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27th

Anniversary of
MI's Establishment



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On August 28, 2023, the Mekong Institute marked its 27th anniversary of empowering communities and promoting cooperation and integration across the Greater Mekong region.

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As part of the effort to explore integrative and multi-sectoral approaches to improve disadvantaged populations' access to water, energy, and food in the Lower Mekong River Basin (LMB), MI together with partners from the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), the Mekong River Commission Secretariat (MRCS), the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI), and other stakeholders convened in a 2nd Regional Consultative Forum on August 31, 2023.

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MI gathered food safety champions from Viet Nam in a national workshop that explored the next steps in promoting and sustaining a safe food culture in the country. A total of 45 PROSAFE graduates, representing government agencies, agrifood business associations, and the academic sector in Viet Nam, actively participated in the workshop. Also gracing the event as the keynote speaker was Dr. Nguyen Nhu Tiep, the Director-General of Viet Nam's National Authority for Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Processing and Market Development.

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To help improve the flow and distribution of safe food in and out of Viet Nam, MI and the Food Industries Research Institute (FIRI) of the country's Ministry of Industry and Trade brought food stakeholders together in a training-workshop on Traceability for Food Safety and Competitiveness of Viet Nam Agri-Food Enterprises. The workshop, which sought to enhance participants' knowledge of food traceability systems, was attended by 51 on-site and 40 online participants, representing agri-food enterprises, FIRI, and other related government offices.

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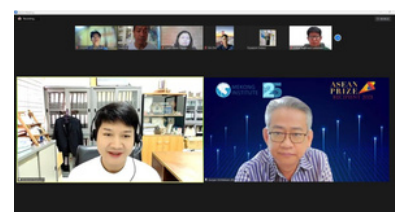
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The 2023 GMS Economic Corridor Governors Forum, with the theme Cooperate for Agricultural Trade Facilitation and Seek New Highlights of Subregional Cooperation hosted by People's Government of Yunnan Province, P. R. China, took center stage in Kunming, Yunnan, P. R. China on August 17, 2023.

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MI TRAINING ALUMNI INITIATE COUNTRY ACTION PLAN TO DRIVE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR THAI MSMEs



As an offshoot of MI's regional training on scaling up digital connectivity for Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Entrepreneurs (MSMEs) held on July 10-14, 2023, a group of six MI alumni from Thailand rolled out their country action plan starting with an online course offered to local MSMEs on August 25, 2023.

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MI PARTICIPATES IN THE 8TH TICA CONNECT IN BANGKOK



MI engaged with representatives from Thailand government agencies, the academe, the private sector, and international organizations during the 8th TICA Connect on August 24, 2023, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok. Participants visited MI's booth and shared their insights about sustainable development and the challenges in achieving a more sustainable world.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: SEPTEMBER

**18-20
September**

- **Training on Investing on a Greener Agrifood Sector**
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**22-24
September**

- **Workshop on Accelerating Development of Regional Logistics Channels and Transportation Infrastructure for the Lancang-Mekong Region in the Context of the China-Lao PDR-Thailand Railway**
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**25-29
September**

- **Training on E-commerce Policy Development and Implementation Strategies for SME Development in CLMVT Countries**
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