



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE FOOD SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION

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Lao PDR

Agriculture officials and international organizations discussed and shared experiences for ensuring food security and reasonable benefits of agricultural development to all stakeholders. It is noted that food security has been achieved at the national level since 2000 but some are still not appropriate for lower levels. Reportedly, by 2020, it would require around 4.7 tonnes of paddy to support population of 7.5 million people.

Source: Vientiane Times (2017, Jun 23). *Govt, international organizations discuss food security project.*

Malaysia

The Johor Agriculture Department will continue assistance programmes for sustainable food production and growing demand. Such programmes are in the form of infrastructure, advices and technology transfer. This unit also played a key role in quality agricultural production and standards. Reportedly, the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry allocated 67,000 ringgit (15,581 USD) through the National Disaster Fund to

alleviate the drought effects in 2016 for 134 farmers in the Johor State.

* 1 USD = 4.30 Ringgit

Source: The Star Online (2017, Jun 28). *Focus on food production.*

Thailand

The northern region of Thailand will have continuous rainfalls and isolated thunderstorms with likelihood of flash floods in August. From 5 to 10 July 2017, 40-60 percent of the region will have thunderstorms and the precipitation rate for July 2017 was forecast to be close to normal, with rainfalls in many areas during the latter half of the month.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2017, Jul 4). *Rains, thunderstorms continue on in northern region.*

Viet Nam

The Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has approved a target programme to restructure agricultural economy, prevent natural disasters and stabilise people's lives with total capital of 306.66 trillion dong (13.5 billion USD). From 2016 to 2020, this programme, for instance, will upgrade seed production, support cooperatives, repair reservoirs and stabilise lives of 11,500 households in disaster-prone areas. This programme is also designated to create high added value of cultivation and animal husbandry.

Source: Viet Nam News (2017, June 30). *Over \$13 billion spent on agriculture restructuring.*

P.R. China

Floods and landslides due to heavy rain hit the South and the South West of China. Floods caused 28 deaths across 10 provinces such as Guizhou, Jiangxi and Hunan. Around 6,500 houses have been completely destroyed, leaving over 500,000 displaced. As many as 18,000 people needed emergency rescue. Meanwhile, in Sichuan province, landslide buried at least 40 homes in Xinmo, a village in Maoxian County, with over 100 people feared buried. Reportedly, 10 bodies have been recovered while 93 people are still missing and over 400 people have evacuated their homes.

Source: FloodList (2017, June 26). *China – Deadly Floods and Landslides in South and South West.*

Japan

Typhoon Nanmadol moved eastward along the Pacific coast of Honshu, bringing heavy rain and strong winds to a wide area. The typhoon made landfall in Nagasaki Prefecture, causing blackouts and traffic disruptions. Strong winds damaged power lines, leaving a total of 68,500 houses without power in Nagasaki and Kumamoto Prefectures. In Niigata Prefecture, authorities advised 19,000 people to evacuate after landslides occurred at several locations. The typhoon was expected to move away after passing near the Boso Peninsula in Chiba Prefecture.

Source: The Japan Times (2017, Jul 4). *Typhoon Nanmadol approaches Kanto bringing heavy rains, wind.*

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