

Speech
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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Government of Thailand, I have the great pleasure to be here to address at the thirty-eighth session of the FAO Conference on Sustainable Food System and Food Security and Nutrition today.

First of all, let me welcome Republic of Singapore, nation of Brunei Darussalam and Republic of South Sudan as the new member of FAO. The joining of Singapore and Brunei will complete the number of ASEAN member country as the FAO members. Again, welcome and congratulation to all the new member countries.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for giving Thailand the achievement award for achieving in reducing the number of undernourished people by half in 2015 yesterday. Thailand recognized the important of Food security which is essential to the living of the people not only

for Thai people but for people around the world. By saying this, Thailand has already launched the strategic framework for Food Management as the direction of food security scheme by The Thai National Food Committee chaired by Prime Minister.

In term of transforming this strategic framework into action, Thailand developed and applied dual approaches in Agriculture Development,

first approach is focusing on the large scale farmer emphasized marketing aspect which means the policy and activity will be support more trade than self –sufficiency aspect. Therefore, Recently, Thailand has launched new agricultural development policies which call agricultural zoning policy. Market interest will be target of production in each area by matching the scientific information on soil and types of crop, livestock and fishery to select the proper commodity for specific area. To support this policy, strengthening the capacity of farmers is needed by providing more knowledge and changing their mindset and habit of farming practice to become Smart Farmers and Young Smart Farmers replacing aging farmers. As a consequence, Thailand is able to contribute agricultural foods and productions with a premium quality and safety to the world market.

Second approach is focusing on small-scale farmers and rural people throughout the country, in this regards, philosophy of Sufficiency Economy, initiated by His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej is adopted as the fundamental in agriculture development in rural area. The farmer will practice farm activity in livestock, fishery and crop plantation to feed themselves first. The farm that apply to this Philosophy is call “New Agricultural Theory” which is “Integrated Farming System”. The main activities in this system is having pond and growing rice, in addition farmer can expand more activity to crop,

livestock, and fishery as per their interest. This farming system would therefore lead to food security in rural area.

These approaches will create food security in rural area which will cover from household to the community, the national level and also to people around the world. Besides these, Thailand also developed the Green City policy in order to campaign the reduction of climate change impact which is increasing more and more. Another policy is expanding the food lost and food waste concept in agriculture activity not only for Livestock but also all agriculture sector for food security concern.

In Addition, we are delveloped more comprehensive program in term of Health , Ministry of Public Health has also educated on dietary requirement and nutritious value by encouraging people in Thailand to aware of staying fit with healthy diet. Furthermore, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has established the project called “School Lunch Program” in remote area to help under-funded schools to have sufficient and nutrition food at school by adding the agriculture project such as fish, chicken or pig raising and vegetables growing in the school program. Moreover, the students will experience on how agriculture is important.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, Food Security and Nutrition are vital to the situation today. The more we success in food security, the more we success in developing the Sustainable Food System. Therefore, as the kitchen of the world, Thailand is willing to share all experiences and would like to urge every country to combat global hunger and poverty for achieving Millennium Development Goals for at all time well being of mankind

Thank you