Driving the new theory of agriculture throughout the country

On July 9, 2020, at Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), Mr. Alongkorn Ponlabut, Advisor to Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, chaired the 2/2563 meeting of the Sustainable Agriculture System Development Committee the consideration of budget to help recovery from the impact of COVID-19, responsible by the committee. The Cabinet has approved the plans or projects proposed for utilization of loan under the Economic and Social Restoration Plan. The project under the Strengthening Economy Plan is the 1 district 1 new theory agriculture group, with the proposed budget of 9,805 million baht will be conducted between July 2020 - September 2021. Thus, Mr. Alongkorn assigned the responsible parties to immediately start the project. This project will increase farmers’ income to more than 40 billion baht and increase employment for 8,018 people. In addition, the meeting also approved the draft policy on Sustainable Agriculture of MOAC. The policy is established on the concept of sustainable agriculture with green innovation, according to the promotion and development plan for sustainable agricultural systems phase 1 (2020-2022). MOAC has earlier presented the policy prior to conducting public hearing to proceed with the implementation of the plan in accordance with the national strategy. Mr. Alongkorn also urged concerned parties to improve the draft Sustainable Agriculture Act and propose to Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives for further approval by the cabinet.

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