



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Viet Nam

#### ***Paddy output 2018 in the southern region will reach over 26 million tonnes.***

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the southern region of Viet Nam is estimated to produce more than 26 million tonnes of paddy this year, up 1.1 million tonnes from last year, reaching its target for 2018. This year, the southern region has planted more than 4.4 million hectares of rice, down about 63,500 hectares against last year. However, the yield per hectare has been 5.95 tonnes, up 338 kilogrammes compared to last year. In addition, farmers have shifted many rice areas to high-value crops, such as fruits and vegetables. The region has also been cultivated more specialty fragrant rice and high-quality rice varieties. In the 2018-19 winter-spring crop, the southern region expects to grow 1.65 million hectares of rice, including 1.57 million hectares in the Mekong Delta.

**Source:** Viet Nam News. (2018, Oct 22). *Southern region hits target for rice harvest.*

### Philippines

#### ***The National Food Authority (NFA) will reopen another rice import tender after most offer prices were too high.***

Pursuant to rice import tender for the supply of 250,000 tonnes of 25 percent broken rice, most of offers from the 13 international suppliers exceeded the NFA's approved budget of 428.18 USD a tonne. The NFA accepted offers for only 47,000 tonnes from the three suppliers, namely Thai Capital Crops Co.,Ltd. from Thailand, Vinafood 1 and Vinafood 2 from Viet Nam. Thai Capital Crops Co.,Ltd. won a bid to supply 18,000 tonnes at 426.30 USD per tonne. Meanwhile, Vinafood 1 was awarded the supply of 14,000 tonnes at 427.50 USD per tonne and Vinafood 2 secured the supply of 15,000 tonnes at 427.68 per tonne. Regarding to this, the NFA will reopen the rice import tender for the remaining volume that was not taken, said Deputy Administrator for Marketing Operations.

**Source:** Reuters. (2018, Oct 18). *UPDATE 1-Philippines plans another rice tender after most prices too high in latest round.*

### Republic of Korea

#### ***Republic of Korea (ROK) donates rice to flood victims in Myanmar.***

According to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA), the ROK contributes 1,300 tonnes of rice to flood-affected people after heavy monsoon rains hit villages in central and southern Myanmar in late July 2018. The rice is delivered under Tier 3 programme of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR). The 1,300-tonne rice has started shipping from the southeastern port of Busan since 23 October 2018.

**Source:** Yonhap. (2018, Oct 22). *S. Korea to send rice to flood victims in Myanmar.*

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