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Lancang-Mekong Business Forum Promotes Networking and Exchange among SMEs

MI hosted more than 100 participants, comprising of enterprises from the processed food sector, business associations, research institutions and government agencies in the *Lancang-Mekong Business Forum 2018* on November 15-16 in Bangkok. Held in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Thailand with the support of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, the event aimed to bring together SMEs in the processed food sector for knowledge exchange and business networking. The forum featured a seminar, business matching, product exhibitions and a structured learning visit. [Read more.](#)



MI, P.R. China Seminar Promotes STI for SDGs

MI, in collaboration with P.R. China, hosted the seminar on *Promoting Innovation and Technology as Driven Tools for Economic Sustainability in the GMS* on November 28 in Bangkok. Attended by some 40 participants from civil and non-government organizations, the one-day event discussed issues on technological interventions and institutional innovations shaping the innovation process for sustainable development in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS). [Read more.](#)



Inception Meeting Lays Down Next Steps of MI's Climate Change Project

Twenty-five representatives from the government, research organizations and relevant agencies from P.R. China, Lao PDR and Thailand met last November 30, 2018 in Bangkok for the inception workshop of the project on *Transboundary Cooperation Mechanism on Adaptation to Climate Change and Hydropower Development Projects*. The meeting introduced the project's objectives, expected outcomes and implementation strategy and identified initial activities for its implementation in the three countries, including target stakeholders to be consulted for data collection. [Read more.](#)





Cambodia Food Safety Week 2018 Engages Network of Food Safety Stakeholders

The Cambodia Food Safety Week 2018, held from November 5 to 8, 2018 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, engaged over a hundred public and private sector representatives in back to back activities organized to further strengthen food safety knowledge and public awareness. The event was part of MI's PROSAFE Project supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

Food Safety Forum

About a hundred food safety stakeholders from various sectors attended the *Food Safety Forum* on November 6. The event discussed the country's food safety standards and regulations and its implications in enhancing agri-food SME competitiveness and trade opportunities. Selected SMEs also showcased their products during the event. [Read more.](#)

Training on Good Hygiene Practices for Restaurants and Canteens

A localized training on *Good Hygiene Practices for Restaurants and Canteens* was held on November 7, 2018 with 20 food handlers from the catering industry in attendance. Organized with the Food Safety Bureau, the training discussed proper food handling and food safety fundamentals in the catering industry. [Read more.](#)

CamGAP Training for Commercial Producers, Farmer Cooperatives

Twenty commercial vegetable producers and farmer cooperatives joined the training on *Cambodia Good Agricultural practices (CamGAP)* last November 5-7. The three-day event introduced agrichemical and pest management practices and discussed ways to facilitate the implementation of the CamGAP. [Read more.](#)

Knowledge Sharing Forum on Food Safety Promotion in Cambodia

Capping off the Food Safety Week was a knowledge sharing forum on *Food Safety Promotion* on November 8 with 60 PROSAFE alumni in attendance. The participants discussed the food safety situation and food control system in Cambodia, as well as possible areas for future collaboration. [Read more.](#)

MI Partners with Israel for Training on Innovative Entrepreneurship in GMS

With the support of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MASHAV-Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, MI organized a training program on *Innovative Entrepreneurship: From Ideas to Starting a Business* from October 29-November 9, 2018 at MI. The training aimed to facilitate the generation of viable ideas for starting new businesses, and encourage innovation that will be beneficial to society and communities. Twenty-one participants from government agencies and private sectors attended the training. [Read more.](#)



MI Holds GMS-wide Postharvest Training

A two-week regional training program on *Postharvest Management System in Fresh Horticultural Produce* was organized on November 12-23, 2018, gathering 21 participants from national agencies, private sector and the academe from Cambodia, P.R. China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Supported by the People's Republic of China, the training program aimed to broaden understanding on the importance of postharvest handling and management of fresh produce. [Read more.](#)



Risk-based Food Safety Workshop Calls for Multi-Sectoral Collaboration in Vietnam

A national workshop on strengthening risk-based national food safety control systems in Vietnam was organized on November 15 in Hanoi as part of action plan activities carried out under the MI PROSAFE Project. The workshop, gathering 50 participants, discussed tools and best practices in managing food safety, relationship between higher education and the food industry in ensuring food safety, and food analysis for food safety control. [Read more.](#)



Meetings with Corn Farmers Held

Thirty-two contract farmers from northern Myawaddy, and seven farmer leaders from the south attended farmer meetings last November 8 together with members of Bio Supreme Company, the Myanmar Corn Association, and EWEC Myanmar Field Office. The group discussed detailed plans for collecting maize from the contract farmers, storage methods and selling practices of maize, and the advantages of collective marketing by farmer groups, as well as ways to cover losses from the flooding incident.



EWEC Myanmar Continues Efforts to Strengthen Farmer Groups

The EWEC Myanmar Field Office continues efforts to encourage farmers to form farmer groups with recent training in Chaung Son and Thae Pon villages, Myawaddy last November 5 and 6, 2018. Some 47 farmers from Chaung Son village and 31 from Thae Pon village attended the training that was organized in collaboration with the Awba Input Company. The formation of farmer groups is strongly encouraged in the tripartite model to allow farmers to increase their income by selling directly to local traders and gaining access to loans at lower interest rates for the purchase of farming inputs.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

MI Co-organizes Forum on Korea's Role in Mekong Cooperation

MI jointly hosted with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (ROK) the recently-concluded *Forum on Korea's Role in Mekong Cooperation* last November 29 in Bangkok, Thailand. Attended by over 60 delegates from government, international, non-governmental institutions and the academe, the forum highlighted the cooperation efforts of ROK along its New Southern Policy. MI Executive Director Dr. Watcharas Leelawath was panel discussion moderator, while Mr. Madhurjya Kumar Dutta, Director of the Trade and Investment Facilitation Department spoke about MI's role as fund manager of the Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund. [Read more.](#)



MoUs with Kunming University and LoxSim Expand MI Partnerships

MI signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) this month, formalizing new cooperation commitments with two development partners. On November 1, MI signed an MoU with Kunming University in Kunming, P.R. China for future collaborations in research, exchange and training programs on agriculture, trade and entrepreneurship development.



Likewise, on November 27, MI committed to a new partnership with Loxley Simulation Technology Co., Ltd. (LoxSim) for cooperation in research and training of logistics and supply chain clusters, and the promotion of technology adoption among logistics operators and drivers.



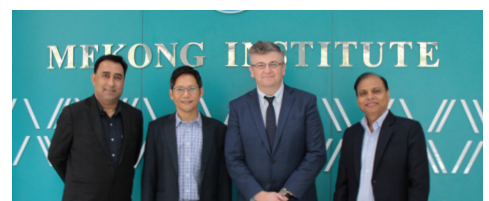
MI Speaks at Myanmar Statistical Forum 2018

Mr. Madhurjya Kumar Dutta served as one of the forum speakers at the *Myanmar Statistics Forum 2018* held on November 2 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. In the roundtable session on *Transforming the Data Culture in Myanmar*, Mr. Dutta highlighted the role of capacity building in promoting data revolution and data culture in Myanmar. [Read more.](#)



TFO Head Visits MI

Mr. Steve Tipman, Executive Director of TFO Canada, visited MI last November 8, 2018. Leading the MI team, Dr. Watcharas Leelawath, Executive Director, welcomed Mr. Tipman and introduced the Institute and its works and activities. Mr. Tipman also briefly talked about TFO Canada's activities.





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Production in Mekong Delta Region

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Country Workshop on Introduction
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Regional Consultative Workshop on
Improvement in Border Facilitation for
Trade and Logistics Development
in Lancang-Mekong Subregion

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