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Private Laboratories Accreditation Announcement Boosting Seed Export Sales

On February 21, 2023, the Department of Agriculture (DOA) granted Accredited Seed Test Laboratory Accreditation to two private laboratories that had passed its audit standards. This ceremony demonstrates the DOA's commitment and reflection towards being 'World Leader of Tropical Seed', the policy initiative announced during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Seventh APEC Virtual Food Security Ministerial Meeting hosted by Thailand at the end of last year.

"In light of the significance of food security and food safety to the global society, it is anticipated that the government will export seeds worth 15,000 million baht. Hence, having more eligible and competent private laboratories can lighten the government's work load on seed certification, which involves approximately 30,000 applications per year, resulting in a more effective and expedient protocol for exporting seeds" said Mr. Rapibhat Chandarasrivongs, Director-General of the DOA.



Two private laboratories which were fully accredited at the time of this announcement included Seed Test Labs Asia Ltd. and Bayer Thai Co., Ltd. Two other companies--East-West Seed Co., Ltd. and Chia Tai Co. Ltd.--were in the process of accreditation, while HM.Clause (Thailand) Co., Ltd. had just applied for this accreditation scheme.

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