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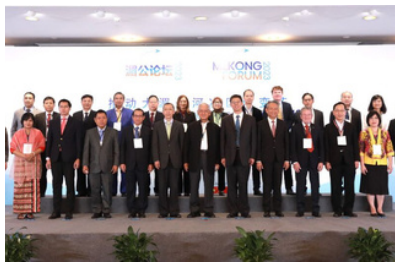
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MI AND P. R. CHINA DRIVE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN THE GMS AT MEKONG FORUM 2023 IN KUNMING CITY



Kunming City, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China (P. R. China), July 27, 2023 - In a historic first, Mekong Institute (MI), with support from P. R. China, brought together around 300 stakeholders from the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) in Kunming City for the Mekong Forum 2023. Co-hosted by the People's Government of Yunnan Province, the annual event charted regional cooperation mechanisms aimed at bolstering the region's position as a growth center and fostering its emergence as an economic powerhouse.

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Nanning, P. R. China, July 3, 2022 – The Mekong Institute (MI), the Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Department of Commerce of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China-ASEAN Business Center, the Nanning Foreign Affairs Office and the Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, successfully organized the 5th Lancang Mekong Business Forum (LMBF). Themed “Promoting Agribusiness and Investment in Processed Food Sector,” the forum provided a unique platform for businesses to exchange business information and market opportunities while being updated on new trends in the food processing sector. Attended by over one-hundred stakeholders on-site and online, the activity is part of a long-term project funded by the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund (LMCSF) of P.R. China.

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On July 18, 2023, Mekong Institute (MI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Winrock International, at the MI Head Office in Khon Kaen, Thailand. Under the agreement, the two institutions will collaborate on scaling up climate-smart production practices and other capacity-building activities for the USDA-funded "Regional Agriculture Innovation Network (RAIN) project.

The RAIN Project is working to establish an International Climate Hub that facilitates adoption of climate-smart innovations to increase productivity, reduce environmental impact, and expand trade in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

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On July 6, 2023, Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, MI Executive Director, paid a courtesy call to Mr. Wei Ran, Director General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (FAOGX) to report the progress of the MI's collaboration with Guangxi after his last visit in March. He also sought FAOGX's guidance on possible future collaborations between MI and Guangxi. Mr. Suriyan took this opportunity to express his sincere thanks to FAOGX for co-hosting the 5th Lancang-Mekong Business Forum (LMBF) 2023 on July 3-5, 2023.

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Phnom Penh, Cambodia - In a proactive move towards establishing robust food safety regulations and improving market surveillance in Cambodia, Mekong Institute (MI) and the Consumer Protection, Competition, and Fraud Repression (CCF) Directorate-General organized the first training under the 'Capacity Building Program on Food Safety Legal Framework and Better Market Surveillance for Food Inspectors' on July 4, 2023.

Held as one of the PROSAFE (Promoting Safe Food for Everyone) in-country initiatives, the capacity-building program is expected to enhance the technical expertise of provincial officials engaged in food inspection, thereby facilitating better market surveillance techniques through improved monitoring operations.

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In a proactive move to empower Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Entrepreneurs (MSMEs) in the Lancang-Mekong (LM) countries in navigating the digital realm amid a post-pandemic era, Mekong Institute (MI) brought together stakeholders from Cambodia, People's Republic of China (P. R. China), Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam in a five-day regional training program on July 10-14, 2023 at the MI Headquarters in Khon Kaen, Thailand.

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MI AND LAO FDD CAPACITATE FOOD SMES ON GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES



With support from the New Zealand Aid Programme (NZAP), MI and the Food and Drug Department (FDD) of Lao PDR's Ministry of Health (MOH) hosted a PROSAFE workshop on "Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) Standard for Food SMEs in Lao PDR" from July 17 to 18, 2023. Attended by 35 representatives from food SMEs and relevant government officials from MOH, the workshop sought to deepen participants' understanding of food safety hazards and effective control measures as well as strengthen compliance with food safety standards. It aims to foster consumer trust and bolster the market competitiveness of food businesses through enhanced stakeholder knowledge of GHP standard, processes, and requirements.

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NEW MI STAFF



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN 2023

14-18 AUGUST

- Training on regional projects identification under the project capacity building on regional project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of MKCF projects (PRIME)

For more information on upcoming activities, visit <https://cutt.ly/hO8IFBu>



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