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2012 ANNUAL FORUM ON FOOD SAFETY DEVELOPMENT OF SAFE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN MODEL



Vice Minister of Mard, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu chaired the 2012 Annual Forum on Food Safety organized by ISG/ICD and FAPQDCP (under NAFIQAD's supervision) on 26 June 2012, in Hanoi

According to the National Strategy on Food Safety for 2011-2020, and Vision toward 2030 which was approved by the Prime Minister in Decision No. 20/QĐ-TTg date 04 January 2012, one of the key programs and projects is assigned to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, in collaboration with the provincial people committees to draft and take lead in “Development on

safe food supply chain model”.

The Annual Forum on Food Safety were organized by the International Support Group (MARD-ISG), in collaboration with the Food Agricultural Products Quality Development Control Project (FAPQDCP) which is under supervision of the National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department.

The forum is focused on “Development of Safe food supply chain model” with the participation of representatives from the Ministries related to Food Safety sector, MARD’s projects on Food Safety, and international communities in Vietnam. The objectives of the forum are to (i) Discuss and prepare recommendations in the fields of technical, managerial and institutional solutions for developing safe food provision chains; (ii) Coordinate international support for the development of the model.

Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mrs Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu said that the Government of Vietnam gives priority to the food quality and safety via the Food safety Law, the Circulars, Decrees and National strategy on this issue. However, there was still lack of coordination of agencies, risk analysis and identification systems, management capacity from central to local levels for better safe food quality control in order to ensure the consumers’ health, commodity competitiveness, reputation and value-added agricultural goods. Vice Minister also said that the food chain based management was the essential way to control the food safety of agricultural products. The education and communication on Food Safety should go hand in hand with supervision and sanctions. Production

and brand building, especially the role of enterprises in implementing safe food chain should be re-organized. "The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development always listens, shares and facilitates the supports from the

international organizations and the civil society organizations to learn and improve the policies to achieve the National strategy on Food Safety", said Vice Minister.

For more detailed information and documents of the forum, please visit the ISG news webpage as follow:

http://www.isgmard.org.vn/ARDRefDocs_ARDSectorWorkshopsConsultations.asp (ISG)

HI-TECH AGRICULTURE - PRE-CONDITION FOR SUCCESSFUL SECTORAL RESTRUCTURING

In the past ten years, despite the fact that many significant achievements have been achieved contributing to economic, social and political development, agricultural GDP growth is declining (source: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development).

During the 1995-2000 period, GDP growth reached 4%/year, then in the 2001-2005 period was 3.83% and the 2006-2010 period was down only 3.3% respectively; yield and the quality of many agricultural commodities were much lower than other country competitors, environmental pollution increased, natural resources

To solve this situation, according to the "restructuring the agricultural sector towards greater added value and sustainable development" proposal, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has considered the promotion of hi-tech research and application in plant varieties, livestock and processing to aim the sector growth at 3.5-4% by 2020.

According to the Development of hi-tech agriculture Project (NNCNC), each province has at least 10 business sectors, 10 agricultural production

zones; 1 or 2 hi-tech agricultural zones are set up in each ecological zone to increase the density of hi-tech agricultural production to 25% of total agricultural production all over the country.

Some NNCNC models have been initially formed all over the country; such as a project to invest in building multi-functional hi-tech agricultural zone in HCMC, with nearly 90 hectares to conduct technology research, technology performance and technology transfer in crop production, livestock, veterinary and aquaculture farming. In addition, the large scale demonstration farm model of exported rice and clean catfish is piloted in the Mekong Delta...

However, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the development of NNCNC is still limited. Only three enterprises in the entire country were recognised for applying hi-tech as Da Lat Flower-Forest Biotechnology Corporation, Da Lat Hasfarm and TH Milk Joint Stocks Company. Notably, Dalat Hasfarm is applying the Netherlands technology to plant rose, chrysanthemum, gerbera,



Israeli Drip Irrigation System

lily which are 20-30 times more efficient than regular flowers.

The legal framework to promote applying hi-tech to agriculture sector has been established, including the Law on High Technology to. It open the door for the individuals invest in building and sales of high-tech zone (This is an unprecedented regulations). The venture capital funds for high technology are also encouraged by the State budget and other resources.

The NNCNC is a very important and complicated program. Currently, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is developing the NNCNC zones master plan which will be approved by the Prime Minister shortly. (NTH)

Scientific and technological strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development in 2011-2020

Scientific and technological development plan by 2020 is to ensure national food security and improve the added value of agricultural products; thereby improve production efficiency, increase income for farmers, improve sustainable

agricultural and rural development, protect environment and respond to climate change.

Draft strategy of S&T for Agriculture and Rural Development in 2011-2020 mentioned five objectives which are:

application of S&T may contribute 40% of agricultural added GDP by 2015 and 50% by 2020; high-tech agricultural products will account for 30% of productive value by 2015 and 50% by 2020; 100% scientific and technological organizations will reach

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2 Vice Minister of MARD, Mr. Bui Ba Bong and Mrs. Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu at the Workshop for draft strategy of S&T for Agriculture and Rural Development in 2011-2020

regional level and the post graduated staffs will be doubled by 2020; total social science and technology investment will reach 0.3% of GDP by 2015 and 0.5% by 2020.

In 2001-2010, Science and Technology directly contributed about 35% to agricultural GDP, maintain

agricultural growth on average 5.36%/year, maintain national food security ... The S&T force is steadily growing, and achieves International standards in many areas such as agriculture, fisheries, irrigation. However, a number of inadequate issues affecting the S&T development such as the low effectiveness, uneven S&T,

low management capacity, and the innovation was slow...

The strategy indentified S&T development tasks in seven key areas of sub-sector (farming, livestock-veterinary, forestry, irrigation, fisheries, agricultural electronic and post-harvest technology, policy on agriculture and rural development) and six major solutions (complete organizational system, develop human resources, innovate management mechanism on S&T, innovate the extension activities, international cooperation and incentive policies for S&T development).

The technical proposal in the Draft is greatly reflected needs from the sub-sectors development strategies which refers quite completely the different fields, and identify the key central tasks... However, this draft hasn't fully mentioned to rural development research and policy institutions which were blurred in all the fields of agriculture, forestry, irrigation, fishery... Public consultation is encouraged for finalizing the proposal. (HNN)

Planning for Aquaculture development in Vietnam by 2020, Vision to 2030.

The workshop on "Planning for aquaculture development in Vietnam by 2020, Vision 2030" held by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on 22 June 2012 in Hanoi.

According to plan, to develop Vietnam's fisheries sector by 2020, the total social investment were expected to be 60,857 billion VND, in which, 30.000 billion was for the development of the aquaculture sector, 24,257 billion was for seafood processing development and 6600 billion was for the development of fish exploitation. The objective is to reach \$ 11 billion of export turnover.

Vice Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Vu Van Tam said the fishery should focus on

the major aquaculture commodities which Vietnam has comparative advantages and good position in the global market.

It's necessary to organize and monitor the fisheries resources for the fishery management activities and the appropriate arrangement on ships and jobs; Thereby apply the advanced technologies in post-harvest preservation technology, especially for offshore fishing ships.

In addition, the aquaculture sector should focus on importing new modern breeding technology which is consistent with Vietnam conditions, building aquacultural models, applying advanced scientific achievements in aquaculture. Business sectors have to invest in research and production,



increase market share of value added products in accordance with the purchasing capability and the tastes of each market, develop the supply, wholesale and supermarket network through the relations with the importers and suppliers.

The priority should be given to intensive exported seafood processing, investment in upgrading exported seafood processing facilities to meet the national technical standards as well as to meet the national imported market demand on food safety and environmental protection. /.(NTT)

SPECIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT ON NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT PRO-POOR COMMUNES

Decision No. 695/QĐ-TTg dated 08 June 2012 of the Prime Minister on changing the principle of capital support mechanism to implement the national target program on New Rural Development from 2010 to 2020.

The Prime Minister has decided to support up to 100% from the state budget for the water supply and residential wastewater construction; building sport residential for villagers; building village roads inland roads and inland canals; improving production, service and infrastructure of the centralized production, small scale

industry and fishery areas in the pro-poor communes under the National Sustainable Poverty Reduction Programme.

For non-poor communes, the Government supports only partial investment needs. The central budget allocation will be based on socio-economic conditions. Priority is given to the difficult localities who have un-balanced budget located in very difficult areas and well-performed management.

According to this Decision, the poor households participating directly in



building the local socio-economic infrastructure are considered and paid by the local government at the certain level which is compliant with local market salary.

This decision takes effect from 8 June 2012. (DTV)

POLICIES TO SUPPORT POST-HARVEST LOSS REDUCTION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND AQUATIC PRODUCTS

On 22 June 2012, the State Bank issued Circular No. 22/2012/TT-NHNN detailing the implementation of Decision No. 63/2010/QĐ-TTg AND Decision No. 65/2011QĐ-TTg dated 2 December 2011 of the Prime Minister on policies to support post-harvest loss reduction for agricultural and aquatic products

5 commercial banks including AgriBank, MHB, BIDV, VietinBank and VietcomBank committed to provide soft loans for reducing post harvest losses of agricultural and aquatic products.

These banks would apply the lowest possible interest rates within the bank framework for interest rate applying

for agricultural and rural sectors in the same term and period.

The borrowing conditions are the same with non interest for first two years, and 50% interest from the 3rd year.. The support to cover interests is only provided to the real borrowers having good no bad debts.

This Circular replaces Circular No. 03/2011/TT-NHNN dated 08/03/2011 and takes effect from 10 August 2012. (DTV)

Amendments of decree on fisheries sector

Prime Minister promulgated Decree No. 53/2012/ND - CP dated 20 June 2012 amending and supplementing some articles on fisheries sector as follows to:

- Amend Clause 1, Clause 2, Clause 3 and Clause 4, Article 6 and 7 related to procedures, sequences and agencies issuing production permission on fisheries of Decree No. 59/2005 / ND-CP dated 4 May 2005 by the Government on production and trading conditions of some fisheries sectors;
- Abrogate Clause 5, Article 1 and Clause 6, Article 1 of Decree No. 14/2009/ND-CP dated 13 February 2009 by the Government amending and supplementing some articles of Decree No. 59/2005/ND -CP dated 4 May 2005 by the Government on



production and trading conditions in some fisheries sectors.

- Amend and supplement some articles of Decree No. 33/2010/ND-CP dated 31 March 2010 by the Government on fisheries management of organizations and individuals in Vietnam's sea areas, including Clause 4 and 5 of Article 21; Point a, Clause 1, Article 4; article 6; article 7;

Clauses 6 and 7 to Article 9 related to some issues such as fisheries zoning, exploitation conditions, licensing process and procedures for fishing ships in national sea areas or other areas, responsibilities of organizations and individuals engaged in fishing outside of Vietnam's sea areas.

The decree amended and supplemented and abrogated some articles of Decree No. 31/2010/ND-CP dated 30 March 2010 by the Government on fisheries management of foreign fishing ships in Vietnam's sea areas; the decree also amended, supplemented and abrogated a number of articles of Decree No. 52/2010/ND-CP dated 17 May 2010 by the Government on import of fishing ships ... This Decree takes effect from 10 August 2012. / (NTT)

MARD proposes to amend agricultural insurance

Modify and supplement Circular 47 on pilot agricultural to:

- + Expand the insured objects on farming animals and aquatic products; Supplement some more types of insurance on natural disasters, diseases and agricultural production areas.
- + Abrogate the regulation on the extent of damage is insured.
- + Supplement the procedures on livestock and aquaculture.
- + These works must be completed

before 15 July 2012.

Petition Prime Minister to:

- + Increase support from 80% to 100% for marginally poor participating in pilot agricultural insurance.
- + Extend the period of pilot agricultural insurance to the end of 2014

Propose Ministry of Finance to:

- + Unified regulations on insured productivity which is accounted for 90% of average commune productivity.
- + Abrogate regulations on the number



of insured farming animals and deductible.

- + Amend regulations on insurance premium for the rice, farming animal and aquaculture. (NTH)

Investment and Development opportunities on forestry plant seeds



The Vietnamese business units, who are interested in forestry sector, will have more opportunities to invest in research, processing and supplying of forest seeds. Decision No. 1238/QĐ-BNN-TCLN on "Planning the research, processing and supplying system of forest plant seeds by 2020", has been approved and promulgated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the priority is given

to building the seed source system investing in nursery garden system; providing technical training for producing new seeds. Incentive credit capitals are prioritized for commercial seed production of organizations, households and individuals to borrow capital to raise, manage, and protect recognized seeds as well as to produce and develop hi-tech forestry seeds.

The Decision also states that business owners on forestry seeds are exempted from land use fee, land tax, land use tax in the period of building seeds before harvest, incentive tax and income tax exemption are given to certified seeds, addition income tax exemption is provided in case of investing in the establishment of new seed production facilities.

According to the Decision, the total expense for the implementation of Planning the research, processing and supplying system of forest plant seeds by 2020 is expected to reach over 548 billion VND, in which, about 198 billion VND is for research and training; more than 219 billion VND is building seeds and more than 131 billion VND is for upgrading and building nursery gardens to meet the demand of 404 million seedlings each year for forestry development. Those expenses are from the budget fund, international cooperation fund and the community. As planned there will be more than 4,970 hectares of seed sources, more than 1,520 hectares of nursery gardens and the system of different organizations and individuals who produce and do business on seeds and seedlings. (HNN)

Attracting investment and development of fruit tree key areas

With nearly 3 million tons of production of all kinds of fruit each year, accounting for more than 40% of the total fruit production in the country, including many famous and high quality local specialties, Mekong Delta has actually become Vietnam's fruit basket next to the two other leading agricultural commodities: rice and seafood. According to the orientation of investment and development of fruit growing sub-region, fruit productivity and quality in the region has been improved



significantly in recent years.

Many kinds of fruit have been registered for certification of geographical indication, certification of quality standards VietGAP,

Global GAP, GAP EUREP.. which will increase the competitiveness and value-added of exported products, including some difficult markets like USA, Russia, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Singapore, Japan, Korea... The investment and development opportunities for key areas of fruit trees in Mekong Delta is also shown by the Decision No. 01/2012/QĐ-TTg dated 09 January 2012 by the Prime Minister on a number of policies to support GAP in agriculture, forestry and fisheries. (PB)

VCF funds for agricultural and rural projects

Vietnam Challenge Fund (VCF) and its partners have recently held two workshops to review the projects “beef production in H’mong Cao Bang” and “The participation of ethnic minorities in the Shan Tea value chain Shan in Ha Giang province” in Hanoi. These are two projects funded and managed by the Department for International Development (DFID), in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Ministry of Planning and Investment

Total funds for two projects are up to \$791,000, in which \$ 325,000 is

from VCF. The objectives of the funds are to create jobs, increase incomes and improve the life quality of a part of ethnic minorities, including women in the highland provinces of Vietnam.

According to initial assessment, nearly 760 poor households from 11 villages in Ha Giang and 500 farmers in Cao Bang have participated and benefited from these projects. Although these projects are just in initial stages, they have created quality products to



Harvesting Shan tea in a Northern Mountainous Province

provide for domestic and international markets. (NTS)

36 types of Vietnamese vegetables get to US market



Vietnam is considered one of the most exporters on agricultural products to the U.S. market. In the first five months of this year, Vietnam exported 36 types of vegetables to the US, earning total turnover of US\$1.1

million, in which, the salt mushrooms and canned mushrooms earned the highest turnover following by maize and boiled maize. Vietnamese onions, garlic, and ginger are also favoured by American consumers. According to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the US has increased its import of fresh fruits and vegetables, and reduced that of canned products.

However, Ministry of Industry and Trade said that Vietnamese businesses might meet strict requirements on food hygiene and safety to penetrate this market. Because agricultural imported

product quality will be strictly controlled due to Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) has been issued lately.

From 2012, the United States will conduct strict inspection procedures for imported products and goods from all countries, including agricultural products, food and beverages. According to FSMA, United States Department of Agriculture will have the right to check and revoke exported products to the United States and charge for export producers if their products are not qualified. (HA)

Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry

The 15th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF 15) was held on 28 June 2012 in Hanoi with the participation of senior officials on Forestry from ASEAN member countries, representatives from ASEAN Secretariat, development partners and international organizations.

Opening the meeting, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Cao Duc Phat said the forestry sector contributed significantly to economic growth and poverty eradication as well as created jobs for rural and



Delegates are taking photo at the meeting.

mountainous areas. However, there were still many difficulties and challenges.

He said that the use of forest land for hydro-power plants, roads and

agricultural production had reduced the quality and quantity of natural forests. And illegal logging and trading in wildlife were still popular pursuits.

The delegates focused their discussions on the progress of the implementation of the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry, forest fires prevention and sustainable forest management, regional programs and projects on forestry cooperation, and ASEAN-the Republic of Korea forestry cooperation. (NTS)

Vietnam to help Namibia produce rice



The talk between MARD and the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry of Republic of Namibia on 28 June 2012 in Ha Noi

During the talks, both sides agreed to boost cooperation in agriculture, irrigation and forestry.

Mr. Diep Kinh Tan, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development said Vietnam was willing to send agricultural

experts to Namibia to help it gradually meet the food demand and become a food exporter as well as exchange and train agricultural technicians and plant rubber trees.

Mr. Peter lilonga, Namibian Vice Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry said, Vietnam and Namibia had a long-term agricultural cooperation and he hoped Vietnam would continue supporting his country in agriculture, especially in planting rice and developing fisheries; at the same time, review and edit to re-sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for new cooperation.

Mr. Peter lilonga also added that the project under the Viet Nam-Namibia-

FAO co-operation agreement, which sent a number of experts to Namibia to help in raising fisherie, had been initially positive.

Vice Minister Diep Kinh Tan said, Vietnam and Africa had great potential in agricultural cooperation. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development highly appreciated the cooperation with Africa in general and with Namibia in particular. Up to now, Vietnam Viet Nam has signed more than 30 agreements in agriculture, fisheries, veterinary sanitation, plant protection and plant quarantine with African countries including Angola, Mozambique, Egypt, Libya, Namibia, Sudan and Sierra Leone.(HNN)

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22/06/2012	Document No. 849/TTg-QHQT approving the list of technical assistance on public procurement funded by WB.
21/06/2012	Document No. 845/TTg-QHQT approving the list of projects on technical assistance funded by WB.
18/06/2012	Document No. 802/TTg-QHQT on the negotiation of funding the Project "Disaster Management" funded by WB.
15/06/2012	Document No. 800/TTg-QHQT reporting negotiation result of the Project "Coastal Resources for the sustainable development" funded by WB.
15/06/2012	Document No. 801/TTg-QHQT approving the list of effective distribution projects funded by WB.
14/06/2012	Decision No. 716/QĐ-TTg implementing pilot solutions to support poor households in improving safe conditions for accommodation, responding to floods in the North Central and Central Coast.
12/06/2012	Decision No. 705/QĐ-TTg establishing the Central Steering Committee on sustainable poverty reduction for the period of 2011-2020.
12/06/2012	Document No. 790/TTg-QHQT on policy framework of the project "Coastal Resources for Sustainable development" funded by WB.
08/06/2012	Decision No. 695/QĐ-TTg on amending the mechanism principle for national target program on new rural development for 2010-2020.
01/06/2012	Decision No. 24/2012/QĐ-TTg on investment and development policies on special-use forest for 2011-2020.
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MARD	
25/06/2012	Circular No. 26/2012/TT-BNNPTNT promulgating the provisional list of feed for livestock and poultry which are allowed to circulate in Vietnam.
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20/06/2012	Decision No. 872/QĐ-BNN-KHCN approving the detailed outline 2012: To investigate and evaluate the effects of climate change to the agricultural and rural infrastructure system and propose solutions to reduce these impacts.
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19/06/2012	Decision No. 1449/QĐ-BNN-TCCB on the establishment of Project Management for the Project "Disaster Management" (Pk-Haz) funded by WB.
19/06/2012	Circular No. 24/2012/TT-BNNPTNT promulgating the national technical standard on testing plant varieties.
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05/06/2012	Circular No. 22/2012/TT-BNNPTNT on amending and supplementing some articles of the Circular No. 10/2012/TT-BNNPTNT dated 22 February 2012 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgating the list of legal, restricted and illegal pesticides in Vietnam.
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28/05/2012	Decision No. 1240/QĐ-BNN-HTQT approving the project " comparative studies on avian influenza virus and Newcastle virus between Korea and Vietnam" funded by Korea
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