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The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) announces the good news that Russia plans to order Thai rubber for 150,000 tons per year.



The Minister of Agriculture gladly announces that rubber tappers should prepare to hear good news because Russia plans to purchase Thai rubber for 150,000 tons per year as a result of MOAC showing rubber plantations to Russian Attaché.

On May 8, Mr. Grisada Boonrach, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, reveals that Russian Attaché has considered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and shows the interest to buy 150,000 tons of rubber from Thailand. By next week after the coronation day, they will send agents from Rostec company to discuss with the Rubber Authority of Thailand (RAOT) on the agreement and types of rubber which Thailand can supply. Mr. Grisada also ordered the relevant agencies to coordinate with Russia and follow up on this issue. Besides, he looks forward to hearing positive response from Oman's Minister after visiting the plants making rubber road materials in Thailand.

Furthermore, the Minister of Agriculture has confidence that the rubber price will increase during the new opening season of rubber tapping in this month. The Russian government has contacted MOAC through the Russian ambassador to Thailand requesting samples of rubber. If the samples pass its engineering test, they will buy 150,000 tons of rubber from Thailand and plan to continuously purchase to use in the tire industry. This is a result of the invitation of the Russian ambassador to visit work site at Krabi Province last year.

Moreover, Mr. Grisada states that 77 Local Administrative Organization Centers have purchased latex to construct Para Soil Cement Road in accordance with the approval of the Municipal council meeting. This project is named "1 Village, 1 Kilometer" which will be able to build roads about 75,032 Kilometer. The construction will utilize 1.4 million tons of fresh latex, equivalent to 720,000 tons of condensed latex valued at 1.6 billion baht.

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