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Refer to the meeting of
UNFSS Briefing Session for Thailand
Jointly Organized by UNFSS / CIAS and the Board of Trade of Thailand
on March 13rd, 2013 in Thailand

With total 91 participants:
• From Public Sector 27
• From Private Sector 64
• Welcome Speech by Mrs. Nuntawan Sakuntanaga
  Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce
• Closing Speech by Mr. Niwat Sutemechaikul
  Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
What are the priority themes the Forum should address?

- Harmonize VSS whenever possible to lower the Certification costs
- Support special funds to developing countries to develop VSS in their countries for SMEs & Smallholders
b) What are some key activities the Forum should undertake?

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<td>2. VSS Information flow to all stakeholders</td>
<td>2. Implementation VSS whenever needed</td>
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<td>4. Set up Special Task Force and invite Public officers to involve in the activities.</td>
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c) What is the concrete expectation from a forum like the UNFSS?

- Full support for information / training/VSS implementation
- Technology transfer
- Capacity building
- Harmonization standards
Follow up Activities & Next steps

- Set up regional working group in ASEAN countries to implement International Food Safety Standards in these countries.
- Apply ThaiGAP as ASEAN private standard to facilitate trading among these countries.
- Benchmarking ThaiGAP with ChinaGAP (South + South Trade)
- Thailand can play as The Leader Role in ASEAN countries (Expect Funds to be supported by ASEAN countries and UNFSS)
What we have done after 6 months
Standard system of Public & Private Standards that must be performed.

**ThaiGAP®**

- **GAP**
  - **Level 2**
  - **Local GAP**
  - **Food Safety standard Minimum Requirement**

**Framework for harmonization of national GAPs**

- **Accreditation/CBs**
  - Internationally Accredited CB
  - Locally Accredited CB

- **Awareness & training**
Suggestion to implement Standards requirements URGENTLY (1)

1. Awareness Training for smallholders who are not complied with QGAP standard to understand and focus on the basic safety requirements of fresh fruit & vegetable.
   *(Minimum requirement for Food safety : Primary GAP)*

2. GAP Public Standard to be mandatory by law and provide modifications and guidelines to assist in suitable time frame.

3. Beneficial support to producers who can comply with mandatory standard, such as introduction to retailer chain and Food Supply chain.
4. Enforce the legal penalties for unsafe agricultural producers, step by step.

5. Public standard GAP, change from Certification body to be Knowledge base and Training supporting center.

6. Government activities: Control and implement basic standards to comply with local Laws and Act.

7. Competent authority: Transfer the mission of Standard Certification to Private sectors.

8. Private standard ThaiGAP: Set up standard for specific market with the co-operations of Public & Private sectors.
Will requirements of Public and Private Standards be able to solve the problem of unsafe Fresh fruit & vegetable in Food Supply Chain in the country?

YES

GAP

MUST BE mandatory standard and enforced by LAW

Public Standard of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

ThaiGAP

Voluntarily Private Standard

Level 1 Equivalent with Global GAP for export products to the countries that require for International Food Safety Standard.

Level 2 for domestic retailers and Food Chain
MOU signing ceremony between THAIGAP Institute, Board of Trade of Thailand and Retailer Association to implement THAIGAP standard level 2 in their Food supply chain. On September 17th, 2013, Thailand

Makro supermarket   Tops Supermarket   CP All   Tesco Lotus   BigC supermarket
On Process, Discussion with Thai Feed Mill Association (TFMA) and UNDP

Project: Sustainable Maize Production

- To develop Field Crop Code of Practice: THAIGAP Level 2 plus Combinable Crop Practice to all Field crop supply chain
- To upgrade the value chain of maize production in Thailand, which has severely impacted environment as well as local well-beings
- To apply and test run in the corn production zone.
- Target Time Frame = Within 5 Months.
On Process, Discussion with Thai Fresh Market Association and Department of Internal Trade (DIT), Minister of Commerce

Project: Renovation Fresh Market Safety FFV

- Apply Minimum Safety requirements of Fresh fruit & vegetable (Primary GAP)
- Strictly control measurement of MRL for Import shipment of fresh Fruit & Vegetable.
- Target Time Frame = **Within 1 Year.**
THANK YOU