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**OAE Joined the FSMM to Promote Thai Government's Roles
in Food Loss and Waste Reduction**



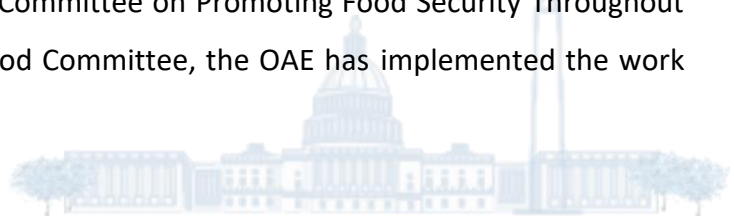
Mr. Chantanon Wannakejohn, Secretary-General of the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), summarized the outcomes of the 9th APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting (FSMM) held from August 12-18, 2024 in Trujillo, Peru. He was assigned by the Permanent Secretary-General of MOAC to represent the Ministry at the event. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Angel Manero Campos, Minister of Agricultural Development and Irrigation of the Republic of Peru. H.E. Ms. Dina Boluarte, President of the Republic of Peru, honored the meeting by giving the closing remarks. The meeting jointly endorsed two outcome reports (1) The Trujillo Statement on the 9th APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting; and (2) The Principles on Preventing and Reducing Food Loss and Waste in the APEC Region.

The Secretary-General of the OAE informed that the APEC Food Security Ministers from all 21 economies issued a joint statement emphasizing the importance of food security in achieving inclusive and sustainable growth and prosperity in the region. The statement set out guidelines to support and improve access to safe and nutritious food to ensure food security and meet environmental challenges. The meeting also endorsed the Principles on Preventing and Reducing Food Loss and Waste in the APEC Region, which set out guidelines for APEC members consisting of 7 principles: (1) Strengthening institutions; (2) Promoting public-private partnerships; (3) Supporting research, innovation, and digital technology; (4) Building capacity, awareness, and knowledge; (5) Improving data collection and knowledge management; (6) Creating an environment conducive to investment in infrastructure; and (7) Promoting the distribution of surplus food and food donation.



On this occasion, the Secretary-General of the OAE delivered a statement to the meeting to support the main principles on prevention and reduction of food loss and food waste in the APEC region. He stressed on Thailand's role as a major food producer and the importance of solving the problem of food loss and waste. Thailand has the important agricultural policies concerning food loss and food waste. Thai government agencies utilize important mechanisms to drive the implementation, such as issuing comprehensive policies to support food businesses at all levels from production to distribution. All sectors collaborate by sharing information and operating technology as well as promoting capacity building through education.

As the Secretariat of the Committee on Promoting Food Security Throughout the Supply Chain under the National Food Committee, the OAE has implemented the work



related to food security under the National Food Management Action Plan, Phase 1 (2023-2027) to ensure that Thailand has sustainable food security and efficiently manages resources for food production with the participation of all sectors. Currently, the (draft) plan on the reduction of food loss in the supply chain 2023-2027 and (draft) guidelines for food safety for food donation are in progress. In addition, MOAC has collaborated with government agencies, the private sector, and the Scholars of Sustenance (SOS) Foundation to establish a Thai food bank to manage excess food and distribute to vulnerable groups in Thailand. Since 2016, Thailand has donated over 36 million meals, recovered 8 million kilograms of excess food, and helped reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 21,000 tons.

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by giving a closing speech, emphasizing the importance of solidarity and cooperation among APEC economic members to facilitate trade and the efficient flow of agricultural products across borders. Digital technologies are applied to improve productivity, prevent and reduce food loss and food waste, and help cope with the challenges of natural disasters that

may occur in order to promote sustainable food security within the APEC region.

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