

Minutes of Discussion between NFI and NARO, Japan  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 13.30 – 14.30 hours  
At Meeting Room No.1, NFI

**Attendees:**

**NFI**

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| 1. Mrs.Anong Pajitprapapon    | President  |
| 2. Dr.Wichien Rerkpattanakit  | Executive Advisor  |
| 3. Ms.Chanchira Sinoulchan    | Vice President, Office of the President                                  |
| 4. Ms.Preeyaporn Jaengkarnkit | Acting Vice President<br>Department of Laboratory Services               |
| 5. Ms.Sirinan Suktawee        | Specialist<br>Division of Training, Department of Food Industry Training |
| 6. Mr.Chonlayout Raweewan     | Manager, Food Functionality Evaluation Centre                            |
| 7. Mr.Worawut Boonsornmun     | Supervisor, International Relations Division                             |

**NARO, Japan**

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| 1. Dr.Atsumo Matsuda    | Vice President  |
| 2. Dr.Jun'ichi Nakagawa | Deputy Director-General<br>NARO Development Strategy Center |
| 3. Dr.Marie Nishimura   | Deputy Director, Office of the President                    |
| 4. Ms.Akiko Hosoda      | Thai-Japanese interpreter                                   |

**Summary of discussion**

1. Dr.Atsumo Matsuda expressed his appreciation to NFI for welcoming the participants from NARO, Japan. The objectives of the visit were to learning Thai's export strategy for agricultural/livestock products and processed food products, and seek collaboration and strengthen relations with the institutes through the high level visit from NARO. Dr.Matsuda then presented the roles of NARO as follows;

1) NARO is an organization under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan. NARO was established to provide the platform for advancing research initiatives effectively and efficiently, and enable Japan's agriculture and the rural areas particularly, to accurately respond to changes in society, economy, and the environment.

2) The major roles are

- Strengthening the capability of agricultural production and farm management.

- Development of new varieties and agricultural products towards realization of strong agriculture and creation of innovative industries.

- Producing high-quality and healthy foods and ensuring the safety and reliability of agricultural products.

- Resolution of environmental issues and sustainable use of local resources.

2. Mrs. Anong Pajitprapapon gave her welcome remarks to all participants from NARO, Japan. Then she gave her presentation on Export Strategy of Thailand for Agricultural/Livestock Products and Processed Food Products.

3. Dr. Matsuda informed NARO's plan of establishing an office in Thailand to promote research activities and collaboration with Thailand and other ASEAN countries. He also proposed to have future cooperation between NFI and NARO on the topics of mutual interest, which will be discussed in the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 14.30 hrs.

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