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MOAC Organized “World Food Safety Day” Event

Continuously Ensuring Standard and Promoting Quality Thai Products



On June 7, 2024, **Mr. Atthakorn Sirilatthayakorn**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), revealed the United Nations General Assembly had announced June 7 of every year to be World Food Safety Day. The goal of World Food Safety Day is to raise awareness of food safety importance and to promote world citizens to get access for safe and quality food. This is to enhance life quality, to end hunger, to increase capability of agricultural production, and to develop sustainably. This year, Codex identified “Food Safety: Prepare for the unexpected” as a concept for promoting and conducting activities. The announcement was made at the World Food Safety Day event hosted by National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS), an agency under MOAC, with a theme of preparing for readiness to ensure the food safety throughout the supply chain.

One of the ACFS’ mission is to direct country’s agricultural and food standards, and to participate in sanitary and phytosanitary technique negotiations in both bilateral and multilateral levels including taking part on Codex standard determination. Several activities were conducted during the event such as announcing its commitment towards food safety, creating menus using standard certified



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agricultural and food products to add value to local products, and seminar. Food safety is crucial and impactful to public health. MOAC places high importance on the matter and acts in accordance to Action Plan on Food Management in Thailand (2023 - 2027) especially the food security strategy, and quality and food safety strategy. Various vital projects have been executed to achieve the national strategies in order to create values and to put emphasis on increasing agricultural and food production productivity. The value creating agriculture consists of 1) unique local agriculture 2) safe agriculture 3) bioagriculture 4) processed agriculture and 5) smart agriculture. Amongst the plans for safe agriculture are to support farmers, local communities, and related players to be able to produce quality agricultural and food such as GAP and organic standards.

“Ensuring consumers with safe agricultural and food products is crucial because standards is a reflection of Thai agricultural and food products. Therefore, MOAC is committed to improve Thai product standards to be well received from consumers around the world. This will help increase income and quality of life for Thai farmers while support the good health of consumers, resulting in an overall sustainability of the society.” Mr. Atthakorn concluded.

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