



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Myanmar

#### ***Farmers in Thanlyin township grow more paddy in this summer season.***

According to the local farmers in Thanlyin Township, farmers planted more paddy in this summer season because they could access enough irrigation water this year. Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture in Thanlyin township targeted to grow 3,096 acres (1,253 hectares) of summer paddy. Besides, the department provides the training for local farmers about the multi-crop cultivation, including the cost-effective technology, high-quality seeds, farming technique under the GAP system, production of crops in line with the rules and regulations during the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

\*1 hectare = 2.47 acres

1 acre = 0.405 hectare

**Source:** Global New Light of Myanmar. (2021, Feb 14). *Thanlyin local farmers grow more summer paddy, edible oil crop.*

### Thailand

#### ***An additional budget of 3.83 billion baht (127 million USD) is set to allocate for the rice price guarantee scheme.***

On 11 February 2021, the National Rice Policy Committee approved an additional budget of 3.83 billion baht for the rice price guarantee scheme of 2020/2021 crop year, raising the total budget to 50.6 billion baht from the previous of 46.8 billion baht (1.56

billion USD). The additional budget is planned to add to the scheme because of the increasing number of registrants from the previous 4.5 million farmer families with a combined 56 million rai (8.96 million hectares) to 4.68 million farmer families with 61.2 million rai (9.76 million hectares). Additionally, the Ministry of Commerce and the Bank of Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives have been assigned to prepare the details to be proposed for the cabinet approval.

\*1 USD = 30.0445 baht

\*\*1 hectare = 6.25 rai

1 rai = 0.16 hectare

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2021, Feb 12). *Panel adds B3.83 bn for price guarantee.*

### Viet Nam

#### ***Viet Nam has good opportunities for rice export in 2021 due to favourable factors.***

The prospect of Viet Nam's rice exports in 2021 seems bright as the major markets, such as the Philippines and Africa, continue signing contracts to buy Vietnamese rice. Meanwhile, other markets also have great demand for fragrant rice and sticky rice. Additionally, the free trade agreements between Viet Nam and other countries with preferential tariffs, including the EU-Viet Nam and the UK-Viet Nam, would create the favourable conditions for Vietnamese rice to compete with rival countries, according to the Viet Nam Food Association.

**Source:** Bizhub. (2021, Feb 13). *Rice exports enjoy opportunities for breakthrough in 2021.*

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