



“Mapping and Assessing University-based Farmer Extension Services in ASEAN through an Agro-ecological/Organic Lens”

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Main Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Thursday, 23 Feb 2017, 8:30 am to 5:00 PM

OVERVIEW

Mainstream “modern” (often so-called “conventional”) largely industrial-scale mono-crop agriculture remains one of the world’s greatest contributors to global environmental problems: pollution, desertification, deforestation, drought, depleting aquifers, water diversion, biodiversity loss, land degradation and more. Agriculture may also be the world’s single greatest contributor to climate change. Moreover, this largely agrochemical-dependent industrial, market-driven agri-food system has still not provided food or nutritional security for some 800 million of the world’s poor, mostly rural people, including almost 60 million in Southeast Asia.

How have universities contributed to such problems or on the other hand aimed to mitigate them through extension services with farmers? Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR) is exploring this question in a one year study called ***“Mapping and Assessing University-based Farmer Extension Services in ASEAN through an Agro-ecological/Organic Lens”*** with support from the Chulalongkorn University UNISEARCH Fund (“ASEAN Cluster” Project Grant); Agroecology Learning alliance in South East Asia (ALiSEA); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and Chula’s ASEAN Studies Center (ASC).

The research in sum aims mainly to:

1. Explore what roles universities play in either exacerbating or mitigating environment, food security, poverty reduction and agricultural development challenges in ASEAN and contribute to social or rural transformation.
2. Understand through quantitative empirical evidence combined with good qualitative analysis, how, why and to what degrees Southeast Asian universities inhibit or support agro-ecological and organic approaches in teaching, research and extension services.
3. Provide policy, program and curricular recommendations for future education, research and extension services and rural development planning in response to perceived knowledge and capacity gaps.

Preliminary results from national case studies will be presented at this ASEAN regional workshop on 23 February 2017 in Bangkok then edited and published in a good quality book of workshop proceedings.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM **(FINAL)**

8:30 am to 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am to 9:30 am **Welcome and Opening Host Remarks**

- **Associate Professor, Dr. Kanisak Oraveerakul**, DVM, Ph.D., Dean, Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR), THAILAND
- **Professor Kiat Ruxrungham, M.D.**, Vice President for Research and Innovation Chulalongkorn University
- **Asst. Prof Dr. Jakkrit Sangkhamanee**, PhD. Department of Sociology & Anthropology and Member, Executive Committee, ASEAN Studies Center (ASC) Chulalongkorn University
- **Mr. Somchai Charnarongkul**, Director General, **or Representative**, Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), Kingdom of Thailand

9:30 – 10:30 **SESSION ONE: Project Contexts, Theoretical Issues and ASEAN/MEKONG Regional Perspectives on Agriculture Education and Extension Networks**

MODERATOR & RESPONDENT: Mr. Aziz Arya, Policy and Programme Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (PROAP), Bangkok.

- **Dr. Wayne Nelles**, Visiting Scholar, Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR), Bangkok, THAILAND
- **Mr. Pierre Ferrand**, Regional Coordinator, Agroecology Learning Alliance in South East Asia (ALiSEA) and Mekong, Regional Office, Vientiane, LAOS; with **Dr. Htet Kyu**, ALiSEA National Coordinator for Myanmar.
- **Dr. Virginia Cardenas**, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS), Coordinator, Asia-Pacific; and Dean of College of Public Affairs, University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)
- **Ms. Martina Spisiakova**, Knowledge Management Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), Bangkok, THAILAND

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10:45 – 12:00 **SESSION TWO: National Case Studies (1), Focal Point Teams – MALAYSIA, MYANMAR, and THAILAND,**

MODERATOR & RESPONDENT: Dr. Narumon Hinshiranan, Representative of the Director, Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute (CUSRI)

- **MALAYSIA: Dr. Norsida Man**, Associate Professor, Department of Agriculture Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

- **MYANMAR:** **Dr. Nyein Nyein Htwe**, Agricultural Extension Specialist, Yezin Agricultural University (YAU), Nay Pyi Taw; **Dr. Khin Oo**, Retired Professor of Agriculture; and **Dr. Htet Kyu**, ALiSEA National Coordinator for Myanmar.
- **THAILAND:** **Dr. Supawan Visetnoi**, Lecturer, Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR), Bangkok.

12:00 – 13:15 *LUNCH Break*

13:15 – 14:30 **SESSION THREE: National Case Studies (2) Focal Point Teams CAMBODIA, LAOS and VIET NAM**

MODERATOR & RESPONDENT: **Prof. Dr. Surichai Wun’Gaeo**, Director, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS), Chulalongkorn University and Rural Sociologist.

- **CAMBODIA:** **Dr. Buntong Borarin**, Vice-Dean of Faculty of Agro-Industry, Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA and **Mr. Chun Nimul**, Lecturer, Svay Rieng University.
- **LAOS:** **Dr. Saythong Vilayvong**, Office of Research and Service, National University of Laos (NUOL) and **Dr. Malavanh Chittavong**, Faculty of Agriculture, NUOL
- **VIET NAM:** **Dr. Pham Van Hoi**, Director, Center for Agricultural Research and Ecological Studies (CARES), Hanoi, Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA) and **Dr. Nguyen Thanh Binh**, Mekong Delta Development Research Institute, Can Tho University (MDI-CTU)

14:30 – 15:30 **SESSION FOUR: National Case Studies (3) Focal Point Teams INDONESIA and PHILIPPINES**

MODERATOR & RESPONDENT: **Dr. Chantana Wungaeo**, Faculty of Political Science Chulalongkorn University

- **INDONESIA,** **Dr. Siti Amanah**, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and National Representative GFRAS, with **Ms. Epsi Euriga**, Faculty/Staff Yogyakarta Agricultural Extension College (STPP Yogyakarta), Ministry of Agriculture; and **Dr. Helmi Helmi** Professor of Agriculture Development, Agribusiness Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Andalas University, with **Mr. Rafnel Azhari**, Lecturer/Researcher, Andalas University.
- **PHILIPPINES:** **Dr. Ted Mendoza**, Professor, University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and **Dr. Virginia Cardenas**, Dean of College of Public Affairs, UPLB and GFRAS, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific.

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15:45 – 16:45 **SESSION FIVE: Final Reflections: Expert Presenters and Participants**
(Open Dialogue/No Papers)

Co-MODERATORS Dr. Wayne Nelles, Visiting Scholar, Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR), Bangkok, THAILAND with **Ms. Ushio Miura**, Programme Specialist/Team Leader, Education Research and Foresight, and Chief, Education for Sustainable Development (EDS), UNESCO Bangkok, Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education.

Reflections on:

- Impressions/issues arising from Regional Papers and National Case Studies
- Developing a long-term university extension research and rural service agenda for ASEAN
- Linking project follow-up to global/UN *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*, 2015-2030 and COP 21 Climate Action commitments
- Contributing agri-food system knowledge/expertise to the *ASEAN Work Plan on Education, 2016-2020* and other regional policy frameworks with planned outputs
- Gender mainstreaming in extension research, university education and farmer services
- Agricultural ASEAN University Network (AAUN) Maejo University led under AUN Auspices
- University-International Agency, Civil Society and Farmer partnerships
- Building or Improving Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D), Education and Extension Networks across ASEAN and Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)
- ASEAN-GMS Agriculture Higher Education Policies, Reforms and Capacity development
- University extension capacities and needs in ASEAN and GMS Member States for “*Promoting Safe and Environment-friendly Agro-based Value Chains*” re “Knowledge Pillar” of new ADB led *Core Agriculture Support Program Phase II (CASP2) Strategy and Action Plan, 2018-2022*.

16:45 -17:00 **SESSION SIX: Wrap-up Remarks and Next Steps**

- **Dr. Supawan Visetnoi**, Lecturer, Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources (CUSAR), and **Dr. Wayne Nelles**, Visiting Scholar, CUSAR, Bangkok, THAILAND
 - Publication of Proceedings (with Policy Recommendations)
 - Policy Brief (informal document or formal publication summarizing recommendations - TBC)
 - Future Policy Dialogue on Research Findings with National Government, Regional and International Agencies in ASEAN and SEAMEO Officials/Experts
 - Implementation of National Case Study Recommendations
 - Expanding/Growing and Strengthening our Regional Network and Synergies with new Complementary National or cross-national Initiatives
 - Planning New Projects and Collaboration

Separate Venue – **TBA**

18:00 – 19:30 **INFORMAL NETWORKING RECEPTION & CLOSING DINNER**

(by **INVITATION** –
Symposium Speakers and Resource People)