



# WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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## Philippines

### **Philippines and Vietnam Deepen Strategic Ties and Economic Cooperation**

The Philippines and Vietnam have agreed to deepen economic cooperation and USD expand bilateral trade beyond their 10 billion target following talks between Philippines and Vietnam's government. Under an upgraded Enhanced Strategic Partnership, the two countries will strengthen collaboration in agriculture, manufacturing, green technology, the digital economy, and defense. Agriculture remains a key focus, with plans to expand cooperation in agribusiness, seafood processing, and climate-resilient farming research. The leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to food security through a recently established long-term rice trade mechanism, building on Vietnam's role as a major rice supplier to the Philippines.

**Source:** The Philippines News Agency. (2026, June 1). *Indonesia rice reserves hit record ahead of dry season.*

## Thailand

### **CMP Repositions as 'Premium Rice Specialist' at THAIFEX 2026**

At THAIFEX – Anuga Asia 2026, Managing Director of CMP Group has announced a strategic shift from a traditional rice producer and exporter to a "Premium Rice Specialist," aiming to create greater value for the global food industry, which the company's nearly 90 years of experience across the rice value chain provide a strong foundation for its new

direction. CMP markets rice globally under brands including Golden Phoenix, Q Rice, and Golden Crane. CMP Group highlighted five key business areas, which is premium export solutions, organic rice products, OEM and private-label services, innovative rice concepts, and global partnership opportunities. Under the theme "Generations of Trust. Future of Rice," CMP's 2026 strategy focuses on innovation, sustainability, farmer support, and responsible sourcing. The company also plans marketing campaigns and collaborations with chefs and international culinary networks to promote Thai premium rice worldwide. Moreover, the move marks an important step in strengthening its position in the global food industry while supporting the long-term development of Thailand's rice sector.

**Source:** Bangkok Post. (2026, June 2). *CMP Unveils "Premium Rice Specialist" Vision at THAIFEX 2026 for Global Food Innovation*

## Japan

### **Japan Raises Concerns Over Surge in Private Rice Imports**

The Japanese government has warned that a sharp rise in private-sector rice imports, driven by soaring domestic rice prices, could reduce demand for domestic produced rice and negatively affect domestic production. According to the fiscal 2025 food and agriculture white paper, the government acknowledged that inaccurate demand forecasts and delays in releasing stockpiled rice contributed to supply concerns and further price increases. The report also highlighted growing food security risks stemming from Japan's reliance on imported agricultural inputs such as fertilisers and feed, as well as disruptions to global supply chains.

**Source:** The Japan Times. (2026, May 29). *Japan voices concern over rice imports in white paper*

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