



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### **Cambodia**

***Cambodia exported 94,720 tonnes of milled rice to China in the first six months of 2017, up 101 percent compared to the same period of 2016.*** During January to June 2017, Cambodia exported a total of 288,562 tonnes of milled rice to 56 countries up 7.6 percent over the same period of 2016. However, China is still the top buyer of Cambodian rice.

**Source:** Yan. (2017, Jul 7). *Cambodia's rice export to China doubles in first half of 2017.* Xinhua.

### **Myanmar**

***Myanmar and Pakistan will export rice 100,000 metric tonnes (MT) to Sri Lanka due to the heavy floods in 2017.*** Sri Lanka will purchase 200,000 MT of rice from India, Pakistan and Myanmar, which 100,000 MT will be imported from India and the rest will come from Myanmar and

Pakistan to address the rice shortfall in its domestic market.

**Source:** Dongmiao, Z. (2017, Jul 7). *Sri Lanka to import rice to address rice shortage.* Xinhua.

### **Thailand**

***The Ministry of Commerce has continued the project under the integrated rice production and marketing plan focusing on milled rice.*** This plan is a mechanism to ensure that farmers participating in the program can sell their rice at a price which is consistent with their rice quality. Moreover, milled rice will be upgraded across the country through the rice mill 4.0 project to improve the rice productivity.

**Source:** National News Bureau of Thailand (NNT). (2017, Jul 9). *Commerce Min continues project under integrated rice production and marketing plan.*

### **Viet Nam**

***Rice prices in the Mekong delta continued increasing, local farmers are feeling exhilarated.*** As a result of 70 percent of paddy fields are grown from high quality seeds, high rice price has been remained unchanged in the first six months without the government's intervention. Moreover, rice export is showing a good sign when the price for paddy rice is 5,500 VND (0.242 USD) per kilogram and other variety is 6,000 VND (0.264 USD) per kilogram. By the end of June, Viet Nam exported rice nearly 3 million tonnes which could be able to reach its export target of 6.4 million tonnes in 2017.

\* 1 USD = VND 22,746

**Source:** Phong, C. (2017, Jul 10). *Rice price hikes in Mekong delta.* Sài Gòn Giải Phóng (SGGP) Online.

***Viet Nam aims to export 4 million tonnes of rice in 2030 under a 2017-2020 rice export development strategy.*** Under the strategy, exports of fragrant rice and specialty rice will account for 40 percent, followed by glutinous rice and white rice exports at 25 percent per each, while special rice products will increase to 10 percent. Viet Nam shipped 413,000 tonnes of rice worth 182 million USD to 2.8 million tonnes and 1.2 billion USD in the first half of 2017, up 6.3 percent in volume and 4.9 percent in value. China remained the top importer of Vietnamese rice.

**Source:** Vietnam.net. (2017, Jul 7). *Vietnam targets exporting 4 million tonnes of rice by 2030.*

***Viet Nam has outlined plans to boost revenues from rice exports over the next decade by focusing on a higher quality product and selling more outside Asia.*** Rice exports aimed to reach 2.5 billion USD annually between 2021 and 2030. The achievement is to encourage production of higher-quality and decrease outputs of broken rice. Viet Nam overseas rice exports will account for 50 percent, 25 percent, 10 percent, and 6 percent in Asian countries, Africa, the Americas, and Europe respectively. Furthermore, in Asia, China, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia are still the major buyers meanwhile increasing exports to South Korea and Japan.

**Source:** REUTERS. (2017, Jul 6). *Vietnam to promote high-quality rice.* Bangkok Post.

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