

**Course Outline****Regional Workshop on Capacity Building on Food Security in Agro-Processing Industry among Mekong Countries and People's Republic of China
25 February-9 March 2024, Thailand****Organized by: Office of Industrial Economics, and National Food Institute,
Ministry of Industry, Thailand**

Project Title	Capacity Building on Food Security in Agro-Processing Industry among Mekong Countries and People's Republic of China
Timing and Duration	25 February-9 March 2024
Implement agency	1. Office of Industrial Economics, Ministry of Industry 75/6 Rama VI Road, Rajathevee, Bangkok 10400, Thailand 2. National Food Institute No. 2008, Soi Arun Amarin 36. Bangyeekhan, Bangplad. Bangkok 10700, Thailand
Venue	National Food Institute No. 2008, Soi Arun Amarin 36. Bangyeekhan, Bangplad. Bangkok 10700, Thailand
Accommodation	1. SD Avenue Hotel 94 Borommarat Chachonnani Road, Bang Bamru, Bang Phlat, Bangkok 10700, Thailand (11 Night) 2. Lacol Khaoyai Hotel 369 Moo 4, Thanarat Road Moosee, Pakchong, Nakhon Ratchasima, 30450 (2 Night)
Participant	24 person (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand)
Deadline for submission	Please submit all documents including application form, authorization form, and related document through website www.mlcindustry.com by 31 January 2024

Background

Mekong region is abundant in natural resources. The economy of the Mekong countries is predominantly agricultural, i.e., agriculture, fisheries and forestry accounting around 40% of GDP over the last decade. Besides, Mekong countries along Mekong river basin are global producers of agricultural products namely rice, cassava, sugar cane, palm oil, coconut, pineapple, and natural rubber. In Thailand, agricultural exports constitute about 25 percent of the total export value especially fisheries and livestock products. The government is now attempting to enhance agricultural productivity in order to raise income and improve the living standard of the people. In the regional scale, the agro-processing industry is also very important for food security and sustainability. If the entrepreneurs in the MLC could receive the right supports, the development of food industry in this region will grow up and get benefit to all stakeholders.

Capacity Building on Food Security in Agro-Processing Industry among Mekong Countries and People's Republic of China is submitted by Office of Industrial Economics (OIE), Ministry of Industry in collaboration with National Food Institute, Thailand to serve the objectives of cross-border production capacity and investment cooperation, to optimize cooperation framework, working mechanism and institutional arrangement among MLC member countries. The underlying objective of this program is to provide wide-opened opportunities for stakeholders in Mekong countries through sharing knowledge and best practice in various areas of food namely supply chain management, post-harvest management, food innovation and food safety

Objective

1. To enhance knowledge and best practices on food security in Agro-processing sector throughout supply chain among MLC member countries.

2. To develop capacity building on food security in Agro-processing sector with stakeholders among Mekong countries and China.

3. To build production network between public-private partnership (PPP) among MLC member countries.

Training Method

- The workshop will be throughout conducted in English including in-class lecture based with materials and discussion related to food security and food-processing technology, economic policy, financial management for SMEs and post-harvest management of agricultural production and study-trip training.
- Each participant is assigned to prepare and make a country report during the workshop.

Qualification of Participant

The participants are expected to possess the following qualifications:

- Mid-senior or senior public/private sector, scientist, engineer or expert from MLC member countries who has background, working experience, or works in the field of agriculture agricultural technology or food processing, industry, economics.
- Be nominated by their respective Governments or authorized by his/her department to participate in the workshop.
- As the workshop is throughout conducted in English, participants should be proficient in English and they are required to make oral and written presentation.
- Be in good health, physically and mentally and able to attend all activities of the workshop including study-trip training in the countryside of Thailand.
- The participants must strictly attend all activities of the workshop and are assigned to submit as well as present their country report.
- Bringing family members to the workshop is not allowed.

Contents of Country Report:

The participants are expected to write an essay (word version) at least 4,000-5,000 words of the following outline;

- a. Background information
 - Facts and information about food security situation in your country.
 - How the food security issue is managed in your country?
 - Problems and concerns about the food security in your country
- b. Case Study / Best Practice / Technology for food security
 - Description of case/project/technology/ etc.
 - Scope of work
 - Method
 - Result
 - Discussion/Lesson learnt
- c. Recommendations for development of regional guideline handbook for food security
- d. References
- e. Appendix

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Financial Arrangements

The implement agencies will provide the financial arrangements for the nominated participants as the following:

1. Round trip, economy class international airfare ticket (between main cities* to Bangkok)
** Main cities: Phnom Penh (Cambodia), Vientiane or Luang Prabang (Laos PDR), Yangon or Mandalay (Myanmar), Ho Chi Minh or Hanoi (Viet Nam)*
2. Hotel accommodation (13 nights/ single stay)
3. Per diem: daily 50 USD for 10 days covering 3 meals and personal expenses per day.
- During 3 days study-trip training, per diem will be escorted by the implementing agencies.
4. Transportation: round trip 30 USD between airports in Bangkok and accommodation
5. Insurance coverage during stay (14 days) in Thailand

Remark: the participants will cover all expenses incurred by themselves for any reason including but not limited to:

- a. Domestic transportation cost to international airport (domestic air ticket, taxi, bus, etc.)
- b. Extension of stay
- c. Early arrival or late departure