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MOAC celebrated its 132<sup>nd</sup> anniversary,  
Moving forward to raise agricultural sector income  
and to elevate agriculture standard and quality



Captain Thammanat Prompao, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, along with deputy ministers, and executives celebrated 132<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) at the ministry. The celebration also included academic seminar on the development of agricultural sector in Thailand to enhance standard for world market and the special speech on driving Thailand's agricultural sector to raise agricultural sector income by three - fold within four years under 9 policies at Asawin Grand Convention Hotel.

**Captain Thammanat Prompao** said “MOAC has long played a crucial role in regulating and strengthening agricultural sector which contributes to Thais’ well-being. Thailand’s agricultural sector consists with 30 million farmers who are important in generating income to our country. However, agricultural sector still faces challenges such as aging farmers; conventional production methods and nature dependence; climate change; low price issue from low quality production and selling the produce for using as raw materials instead of processing to add value; smuggling of illegal agricultural products which negatively impacts market mechanism, price, and the spread of agricultural pests and diseases. Therefore, the government has to support and compensate with considerable amount of budget. In the past 7 months, MOAC has continuously hastened to improve the issues by visiting and learning about farmers challenges. The executives of MOAC have



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been assigned for the implementation of 9 policies and orders to achieve the income increase by three - fold within four years. Our performance and effort have been visible to farmers across the nation.”

MOAC has been ready to drive the implementation of “Thailand Vision” which was announced by the prime minister on February 22, 2024. One of the most important visions and directly related to MOAC is Agriculture and Food Hub in which the government will elevate agriculture production industry and Thailand’s plentiful supply in agricultural products. MOAC is also ready to support the achievement of other visions. In response to the vision, MOAC has to proceed quickly and has to plan development plans across the system, and has to execute the plans starting from the most important one. The implementation in each local community must be carried out concretely. The cooperation from every agency must be in place to lay the basis for systematic development at the local level in order to tackle the poverty issue and improve the quality of life for farmers. Entering its 133<sup>rd</sup> year, MOAC moves forward to establish the foundation for agricultural sector development accordingly to the change of global context. It is to be reached by utilizing the changes to be a driving force for development and seeking cooperation from all sectors. All to achieve the goal of increasing income and a better life quality for farmers.

**Mr. Chaiya Promma, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives** said “From now on, MOAC will enter into the new era under the government of Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin. Farmers will have better life quality. In alignment with the prime minister’s policy - market leads, innovation complements, income increase - the emphasis on utilization of innovation and technology must be in place to further advance farmers’ knowledge resulting in production efficiency enhancement and sustainable income growth.”

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