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### MI, Savannakhet DOIC Collaborate to Promote Good Hygiene Practices Among Food Cottage Industries in Lao PDR



To share and strengthen capacity on good hygiene practices in food businesses operations, MI in collaboration with the Savannakhet Department of Industry and Commerce (DOIC), co-organized a three-day training workshop on "Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) in Food Cottage Industries" Funded by the New Zealand Aid Programme, 28 representatives from the food cottage industry and academic institutions, participated the program from June 21 to 23, 2022 at the DOIC Office in Savannakhet, Lao PDR. Read more.

#### MI Holds the Synthesis and Evaluation workshop on Poverty Alleviation



With support from the People's Government of the People's Republic of China, MI organized an online synthesis and evaluation workshop on "Targeted Poverty Alleviation for Better Life in the Lancang-Mekong Region: Sharing Experiences" on June 27, 2022. About 27 representatives from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam, and Thailand attended the workshop to highlight good practices and ideas for furthering poverty reduction efforts in the Lancang-Mekong region during the pandemic. Read more.

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# P.R. China and MI Hold Workshop on Advancing Financial Access and Support Policy to Empower MSMEs' Digitalization in the Lancang-Mekong Countries



Funded by the People's Government of the People's Republic of China, MI held an online workshop on "Advancing Financial Access and Support Policy to EmpowerMSMEs' Digitalization for Inclusive Growth in the Lancang-Mekong Countries" from June 20 to 22, 2022. To reinforce digital transformation of MSMEs in the Lancang-Mekong region, 44 representatives of government officials and private sectors from the relevant departments joined the workshop. Read more.

## Mekong-RoK Cooperation: Seeking Synergies on Mekong-ACMECS Cooperation Forum



MI, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (RoK) to Thailand, conducted a regional forum under the theme on "Mekong-RoK Cooperation: Seeking Synergies on Mekong-ACMECS Cooperation" in Bangkok on June 17, 2022. Gathering over 90 attendees of government officials, diplomats, development organizations, and stakeholders, the forum explored the current status and directions of Mekong regional cooperation frameworks to deepen the partnership and cooperation between international development partners, Mekong countries, and the Republic of Korea. Read more.

#### PROSAFE Forum Organized to Scale-up Agrifood Exports in Cambodia



MI, together with the Consumer Protection, Competition, Fraud Repression Directorate-General (CCF), Ministry of Commerce (MoC), with support from the New Zealand aid Programme, organized a one-day forum on "Food Safety for Market Access: Bringing Cambodian Food to the World". The forum was attended by over 40 relevant key stakeholders from the public, private sector MSMEs and the academe on June 14, 2022 at Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel, Cambodia. Read more.

## LMC Experts Prepare to Roll Out Al Monitoring and Forecasting System for Rice Production



To foster the region's rice production resilience with the Artificial Intelligence (AI) system, MI and the Rice Department of Thailand, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, held a hybrid regional training course on "AI System Maintenance and Utilization". Supported by the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, 21 representatives from the Lancang-Mekong countries participated the program from June 13 to 17, 2022 at the MI Residential Training Center. Read more.

### Strengthening Collaboration to Improve Food Safety in Lao PDR



In celebration of the World Food Safety Day, MI joined the stakeholders of the national food control system in Lao PDR and the world to commemorate the importance of food safety for public and economic health. Read more.

### **W** UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Development Partners' Consultation Meeting 2022



PROSAFE Regional training Program on Food Hygiene and Sanitation for Food Handlers

25-26 JULY

Governing Board Meeting 1/2022

25-29 JULY

PROSAFE Regional training Program on Safe Use of Additives in Food

