

MI sends our sincere condolences on the passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej

His contributions to the development of the GMS will be forever remembered



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Water Resources Information System for Agricultural Development



Mekong Institute (MI) and the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (HAII), organized a Training Course sponsored by Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) on "Water Resources Information System for Agricultural Development" at MI from October 25-29, 2016. [More>>](#)

■ TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS/SLV ACTIVITIES

3rd Modular Training on Certified Logistics Master



MI organized a Synthesis & Evaluation Workshop at MI's Annex on October 3-4, 2016 as part of the 3rd Modular Training on Certified Logistics Master program sponsored by the Mekong-Republic of Korea (ROK) Cooperation Fund. [More>>](#)

Regional Consultation Workshop on Promoting Food Safety in CLMV



MI brought together key government officials from relevant national agencies in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) for the Regional Consultation Workshop on Promoting Food Safety in CLMV on October 11-12. The workshop was part of the regional Food Safety Project implemented by MI with assistance from the New Zealand Aid Programme (NZAP). [More>>](#)

■ TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS/SLV ACTIVITIES

SLV on "Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)"



In collaboration with the Department of Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion (DOSMEP) in Lao PDR, MI organized a Structured Learning Visit (SLV) on "Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)" on October 18-20, 2016. [More>>](#)

■ EWEC (SDC) PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Policy Dialogue on Cross-border Trade Facilitation

The EWEC Project facilitated a policy dialogue on cross-border trade facilitation between Quang Tri Province of Vietnam and Savannakhet Province of Lao PDR on October 28, 2016 in Sepon District, Savannakhet Province. The dialogue focused on the findings and recommendations of a research project conducted by MI in 2015 on agricultural commodities at the border crossing of Lao Bao and Dansavan, as well as the need for policy adjustments on both sides. [More>>](#)



Final Training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM)



The last of a series of trainings on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) was conducted on October 10-12, 2016 in three Districts in Khammouane, Lao PDR. A total of 81 farmers and officers from DAFO joined the training which was provided by a team from PAFO. The objective of the final training was to summarize the topics covered in IPM and evaluate what the participants have learned.

Promoting Rice Seed Production, GAP and GMP Standard Application

On October 11-12, the Lao Star TV channel interviewed four GAP groups, two rice millers (Vanida and Soulvian rice mills) who have applied GMP standard application, one rice seed producing group, and the project team leader in Khammouane province. Lao Star TV's reports will help others to learn about the project and lessons learned in their own paddy fields.



■ EWEC (SDC) PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Structured Learning Visit to Shan State



An SLV was organized to Yat Sot, Shan State on October 12-16, 2016 for Myawaddy maize growing farmers to learn cultivation practices and effective crop maintenance. The farmers also learned about the production of hybrid maize seed and organic fertilizer, as well as how to use a maize harvest as a planter tool. A total of 25 farmers from the project areas and two DOA staffs from Myawaddy joined the SLV.

■ WHAT'S NEW

Visit to Embassy of the Republic of Poland



MI Executive Director Dr. Watcharas Leelawath paid the visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Bangkok on October 18, 2016. Dr. Watcharas met with Mr. Tomasz Miklaszewski, Counsellor for Political-Economic Section, and Mr. Robert T. Ambroziak, First Secretary to discuss future collaboration between MI and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

■ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Commercial Bank's Lessons on the Promotion of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)	October 31- November 4
Food Safety Management Tools in Food Manufacturing	November 7-11
Bio-pharm and Health Industrial Innovation and Technology Transfer in the GMS	November 15-16
Promoting Cross-Border Trade through Value Chain Development	November 21- December 2



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