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## **Ministry of Agriculture to Offer Mobile Agricultural Clinic Services In Honor of His Majesty the King**



*Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) organized Mobile Agricultural Clinics to provide services to general public on soil analyses, plant, animal and aquatic animal disease diagnoses, vaccinations as well as technology and innovation disseminations in honor of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua's Birthday Anniversary on July 28, 2023. The main activities, expected to be attended by a large crowd, are scheduled for July 17-31, 2023.*

Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, related that in commemorating the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary in 2002 when he held the royal title of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, MOAC sought a royal permission to set up ad-hoc Mobile Agricultural Clinics for public services. His Majesty the King graciously accepted the project under his patronage and allowed the use of his royal cypher in the project logo. The first service was provided on July 22, 2002, at Ban Luang Sub-district, Don Phud District, Saraburi Province. The project has been continued until present.

Mr. Kemkaeng Yutidhammadamrong, Director-General of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE), disclosed that DOAE has been designated as the lead agency for the implementation of the Mobile Agricultural Clinics under the Royal Patronage of H.R.H. Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn. DOAE has served as a member of the committee and the project's secretariate for over 21 years. By



providing Mobile Agricultural Clinics, it is one way to facilitate the successful delivery of academic services and technology transfer, fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to the initiatives. This proactive approach allows farmers in targeted areas facing with numerous challenges to receive agricultural services in a rapid, comprehensive and efficient manner. These services include soil analyses, plant, animal and aquatic animal disease diagnoses as well as disease prevention vaccination. Additionally, technology transfer and supplementary agricultural training are conducted alongside those services. The execution of the initiatives involves collaborative efforts among agricultural experts from various departments, specializing in crops, livestock, fisheries, soil, water etc. Equipped with academic tools and equipments, the Mobile Agricultural Clinics can reach rural areas and ensure delivery of comprehensive and professional services.

The Mobile Agricultural Clinics provide services in 12 disciplines as follows:

1. Soil Clinic by the Department of Land Development
2. Plant Clinic by the Department of Agricultural Extension
3. Animal Clinic by the Department of Livestock Development
4. Fisheries Clinic by the Department of Fisheries
5. Rice Clinic by the Rice Department
6. Irrigation Clinic by the Royal Irrigation Department of
7. Cooperatives Clinic by the Department of Cooperative Promotion
8. Accounting Clinic by the Cooperative Auditing Department
9. Legal Clinic by the Office of Land Reform for Agriculture
10. Silk Clinic by the Queen Sirikit Department of Sericulture
11. Agricultural Promotion Clinic by the Department of Agricultural Extension consisting of Provincial Agricultural Offices, Plant Breeding Centers, Agricultural Occupational Promotion and Development Centers, Agricultural Occupational Promotion and Development Centers (Highland Agricultural Extension),

Agricultural Technology Promotion Centers for Plant Protection, Agricultural Technology Promotion Centers for Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Technology Promotion Centers of Economic Insects

#### 12. Other services provided by local governments and private sector

The Director-General of DOAE stated that in the fiscal year of 2023, DOAE has planned to organize 4 events (quarterly) of the Mobile Agricultural Clinic services in each of the 77 provinces. The first service was delivered during October-December 2022 while the second and third services were organized during the the first and second quarters of 2023. The fourth event is scheduled for July 17-31, 2023 in honor of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua's Birthday Anniversary of July 28, 2023. The services target 400 farmers in each province, totaling 30,800 farmers. From the first quarter of the fiscal year of 2023 until present, DOAE had organized 229 events and received significant interest from over 51,000 farmers. Since the year of 2002 up to the current date, the total number of beneficiaries has exceeded 4.4 million (as of July 4, 2023).

Mr. Kemkaeng added that the most significant events during July 17 - 31, 2023 will be held in honor of the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King's birthday of July 28, 2023. DOAE, as a committee member and secretariate of the project, will arrange the Mobile Agricultural Clinics in all 77 provinces. In each event, there will be various activities in order to pay tribute and express gratitude to His Majesty, including signing a congratulatory book, an exhibition to commemorate His Majesty's royal grace, as well as providing agricultural clinic services by agencies under MOAC and other government agencies and private sectors. There will also be exhibitions and sales of produces and agricultural products as well as products from farmer groups and community enterprises.



Those interested in participating in the aforementioned events may acquire more details on the Mobile Agricultural Clinic project in the Royal Patronage on the website <https://clinickaset.doe.go.th>. The website provides information on the dates and locations of the Mobile Agricultural Clinic events in each province. Additional points of contact are local District and Provincial Agricultural Extension Offices.

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