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**Ag Minister Thammanat and RSPO Discuss Greenhouse Gas  
Reduction Plan for Palm Oil Production**



On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Captain Thammanat Prompao, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, discussed with Mr. Joseph D’Cruz, Chief Executive Officer of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) on improving palm oil production. A plan for Greenhouse Gas Reduction of palm oil products is to be promoted to increase competitiveness in the world market.

Palm oil is an important economic crop of Thailand. Thailand is the third largest producer of palm oil in the world, behind Malaysia and Indonesia. Thailand prioritizes sustainable and environmentally friendly palm oil cultivation. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) has established many initiatives including the Sustainable and Climate-friendly Palm Oil Production and Procurement in Thailand Project (SCPOPP) operated by the Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE), Department of Agriculture (DOA) and German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Thailand, said Minister Thammanat.



This project aims to reduce greenhouse gases and increase sustainability both environmentally and socially in palm oil production. Farmers are equipped with management skill on sustainable planting as well as knowledge and capacities to compete in the world market.

RSPO has a policy to promote and support the development of oil palm cultivation. This is in line with MOAC's policies in upgrading the standard of palm oil production in Thailand in a sustainable manner. MOAC is willing to support and cooperate with RSPO to maximize the benefits for farmers. It will pave the way for palm oil and processed products to access new markets particularly the European Union, the US and Japan.

Established in 2004, RSPO is an international non-profit organization. The objective is to promote the cultivation and utilization of sustainable palm oil products which are globally recognized and certified. Its headquarters is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with representative offices in Indonesia, UK, USA, Netherlands, China, and Colombia. There are currently over 5,000 RSPO members from various sectors including corporate growers, traders, processors, financial institutions as well as private social and environmental development organizations from countries producing or using palm oil.

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