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ASEAN-JICA FOOD VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In March 2025, a successful pesticide residue analysis training program was held in Thailand for participants from Lao PDR, marking the second AJFVC country-focused SPS training, following Cambodia's session led by the Philippines. The program included lectures and hands-on laboratory training, with three participants from key institutions in Lao PDR: the Plant Protection Center and the National Center of Food and Drug Analysis. Facilitated by Thailand's Agricultural Toxic Substances Research Group, this initiative aims to empower agricultural professionals and promote collaboration in addressing food safety challenges in agriculture.

PESTICIDE RESIDUE ANALYSIS TRAINING IN THAILAND FOR LAO PDR PARTICIPANTS



HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT MEETINGS

PROGRESS REPORT MEETING 2025 WITH JICA OFFICES

A progress report meeting took place with JICA offices in the ASEAN region, where the project team shared updates on outputs and outlined planned activities for AJFVC in the Japanese fiscal year 2025. The AJFVC plans to organize some training sessions and workshops in the region and requested the JICA offices to extend their cooperation and assistance for the smooth implementation of these activities.

INCEPTION MEETING FOR OUTPUT 3: GAQP

On March 20, 2025, the AJFVC held an online Inception Meeting to launch Output 3, aimed at improving food safety in the fishery sector. The meeting highlighted activities promoting Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) and establishing ASEAN guidelines for fisheries management. Fruitful discussions were held from a technical point of view, with inputs from the AMSs and SEAFDEC.

ASEAN SECOND TASK FORCE MEETING FOR FAF

The ASEAN Second Task Force meeting in Langkawi, Malaysia, focused on the strategic framework for Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (FAF), was held with the goal of drafting three key policy documents: the FAF Sectoral Plan (2026-2030), the ASEAN Declaration on the Vision for FAF Towards 2045, and the ASEAN Framework for Cooperation in FAF Towards 2045. The AJFVC presented its project progress and future plans, aiming to align with ASEAN's FAF policy direction. This meeting marked a significant advancement in promoting the development of FAF in the region.

