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Mekong Institute Awarded ASEAN Prize 2021

- In recognition of MI's long-standing contributions to promoting ASEAN awareness and strengthening regional cooperation towards sustainable development and economic growth in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.
- MI had been awarded the ASEAN Prize 2021 trophy by the ASEAN Secretariat during the 55th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Related Meetings on August 3, 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. [Read more.](#)

Bringing Lao Flavours to the World



- With the support from the New Zealand Aid Programme (NZAP), MI and Lao PDR's Food and Drug Department of the Ministry of Health organized a PROSAFE forum in Vientiane, Lao PDR on August 3, 2022.
- The forum, under the theme "Food Safety for Market Access Towards Vision 2030", aimed to strengthen safer agri-food trade facilitation and expanding market access for Lao food product. [Read more.](#)



The Third Multi-Stakeholder Forum: Women in Trade Research Dissemination and Validation in Viet Nam



- Supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), MI organized a research forum under the theme “Third Multi-Stakeholder Forum: Research Dissemination and Validation”.
- The forum targeted to raise awareness and comprehension towards the country’s trade policies and women entrepreneurship in Viet Nam.
- About 40 representatives from key private and public sector organization attended to this event at Sofitel Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City. [Read more.](#)

Mekong Institute Shared Experiences in Digital Economy for Rural Development



- Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, was one of panelists of the ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Council (AYEC) Regional Dialogue Series on August 12, 2022 via digital platform. [Read more.](#)

P.R.C. and MI Organize a Training-Workshop to Upgrade Agricultural and Food System and Strengthen the Lancang-Mekong’s Agricultural Competitiveness



- Funded by Department of International Cooperation (DIC) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of P.R. China, MI organized a five-day training-workshop on “Lancang-Mekong Agro-Products Quality and Safety Inspection and Testing” from 15 to 19 August 2022 at the MI Headquarters.
- The activity exposed 20 onsite and over 100 online government and agricultural business group representatives to enhance the capacity on international agro-products quality and food safety standards system. [Read more.](#)

MI-APRACA Project Pilots the Agricultural Value Chain Assessment and Strengthening Training Modules



- To strengthen agricultural value chain and prioritize it in the national agenda, MI and the Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) held the Regional Training of Trainers on “Agricultural Value Chain Assessment and Strengthening”.
- The course, which ran from August 16 to 17, 2022, was attended by 16 selected participants from CLMVT and Nepal at the MI Headquarters. [Read more.](#)

MI Executive Director Visits the International Studies Center in Bangkok



- Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, paid a courtesy visit to Former Ambassador and the Director of the International Studies Center (ISC), Dr. Anuson Chinvanon on August 17, 2022.
- Both parties discussed to explore potential opportunities between MI and ISC to further initiatives in the Mekong subregion. [Read more.](#)



MI Executive Director Meets with Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, MI Steering Committee Chairman



- Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, paid a visit to Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, MI Steering Committee Chairman, to update him on MI activities and consult with him on the concept of the next Mekong Forum 2022 on August 17, 2022. [Read more.](#)

MI Executive Director Meets with Director General of Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)



- Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, paid a courtesy visit to Mrs. Ureerat Chareontoh, the Director-General of Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and her delegations to update MI works and activities on August 17, 2022. [Read more.](#)

Cybersecurity Matters to Enhance Digitalization in the ASEAN Community



- Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, was invited as one of the panelists of the hybrid event on “Third ASEAN Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (3rd ACCPCI)” from August 22 to 24, 2022 at Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queen’s Park, Bangkok, Thailand. [Read more.](#)

International Training Course on Sufficiency Economy in Microfinance SMEs Development-2022



- To introduce the concept and share information on Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) and microfinance, MI, together with the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Thailand International Cooperation (TICA), rolled out an online international training course on Sufficiency Economy in Microfinance for SMEs Development.
- About 38 banking sectors and academic institutions representatives joined the training from August 22 to September 2, 2022. [Read more.](#)

Good Agricultural Practices, A Promising Investment for Mango Growers



- As part of the training-workshop on “Lancang-Mekong Agro-Products quality and Safety Inspection and Testing”, MI provided a structured learning visit to the Ban Haed mango Enterprises for 20 participants, including over 100 online participants from CLMV to observe actual practices and learn from experts on August 18, 2022. [Read more.](#)



CLMV to Elevate Safe Food Consumption Campaigns through PROSAFE Action Plans



- MI, with the support from the New Zealand Aid Programme (NZAP), hosted a regional training program on “Raising Public Awareness on Safe Food Consumption” at the MI Training Centre from August 22 to 26, 2022
- About 23 government officials, academics, non-government organization representatives and private sector stakeholders from CLMV attended to this training course to increase awareness and understanding on the food safety culture in the region. [Read more.](#)



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

26-30
SEPTEMBER

Regional Training Program on Sustainable and Smart Farming Technologies

11-12
OCTOBER

PROSAFE Regional Forum: Strengthening Trust-based Food Safety Network in the Mekong Region, Leaving No One Behind

19
OCTOBER

Mekong Forum 2022

17-21
OCTOBER

Regional Training Program on Postharvest Safe Food Handling for Fresh Produce



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