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**DOAE assures Durians quality from the Eastern region,
emphasizing no premature durian in market**



Captain Thammanat Prompao, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, and Mr. Peeraphan Korthong, Director-General of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE) under Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), paid a visit to Chanthaburi province to follow up the clandestine cutting and selling of premature durians policy implementation. The aim is to prevent premature durians in the market. Working committee and special operation team for inspecting durian dry weight have been established for durian season in year 2023/2024 in the Eastern region provinces to prevent the premature durian from entering market. The Eastern region is Thailand's major durian-producing provinces which comprises of Chanthaburi, Rayong, and Trad. The maturity of durians are tested by using dry weight percentage of the durian pulp which is in accordance with Thai Agricultural Standard 3-2556 of National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards. The dry weight of durian pulp percentage standards for durians are different depend on varieties which includes 1) Kradum – 27% or more 2) Chanee – 30% or more 3) Puangmanee – 30% or more and 4) Monthong – 32% or more. Any durian with dry weight lower than the mentioned standard is an immature durian, emphasizing on no immature durian in the market measure. In addition, the harvesting dates for durian in the Eastern



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region this year are scheduled to be harvested on April 15th for Kratum, May 5th for Chanee and Puangmanee, and May 20th for Monthong.

Mr. Peeraphan Korthong said “As of April 19, 2024, 8,428 durian samples were sent to be inspected at the designated inspection centers in the three provinces in the Eastern region. The results for each province are as followed: (1) Chantaburi (13 inspection centers): 4,697 samples were sent and 78.26% of the samples passed the standard (2) Trad (7 inspection centers): 2,460 samples were sent and 70.12% of the samples passed the standard and (3) Rayong (8 inspection centers): 1,267 samples were sent and 76.5% of the samples passed the standard. The durians must pass Thai Agricultural Standard 3-2556 of National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards. If fail, a new sample must be submitted for the reinspection. The result in the beginning of this year’s season indicates that more than 70% of the samples in all three provinces passed the standard. It also reflects the positive trend of farmers and harvesters great cooperation in complying with the measures which will help ensure consumers with the quality durians from the Eastern region.”

“DOAE has asked for cooperation with farmers and harvesters to send sample of one wholesome durian (no trace of any opening) to be inspected for its dry weight at the designated inspection center three days before the harvest day. If the sample pass the standard, the officer will issue certification of the dry weight inspection result to the farmers. The certification includes certification number and GAP registration number along with a copy of GAP certification document which identifies details for buyer. It is to prevent other plantations from using the certification of the specific certified plantation, and for traceability purpose. If the sample result is failing, the new sample is needed to be sent for the reinspection. DOAE also seeks the cooperation from the processing and packaging facility to communicate with durian farmers and harvesters to strictly comply with the measures and to ask for the dry weight certification every time they buy durians from farmers and harvesters. For durian wholesalers, it is mandate to ask for the dry weight certification from the seller to present to the officers of the special operation team preventing low quality (premature durian) when conducting the inspection at the wholesalers.” Director-General of the DOAE concluded.

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