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Power Dispatching, Operation and Control for GMS Power Grid



MI, in cooperation with China Southern Power Grid Co., Ltd. (CSG)/Yunnan Power Grid Co., Ltd. (YNPG), organized a professional training on Power Dispatching, Operation and Control for GMS Power Grid with support from the Chinese Government. The training, which officially opened on September 19, 2016 in Kunming, China, brought together 36 technicians and middle management involved in power grid planning and construction projects from national energy authorities and power utilities in the GMS.

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MI Co-organizes Regional Workshop on the Control of Dragon Fruit Diseases

MI, alongside the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center (FFTC) for the Asian and Pacific region, New Zealand Plant & Food Research, and the International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet), organized the Regional Workshop on the Control of Dragon Fruit Diseases at MI from September 5-7, 2016. [More >>](#)



SME Cluster Development and Export Consortia Formation

MI successfully conducted a one-week regional training on "SME Cluster Development and Export Consortia Formation" from September 12 - 17, 2016 at MI. The training is part of an ongoing project on "Enhancing Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the Southern Economic Corridor (SEC) of ASEAN Mekong Subregion (AMS)", funded by Japan – ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF). [More >>](#)



ASEAN Economic Community: Sharing Perspective, Knowledge and Experience

A regional seminar on "ASEAN Economic Community: Sharing Perspective, Knowledge and Experience" was successfully conducted on September 19, 2016. The seminar was organized as part of an ongoing project on "Enhancing Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the Southern Economic Corridor (SEC) of ASEAN Mekong Sub-region (AMS)." [More >>](#)



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Planning and Implementing Contract Farming Operations



As a result of the successful completion and wonderful insights gained from last year's program, MI, supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organized the Regional Training Workshop on Planning and Implementing Contract Farming Operations at MI on September 20-23, 2016. [More>>](#)

EWEC (SDC) PROJECT ACTIVITIES

4th Series Training on GAP

The 4th series training on GAP was conducted from August 28 – September 1, 2016 at the PAFO meeting hall in Khammouane, Lao PDR. Attending participants were from targeted rice producing groups and government staff from both PAFO and DAFO. Chaired by Mr. Dethsackda Manikham, Deputy Director of PAFO, the training provided knowledge on how to test the quality of paddy fields and how to write reports. After the training, participants are expected to apply the lessons learned to their action plans.



6th Series Training of GMP



The 6th Series Training of GMP was conducted on September 16-23, 2016 in Khammouane, Lao PDR. The training was provided by the

consultant team from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. With 20 participants in attendance, the training focused on the revision of previous tasks and discussed the rice mill layout, facilities analysis, pest management, etc.

Branding and Packaging of Khammouane Agricultural Cooperative

Workshop on Branding and Packaging of Khammouane Agricultural Cooperative was conducted on September 17, 2016 at MI's project field office. Participants included different



stakeholders, cooperative members, government staff from DIC, and development project staff. The objectives of the meeting were to discuss cooperative formation progress, payment of shareholders, branding, packaging, and marketing.

Market Linkage for Myawaddy Maize Farmers with Mawlamyine Traders



The market linkage activity conducted on September 1, 2016 introduced the national traders near Kayin State to the maize growers to assess any competitive market potential. Twenty-five participants representing Myawaddy joined, where they discussed about procurement practices, as well as other agri-products. In addition, they built a business platform for agri- products and traders agreed to check the quality and volume of maize produced from Myawaddy during the harvest.

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Business Matching between Mawlamyine Traders and Myawaddy Local Farmer Agents

A business matching between Mawlamyine traders and Myawaddy local farmer agents was conducted on September 24-25, 2016 to check the quality of harvest, storage methods, and volume produced. The traders examined the moisture percentage of the maize at harvest and shared information from the national and international maize market on trends that could be applied in the country, as well as product transaction processes. The local agents also shared their recent practices in agri product procurement and transportation processes.



Cooperation with the Institute of Resources and Environment of Hue University (IREN)



On September 17, 2016, MI staff, MCNV staff, and an investigation team from Institute of Resources and Environment of Hue University (IREN), paid home visits to two mini processors in communes of Huong Phung and Huong Tan, Huong Hoa district of Quang Tri, Vietnam. They made an initial assessment of the current use of post-harvest coffee cherry and discussed the possibility of producing bio-char from coffee cherry.

Dialogue between Farmer Groups and Enterprises

MI helped organize and facilitate dialogue among farmer groups (FG) and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the district of Huong Hoa, Quang Tri, Vietnam. This included KCA, mass media, representatives of local authorities, management and technical agencies at different levels on September 20-30, 2016. The aim was to create an enabling space to exchange information on potential cooperation in the crop-year 2016.



■ WHAT'S NEW

Visit to Beijing, China

September 22 - 26, 2016, Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Chairman of MI Steering Committee, went on an official visit to Beijing, P.R. China. He was accompanied by Dr. Watcharas Leelawath, MI Executive Director, and MI staff. The visit was organized by the Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P.R. China. They explored deliberations included possible collaborations with relevant government organizations in Beijing to enhance the capacity of human resources in the GMS member countries.

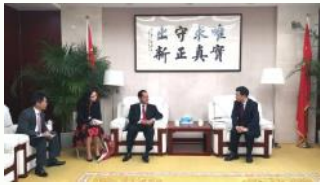


MI delegates met with Mr. Tan Jian, Deputy Director-General, and Mr. Cheng Lie, Division Director of the Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P.R. China.

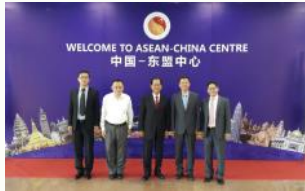


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MI delegates then proceeded to the Development Research Center of the State Council, P.R. China, headed by Mr. Cheng Guoqiang, Director General, International Cooperation Department.



MI delegates also had a meeting with Mr. Li Yuan, Director of Trade and Investment Division, ASEAN-China Centre.



MI team proceeded to the National Energy Administration, P.R. China and met with Mr. He Yang, Deputy Director General, Department of International Affairs.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Synthesis & Evaluation Workshop on "Certified Logistics Master Program"	October 3-4
Promoting Food Safety in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV)	October 11-12
Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)	October 18-20
Action Plan on SME Cluster and Export Consortia	October - December
Action Plan on Business Research and Building up SME Database	October - December



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