

Minutes of Discussion between NFI and Victorian Government Trade & Investment –  
Southeast Asia

26<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 09.00 – 10.00 hours

At Meeting Room No.6, NFI

Attendees:

NFI

No.	Name	Position
1	Dr. Wichien Rerkpattanakit	Executive Advisor
2	Ms. Chanchira Sinolchan	Vice President, Office of the President
3	Mr. Thepchoo Sripoti	Specialist, Department of Research and Information
4	Mr. Thiroj Kowattana	Manager, Department of Innovation Promotion
5	Ms. Areeporn Tumrung	Manager, Department of Technology and Consultancy Services
6	Mr. Taratip Waewsri	Senior Officer, Department of Food Industry Training
7	Mr. Worawut Boonsornmun	Supervisor, International Relations Division

Victorian Government Trade & Investment – Southeast Asia

No.	Name	Position
1	Mr. Peter Raymond	Government Coordination Director

Summary of discussion

1. Dr. Wichien Rerkpattanakit gave a welcome remark to a representative of Victorian Government Trade & Investment.

2. Mr. Peter Raymond expressed his appreciation to NFI for welcoming and informed the objectives of the visit were to learn about the role of NFI and to seek for collaboration between NFI and Victorian Government. Then he presented information on Victoria and Victorian Government Trade & Investment Office as follows:

- 1) Victoria has an area of 3% of Australia.
- 2) Victoria contributes 25% of Australian's total Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- 3) Victoria exports a number of dairy products and meat to Southeast Asia market. Food safety and traceability are the keys of success in the food industry and food standard.
- 4) Victorian government has established Victorian Government Trade & Investment Office in order to assist and support Victorian companies to expand their

products to global market. It has 24 international offices around the world. Three of them are in Southeast Asia; Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam and five in China. His office locates in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

5) Victorian government works closely with Victorian food & beverage companies. It has policy on bringing companies to join international exhibitions every year such as Gulfood in the United Arab Emirates, Foodex in Japan, and Food & Beverage Fair in Singapore. However, this year are cancelled because of the outbreak of coronavirus.

6) Victorian government also invites foreign companies to visit Victoria in order to gain their trust on Victorian companies.

3. Dr. Wichien presented overview of NFI and its duties in Thai food industry and informed that NFI had arranged business trips for Thai companies or SMEs to join international events.

4. Both sides discussed on the Victorian government trade & investment policy for Thai companies, in which there are no any special policies for Thai companies. There are the divisions that will assist and give an advice to foreign investors and traders. Then both sides exchanged views and ideas concerning the possible collaboration activities in food industry between Thai and Victorian companies through business matching, business networking, and business trip visiting.

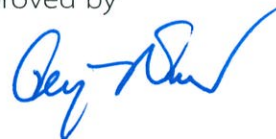
The meeting adjourned at 10.00 hrs.

Submitted by



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