



MOAC Affirms Commitment to International Engagement on Minimizing Food Loss and Waste

The International Conference on Food Loss and Waste meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People's Republic of China was held via a distance conferencing system on September 11-12, 2021 in Jinan City, Shandong Province, People's Republic of China. The attendees in the conference included The Agricultural and Food Ministers from G20 countries, such as the United States, France, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, more than 20 Non-G20 other countries and International organizations such as FAO and IFAD etc.





During the opening ceremony Dr. Chalerchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) of Thailand, delivered his remarks focusing on minimizing food loss and waste. The Minister stated that Thailand is very aware of the importance of the food loss and waste issues that could affect stabilization of a country's food security. As such, Thailand has driven management in addressing such matters through the operational mechanisms like the food security committee throughout the supply chain which is under the National Food Committee. In this regard, the Subcommittee on Reducing Food Loss and the Subcommittee on Reducing Food Waste were established to create a proposal for reducing the country's food loss and waste, as well as to drive the operations in achieving sustainable development goals.





As one of the world's largest producer and exporter of agricultural products and food, the MOAC emphasized the goal of being the kitchen of the world. To make progress towards achieving that goal, Thailand has utilized the 3S (Safety- Security- Sustainability) policy including food safety, food security and the sustainability of resources. With the keen awareness of the challenges, especially climate change that affects the production of agricultural and food products, the future development of the country therefore focusses on creating an environmentally friendly economic growth. This means, using the economic concept of sustainable development, biological economy, circulating economy and the green economy. It will focus on creating the balance of agricultural production and conservation of agricultural resources, natural and environmental resources, especially maintaining biodiversity and using soil and water resources in sustainable way.

For the Food Loss and Food Waste issues, Cooperation among the Governments, private sectors and the people throughout the food supply chain, from producer to consumers' cooperation is required. Of course, cooperation is also required in driving the mechanisms from policy levels to actual practice, to attain the national goal. This meeting was the opening of the door to cooperation, to exchange guidelines for reducing food loss and strengthen food security among the People's Republic of China, Thailand and the rest of the World. This is considered a dimensional development partnership that will bring the world community towards sustainable development goals in the next 9 years

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