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# *Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Security in Thailand*

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*Public Forum and Academic Dialogue*

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**Organized by:** Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR)

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8:30 – 9:00 am **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 am **Welcome Remarks and Meeting Overview**

- **Assoc.Prof.Dr.Sunait CHUTINTARANOND**, Dean of Graduate School, Representing Chulalongkorn University Senior Administration
- **Emeritus Professor Dr. Anop KUNAVONGKRIT**, Founder, CUSAR, and Alumnus, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
- **Mr. Matthew FIELDING**, SIANI Steering Committee Member, in Residence, 2015 at Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI); Asia office, Bangkok
- **Dr. Wayne NELLES**, Visiting Scholar, CUSAR – Brief Overview of HESA Project

9:15 – 10:45 am **GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES & POLICIES: Thai Higher Agriculture and Food Security Education, Scientific Research and Extension Priorities amidst National Environmental/Sustainability and Capacity Development Challenges** (Panel and Dialogue)

- **MODERATOR: Prof. Dr. Surichai WUN'GAEO**, Director, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies Chulalongkorn University, and Rural Sociologist

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:**

1. What are the principal, most pressing interrelated agriculture and environment problems and food security challenges in Thailand? What is the Thai government doing (and which Ministries/Departments) to address these interconnected concerns?
2. What government priorities, budgets, innovations and best practices now exist to support post-secondary education, training, extension and research for sustainable agriculture to address overlapping agro-environmental problems, food security, hunger and poverty?
3. Can cross-sectoral/inter-departmental and government-university cooperation on education, training and research be improved to better address interrelated agriculture-environment problems and food security challenges? If so how?
4. What new resources, policies, plans, reforms or innovations (local, institutional, national and regional) are needed (or committed) for HESA in post-secondary institutions, programs and governments to better strengthen teaching, learning, research and extension services?

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Poonpipop KASEMSAP**, Representative of The Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education
- **Ms. Raweevan BHURIDEJ**, Inspector, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- **Mr. Suppanart KETCHAROEN**, Director of Agricultural Extension Research and Development Division, Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE)
- **Ms. Kunvara CHOTIPHANSOPHON**, Deputy Director, Agricultural Research Development (Public Organization) - ARDA
- **Ms. Ladawon KHAMPA**, Deputy Secretary General, National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB).

#### **Audience Discussion**

- Open Debate/Public Input, Q/A

10:45 am – 11:00 am **Coffee/Tea Break**

11:00 am – 12:30 PM **ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVES: Thai Higher Education for Sustainable Agriculture (HESA) and Food Security Data, Issues, Challenges and Opportunities**  
(Panel Discussion and Open Dialogue with Audience/Participants)

- **MODERATOR: Dr. Supawan VISETNOI**, Lecturer, CUSAR

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR UNIVERSITIES and INSTITUTES**

1. What principal, most pressing (and related) agriculture and environment problems in Thailand should higher education (or research centers) better address?
2. What are examples of current or exemplary model teaching programs, research activities and best practices on sustainable agriculture and food security in your universities or institutes?
3. Are public investments (government policies, priorities, budgets and programs) adequate to meet existing HESA needs or future challenges?
4. What new resources, policies, reforms, curricula or other innovations (local, institutional, national and regional) and partnerships are needed (or committed) for post-secondary institutions, programs and governments to better strengthen HESA teaching, learning, research and university extension services?

- **Emeritus Prof, Dr. Thavivongse SRIBURI**, Unisearch and Environmental Sciences, Chulalongkorn University.
- **Dr. Dusit ATHINUWAT**, Organic/Sustainable Agriculture Program, Thammasat University.
- **Dr. Abha MISHRA Co-Director**, Asian Center of Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture Intensification (ACISAI), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
- **Dr. Suparek SOOKSMARN**, Assistant to Vice President for Research, Kasetsart University (KU).
- **Dr. Theerachai HAITOOK**, Lecturer, Kohn Kaen University, Faculty of Agriculture
- **Assistant Professor, Dr. Chanchai SANGCHYOSWAT**, Chiang Mai University; Faculty of Agriculture.
- **Dr. Kobchai WORRAPIMPHONG**, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Development, Faculty of Natural Resources, Prince of Songkla University.
- **Prof. Dr. Rut MORAKOTE**, Head of School of Plant Production Technology, Institute of Agricultural Technology (IAT), Suranaree University of Technology (SUT), Nakhon Ratchasima
- **Dr. Unchalee SANGUANPONG**, Assoc. Prof., Director, Organic Agriculture Innovation Network, Faculty of Agricultural Technology Rajamangala University of Technology,
- **Dr. Pradtana YOSSUCK**, Assistant Professor, School of Administrative Studies (SAS), Maejo University (MJU)
- **Dr. Eric KEMP-BENEDICT**, Asia Director, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

#### **Audience Discussion:**

- Open Debate/Public Input, Q/A

12:30 PM – 12:35 PM **Closing Remarks/Next Steps for HESA Thailand-ASEAN Research, Networking and Partnerships through SIANI and Beyond**

- **Dr. Wayne NELLES**, Visiting Scholar, CUSAR, HESA Coordinator