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# International Seminar on Sustainable Food System in Southeast Asia Under and Beyond COVID-19: Policy Evidence and Call for Action

Tentative program  
Bangkok time zone (GMT+7)

Day 1: 19 May 2022

8:30 – 8:45 Webinar open for participants

Plenary session:

8:45 – 9:00 Opening session:

Background and introduction: Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, Mekong Institute

Welcoming remarks: Kampanat Vijitsrikamol, Head, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University

Welcoming remarks: Suresh Babu, Head, Capacity Strengthening, International Food Policy Research Institute

9:00 – 10:00 Keynote presentation

Repositioning policies for transforming food systems in Southeast Asia  
Shenggen Fan, Chair Professor and Dean of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy, China Agricultural University & Former Director General of International Food Policy Research Institute

Rapporteur: Adam Kennedy, International Food Policy Research Institute

10:00 – 10:15 *Intersession break (photo session)*

10:15 – 12:15 Session 1: Boosting sustainable production

Chair: Wallapak Polasub, Senior Researcher, Institute for Sustainable Food Systems, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Rapporteur: Teeka Yotapakdee, Maejo University; Pakapon Saiyut, Khon Kaen University

1.1 Minimizing global double impacts (Climate change & COVID-19) to agri-food system transformation in Myanmar

*Yarzar Hein*

*Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Yezin Agricultural University*

## 1.2 Natural Capital Impacts on Food System

Santi Sanglestsawai\* and Nopasom Sinphurmsukskul

*Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics,  
Kasetsart University*

## 1.3 Pesticide use practices in Cambodia's vegetable farming

*Sim Sokcheng*

*Director, Center for Policy Research in Agriculture and Rural Development,  
Cambodia Development Resources Institute (CDRI)*

## 1.4 World fruit tree technology and innovation: implications towards sustainable farming

*Nithicha Thamthanakoon\* et al.*

*Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Kasetsart University*

*12:15 – 13:00 Lunch Break*

## 13:00 – 16:00 Session 2: Building resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

**Chair: Suresh Babu, Head, Capacity Strengthening, International Food Policy  
Research Institute**

**Rapporteur: Uchook Duangbootsee, Kasetsart University; Jirawan Kitthaicharoen,  
Chiangmai University; Palakorn Sutsue, Prince Songkla University**

## 2.1 Economic impacts of COVID-19 lockdown measures to livestock production in Thailand

*Aerwadee Premashthira\* et al.*

*Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics,  
Kasetsart University*

## 2.2 Food sufficiency at a time of pandemic: The case of small-state survival of Singapore

*Yoshihisa Godo\* and Tai Wei Lim*

*Professor, Department of Economics, Meiji Gakuin University*

## 2.3 Impact of COVID-19 Situation on Thai agricultural households and the role of agricultural digitalization

*Witsanu Attavanich*

*Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Kasetsart University*

## 2.4 Adoption of smart farming in central Thailand: Case study in rice, pineapple, and cassava

*Thanaporn Athipanyakul\* et al.*

*Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics,  
Kasetsart University*

## 2.5 Seeds as a starting point of Food System: Putting Crisis (COVID19) in Perspective

*Kanokwan Chodchoey*

*Executive Director, The Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)*

## 2.6 Policy recommendations for climate resilient ASEAN agriculture. What do we learn from a review study?

*Associate professor, Gordana Manevska-Tasevska\* et al.*

*Department of Economics, Agrifood Economic Center, Swedish University of  
Agricultural Sciences (SLU)*

Day 2: 20 May 2022

9:00 – 11:30 Session 3: Food System Profile and Policy

Chair: Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director, Mekong Institute

Rapporteur: Piyawong Punjatewakupt, Thammasat University; Pornsiri Suebpongsang, Chiangmai University

3.1 Specialization, scale, and spillovers in Southeast Asia's transforming food systems

*Benjamin Belton*

*Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University & interim Global Lead for Social and Economic Inclusion, WorldFish*

3.2 Differences in impact on sustainability-based supply chain certification on nucleus and plasma tea plantations (Case Study in Tea Plantations in Central Java - Indonesia)

*Adi Djoko Guritno\* et al.*

*Associate Professor, Department of Agroindustrial Technology, Universitas Gadjah Mada*

3.3 Food Systems Profile - Along a rural-urban transect in North Vietnam

*Tuyen Huynh\* et al.*

*Senior Research Associate, The Alliance of Bioversity International & International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)*

3.4 Vietnam's Food System: The characteristics, challenges and opportunities

*Dao The Anh*

*Vice-President, Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences*

3.5 Thailand Food Systems: A systematic approach toward integrated policy process

*Santi Charoenpornpattana*

*Director, Science Technology and Innovation Policy Institute, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi*

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 – 14:30 Session 4: Promoting safe, nutritious and sustainable consumption

Chair: Emorn Udomkesmalee, Senior Advisor, Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University & former Board Chair of International Food Policy Research Institute

Rapporteur: Thasanee Satimanon, National Institute of Development Administration; Chayada Bhadrakom, Kasetsart University

4.1 Consumers' food choice during the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from a key urban consumption zone in the Philippines

*Marie Claire Custodio*

*Associate Researcher, Market and Food Systems Research, International Rice Research Institute & Ghent University*

4.2 Market transformation of agriculture products in Indonesia: COVID-19 pandemic and agri-food digital market

*Sahara Djaenudin\* et al.*

*Head, Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Management, IPB University*

4.3 COVID-19 impacts beyond production: changes in food environments in Thailand and the Philippines

*Jody Harris*

*Global Lead Specialist – Food Systems, World Vegetable Centre*

*14:30 – 14:45 Intersession break*

**14:45 – 16:20 Policy Forum: Sustainable Food System: Policy Discussion and Call for Action**

**Moderator: Suresh Babu, Head, Capacity Strengthening, International Food Policy Research Institute Senior Research Fellow**

**Rapporteur: Duncan Boughton, Michigan State University; Orachos Napasintuwong, Kasetsart University**

**Panelists**

1. Dr. Nipon Poapongsakorn, Distinguished fellow, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)
2. Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla, Undersecretary, Regional Development Group, National Economic Development Authority, the Philippines
3. Dr. Eiichi Kusano, Senior Researcher, Social Science Division, Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)
4. Dr. Ravi Khetarpal, Executive Secretary, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)

**16:20 – 16:35 Wrap up session: Duncan Boughton, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University**

**16:35 – 16:40 Closing remarks: Visit Limsombunchai, Dean, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University**

**\*speaker**