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Thailand Hosts the 61st International Coconut Community,

Aiming to Elevate the Global Coconut Industry Toward Sustainable International Standards



Captain Thamanat Prompow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, assigned Mr. Amin Mayuso, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, to preside over the opening ceremony of the 61st International Coconut Community Session Meeting 2025. The deputy minister delivered welcoming remarks to the delegates from member countries, representatives from international organizations, and relevant agencies. Thailand hosted the meeting from 18 - 21 November 2025 at The Berkeley Hotel Pratunam, Bangkok, and arranged a field visit to coconut production and processing sites in Ratchaburi Province.

Mr. Amin Mayuso, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, stated "The objective of this meeting is to review the annual work plan and budget, exchange knowledge and



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experiences in coconut production and marketing, and drive the global coconut industry across the entire supply chain toward stable and sustainable growth. The meeting is attended by more than 100 participants from 16 member countries. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, as the host agency, plays a crucial role in advancing international cooperation on coconut-related initiatives. Thailand is one of the key high-quality coconut production hubs, a center for cooperation on standards and innovations throughout the coconut supply chain, and a strong supporter of food security. Farmer income enhancement, and the sustainable development of the global coconut industry are also among our focuses. These efforts align with the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives' policy of "Market-Led, Innovation-Driven, and Income-Enhancing Agriculture."

Mr. Rapibhat Chandarasivongs, Director-General of the Department of Agriculture, said "The Department of Agriculture and the International Coconut Community have jointly issued a joint declaration under the theme "Enhancing Standards and Innovation for a Sustainable Global Coconut Industry." The declaration reflects the shared commitment of member countries to upgrade standards across the entire supply chain and drive innovation that supports long-term sustainable development. Thailand presented its initiatives to promote safety and ethical production standards, including Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), GAP Monkey-Free Plus, organic standards, and Geographical Indication (GI). These standards aim to ensure food safety, traceability, and responsible production. The country also encourages farmers and exporters to adopt farm certification systems to enhance product quality, increase income, and strengthen competitiveness in the global market."

In terms of innovation, Thailand presented new research and technologies, including the development of the Rapibhat Nam Hom coconut variety, a dwarf coconut cultivar designed to improve harvesting efficiency; the application of biological controls for pest management, the promotion of environmentally friendly agricultural inputs; and approaches that support the transition toward low-carbon agriculture. Thailand also emphasized the cooperation to advance the use of digital technologies, knowledge-sharing platforms, and centralized databases to enable farmers, researchers, and entrepreneurs to access technology and information more efficiently, transparently, and in a more modernized manner. These efforts also contribute to knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and strengthened collaboration among member countries.



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Thailand also encouraged member countries to work together to elevate production standards, promote research and innovation, expand fair and sustainable trade, strengthen climate-resilience capabilities, and enhance stable income opportunities for coconut farmers. All are to develop an environmental-friendly global coconut industry that grows stably and sustainably. Following the conclusion of the meeting, delegates visited the coconut farms and processing facilities in Ratchaburi Province to observe Thailand's production systems, processing technologies, and supply chain management.

"This meeting has strengthened cooperation among member countries in the areas of academic exchange, production, trade, and innovation, while reinforcing Thailand's role as one of the world's key coconut producers. It also helps drive the global coconut industry toward stable and sustainable growth," the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture concluded.

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