food safety knowledge and expertise in postharvest safe food handling of fresh fruits and vegetables. Sixty representatives from agricultural management agencies, farmer associations, cooperatives, and agri-food companies attended.

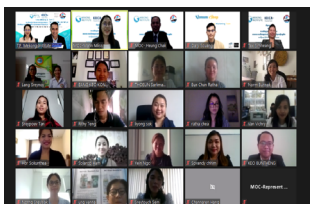
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MI Alumni Expand Knowledge on Market Access Through E-Commerce in CLMV

MI, in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Lao PDR, Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry of Myanmar, the Investment and Trade Promotion Center of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, conducted four national workshops under the “Market Access Through E-Commerce Promotion for Women-Led SMEs” project. The activities exposed over 100 women-led representatives and officials from trade promotion and business development organizations in Ho Chi Minh, Yangon, Vientiane, and Phnom Penh to the value of e-commerce development in widening access to global markets. Supported by the Korea international Cooperation Agency, the activities ran from November 26 to 28, 2020.

[Read more.](#)





Strengthening SME Competitiveness Amidst COVID-19

With support from MI, the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce (CCC) hosted a national workshop on “Promoting SMEs through Cross-Border Trade: Enhance Firm Competitiveness in Post-COVID-19 in Cambodia” on November 25, 2020 in Phnom Penh. With funding from the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, 30 participants were briefed on supply chain management, competitiveness, customs clearance and inspection, and cross-border trade logistics regulations during the pandemic. [Read more.](#)



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

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Training Workshop on Food Preservation, Packaging and Labeling for Food Safety

7 - 8

Synthesis and Evaluation Workshop of the Online Modular Training Program 2020 on Entrepreneurship Development Through E-Commerce Promotion

7-11

Regional Online Training on HACCP Application in Food Processing

7 - 18

Online International Training Program on Good Practices in Improving Labor Migration Management for Promoting Decent Work

15-16

2020 Governing Board Meetings

14 - 16

Online Peer-to-Peer Learning Program on Improving Institutional Capacities for Promoting Employability in the Greater Mekong Subregion for Cambodia-Thailand

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Online Peer-to-Peer Learning Program on Improving Institutional Capacities for Promoting Employability in the Greater Mekong Subregion for Vietnam-Thailand

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Online Peer-to-Peer Learning Program on Improving Institutional Capacities for Promoting Employability in the Greater Mekong Subregion for Lao PDR-Thailand

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