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Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives expedites for setting up the National Organic Institution intended for executing Big Data

Mr. Alongkorn Polabut, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, announced today (9 September 2020) that Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) designated a sub-committee to drive sustainable agriculture project under the five frameworks which are 1) Organic Agriculture 2) New Theory Agriculture 3) Integrated Farming, 4) Natural Farming and 5) Agro-forestry. This sub-committee has been continually reformed to support the executive committee of sustainable agriculture development, which led by Dr. Chalermchai Si-on (the committee chairman), Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives. Additionally, three working groups have been established by MOAC in order to follow up and push forward the sustainable agriculture projects. These working groups namely 1) Working Group on New Theory Agriculture and Integrated Farming Driving 2) Working Group on Agro-forestry and Natural Farming and 3) Working Group on Organic Agriculture Driving

Mr. Alongkorn said the Working Group on Organic Agriculture Driving (one of three working groups) has reported the latest progress (8 September 2020) to the Sub-committee on the meeting No. 8/2020. The results of the meeting are as followed;

1. The Royal Decree of the National Organic Agriculture Institute (Public Organization - NOAI) has been drafted and will propose to the executive committee of sustainable agriculture development within this month.
2. Establishing the national standard rule for the Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS), the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standard (ACFS) has recently held a seminar to listen to the opinion on the draft to improve, complete, and exchange experiences among the representatives of government agencies, the farmers involved in all sectors in last August.
3. This committee joint hand with PTT Oil and Retail Public Company Limited (OR) creating a “Living Community” policy to support and allocate areas in PTT’s gas stations as a marketplace for agriculture organic produces.

4. In creating a big database of organic agriculture, this committee requests the Land Development Department (LDD) to integrate data among farmers who are in the transition period to apply organic standard and farmers who have already certified organic agriculture standards to holistic their data into main database on plant, animal, and fishery information. Moreover, these data will be linked with the database on sustainable agriculture which managed by MOAC.

Mr. Alongkon said he assigned the e-Commerce subcommittee of MOAC to support the conception of online organic agricultural entrepreneurs in order to connect the organic market to consumers in the new normal era. This program will collaborate with food delivery services suppliers under the “ช่วยเหลือเกษตรกร.com” Project and UniconX Project.

For the project “ยูนิคอนเอกซ์ UniconX”, the goals of the project are 1) creating online agricultural entrepreneurs throughout the supply chain (Producing - Marketing). 2) generating a new job and a new source of income for residents, student, and farmers who had been affected by COVID-19 and develop them into agriculture entrepreneurs 3) forming agribusiness entrepreneurs to the international level by linking research from educational institutions to innovative startups and turning into the future unicorn company to strengthen the development of innovators in educational institutions and the agribusiness sector 4) developing a platform to connect investors with entrepreneurs. The ultimate goal is to support entrepreneurs with potential but lack of funds or capital to access capital sources to lead to the sustainable development of agricultural entrepreneurs.

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