



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Myanmar

#### ***Rice export target in the fiscal year 2019-2020 was set at 2.5 million tonnes.***

Myanmar has set a target of exporting 2.5 million tonnes of rice in the fiscal year 2019-2020, which started in October 2019. From 1 October 2019 to 10 January 2020, Myanmar exported over 842,342 tonnes of rice via sea routes worth 245 million USD. Meanwhile, the 144,002 tonnes of rice were exported through border gates worth 37.8 million USD. During this period, 29 percent of Myanmar's rice and broken rice were shipped to China, the European Union (EU) states, and African countries.

**Source:** Vietnam Plus. (2020, Feb 4). *Myanmar aims to export 2.5 million tonnes of rice this fiscal year.*

### Philippines

#### ***The Philippines will support the use of hybrid rice technology in the country.***

The Department of Agriculture (DA) will continue advocating for the development of hybrid rice technology in the country. The hybrid rice technology was growing annually, with more than 600,000 hectares hosting various hybrid-rice varieties. In the Nueva Ecija province, country's top rice-producing province, has already adopted hybrid-rice technology and it is the top in productivity per

area, producing more than 7 tonnes per hectare.

**Source:** The Manila Times. (2020, Jan 29). *DA pushes for hybrid rice technology in the Philippines.*

### Thailand

#### ***Prices of Thai rice decrease slightly due to Baht appreciation.***

This week, prices of Thailand's benchmark 5 percent broken rice decreased to 432-453 USD per tonne from 440-460 USD per tonne last week, which was the highest level since June 2017. The falling because the currency has softened by 4 percent so far this year after gaining more than 8 percent last year. However, the prices remain high due to the concern over supply shortage.

**Source:** Reuters. (2020, Jan 30). *RPT-Asia Rice-Indian prices extend gains as Thailand battles drought.*

#### ***Rice farmers in Nakhon Ratchasima signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to end rice-stubble burning.***

According to the Chief of Khon Buri district in Nakhon Ratchasima province, the district organised a campaign to educate local farmers on the harmful effects of rice-stubble burning to the air quality and the environment. The event was a collaboration between the Khon Buri district office and Nakhon Ratchasima's land development agency. At the event, there were a demonstration of the correct steps in ploughing and a lecture on soil quality improvement by using the organic methods. Additionally, relevant government agencies and more than 100 farmers signed the MOU on ending the practice of rice-stubble burning.

**Source:** Nation. (2020, Jan 29). *Farmers to end rice-stubble burning in Nakhon Ratchasima district.*

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