EFFORTS IN THAILAND FOR VALUE CHAIN ESTABLISHMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

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Recent economic growth in non-agricultural sectors over past decades has reduced the relative importance of agriculture in gross domestic product (GDP) and export earnings. However, agriculture remains a significant economic activity in rural areas. Thailand has been aiming to become the “Kitchen of the World”, the state policy promoting utilization of Thai agricultural resources and strategic location combined with R&D. Since 1968, the Institute of Food Research and Product Development (IFRPD), a public research institute, has been conducting R&D on food value chain and provides technical assistance, including consultancy services in food production, establishment of small and medium sized factories, and technical training for the public sector and local community, for the improvement of the food industry. Over the past 40-plus years, IFRPD’s activities, which are aimed at strengthening the Thai food industry and are currently following the policy of promoting the country as the “Kitchen of the World”, will be presented. We strive for excellence as a food research and development institution and as part of the national food industry. In order to meet global demand for standard quality and consumer safety in food, we adhere to international quality standards as required. We also promote the Thai food industry, especially its export products. Collaboration through networks among government, food industry, and consumers is critical in ensuring the delivery of safe, healthy, and nutritious food. Advances in science and technology offer many potential benefits in food production and distribution, which are of considerable influence in the last stage of the food value chain. An example of international collaboration to maintain traditional food industry and culture will be given.

KEYWORDS
food value chain, international collaboration
Emerging food innovation & technology in Thailand: Convenience and Healthy

- Processing
  - Extruded food products: snacks, breakfast cereal, instant drink
  - Dried foods
  - Frozen/chilled foods
  - Non-thermal process

Emerging food innovation & technology in Thailand: Functional Foods

- Natural
  - Natural sources
  - Gluten-free, Chemicals-free

- Healthy products
  - Low fat, low sugar, low calories
  - Low salt
  - Diabetic control products
  - Healthy GI products

- Organic
**Pilot Plant 2**

**Food quality assurance center**

- Certification of Food Products for Export
- Certification for Thai FDA Registration
- Functional components
- Nutritional and Food Safety Evaluation
- Thermal Process Evaluation

**Food Allergen Analysis Laboratory**

1. Food Allergen Analysis Service
   - Egg, Milk, Peanut, Wheat, Seafood, Gluten
2. ELISA Kit Production
   - Egg, Milk, Peanut, Wheat
3. ELISA Kit Development for Coconut Allergy
4. Supporting Food Allergen Management of Thai Food Industry for Gluten free products, e.g. rice noodles
5. Establishing Food Allergen Website for Consumers
   [http://www.ifrp-foodallergy.com](http://www.ifrp-foodallergy.com)

**IFRPD: Public Private Partnership Initiative**

**SERVICE OUTPUT for FOOD INDUSTRIES**

- Research services
- Research Collaboration
- Research Coaching and Capacity building
- By services: to serve
- Research Consultant and Supervising

**IFRPD & JIRCAS have continued collaborative projects “more than 20 years”**

- Historical collaborations on various topics were implemented “around food value chain”
  - Prevention of Postharvest Loss of Staple Cereals
  - Exploring Functionality of Thai Indigenous Plants
  - Development of Functional Foods
  - Upgrading Traditional Fermented Products
  - Advanced Application of Food Resources in Asia
  - etc.
Rice – The World’s Most Important Crop

Value Addition of Rice

- Q (Food Safety)
- GI (Geographical)

Support Technology for rice products
- GABA Rice
- Rice “by-products”
- Product diversification

Germinated and GABA Rice

49 products
26 producers
19 provinces
In Year 2005

Indigenous Plants in Thailand

Antimutagenicity

Nakahara, Trakootivakorn et al., J Agric Food Chem. 2002;50:4796-4802

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**Improvement of technology in Thua-Nao production**

- Pure cultures in thua-nao fermentation has not only improved process efficiency
- but also improved product quality and consistency
- *B. subtilis* N-8 (1% v/w) could effectively be used as inoculum and fermentation would accomplished within 48 hrs or less

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**Production of Thua-Nao**

- History, came from Thai-Yai (Chan, Myanmar) to the North part of Thailand
- Consumed in
  - Mae Hong Son
  - Chiang Mai
  - Lamphun
  - Lampang

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**Production of Thua-Nao**

- Thua-nao is an inexpensive food
  - But high-protein content
  - Easily produced and properly prepared

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**Using starter culture for fermented rice noodle “Kanom jeen”**

- Reducing the spoilage losses
- Constancy the fermentation process and quality of product
- Improving the physical and chemical properties of fermented rice noodle
IFRPD...
As R&D and Innovation (RDI) center

Linkages with food industries (multinational corporates and Thai SMEs)
- Morinaga Partner for Food Allergen Test Kit
- Research Incubators for Food SMEs
- Otagi-sama Project from Niigata Pref, Japan
- Networking on Food Security, Food Safety and Nutritional Security in GMS (focusing on Glutinous Rice, Good Agricultural Practice and Food Quality Assurance)

As a partner of Morinaga on Food Allergen Test Kit

As a part of public KU infrastructure, IFRPD supporting Japanese company, Thai Food Industry and Consumers

MOU
KU and
Morinaga Institute of Biological Science, Inc.
July 11, 2013

Opening ceremony of MBST on Dec 12, 2013

Thai-Japan Otagi-sama Project...
“Rice Valley” Forum
Niigata University and IFRPD act as Management & Preparedness Organization (CMPO)

May 7, 2013, KU
May 29, 2013, Tokyo

Collaboration Network on Glutinous rice in GMS (Greater Mekong Sub-region)

- Kasetsart University
- SVITA Foundation
- Federation of the Quang Tri Union of Science and Technology Association, Vietnam
- Thasano Rice Research and Seed Multiplication, Ban Thasano, Savannakhet, Lao PDR
- Savannakhet University, Savannakhet, Lao PDR

Geographical Distribution of Glutinous rice

Frequency of distribution based on sources germsplasm

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