

Ministerial Statement - H.E. Dr. Chalermchai Sri-On
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Chairman, Ministers and Distinguished Guests,

I am honored to inform that Thailand is determined to become the “Kitchen of the World” and has therefore adopted the policy of the ‘3 S’, namely ‘Safety’, ‘Security’ and ‘Sustainability’, for our agriculture and food sectors. The Thai government also adopted the ‘Bio-Circular’ or ‘BCG’ economic model to be implemented in five strategic areas: 1) food security, 2) public health, 3) energy security, 4) employment and occupation and 5) environmental sustainability. Scientific research, technology and innovation shall enable us to ‘forward’ better and prepare us for the ‘new’ normal by enhancing national competitiveness in line with Thailand’s vision of “Stability, Prosperity and Sustainability”

Since last January we have organized several National Dialogue Events, called “Welcome to think and chat”, involving all stakeholders including the United Nations Agencies and the FAO/RAP Thailand. I am delighted to summarize the four key points and the game changing solutions to transform the food system that emerged from the National Dialogue:

1. Self-reliance in food production. People must be able to be self-reliant in food starting from household level. This is in line with the “Principle of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy” and “New Theory Agriculture in every district nationwide aiming

3. Biodiversity protection and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources. Ensure that all stakeholders, beginning from farmers, local communities, people's networks and businesses, producers and consumers, conserve, protect and restore biodiversity and sustainably use terrestrial and marine natural resources. In this end