



## WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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### Philippines

#### ***The Philippines opens the rice bidding to import 300,000 tonnes of rice under the government-to-government (G2G) scheme.***

Four Asian countries, namely Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, and India, have expressed interest to supply 300,000 tonnes of rice to the Philippines under a government-to-government (G2G) scheme. During the online bidding on 8 June 2020, four Asian countries submitted their bids for supplying rice imports with 25 percent broken. The reference price of all five lots of rice, which are Manila, Cebu, Tacloban, Zamboanga, and Davao, was set at 497.62 USD per tonne. Besides, the government, through the Philippines International Trading Corp. (PITC), has set aside 7.45 billion pesos (149 million USD) for the procurement. The first 150,000 tonnes of rice shall be delivered on 14 July 2020 latest and the remaining shall be delivered not later than 14 August 2020.

\*1 USD = 49.85 pesos

**Source:** Philstar (2020, Jun 9). *4 Asian countries bid to supply rice to Philippines.*

### Thailand

#### ***A drought damages more than 1,000 rai (160 hectares) of rice fields in Phitsanulok province of Thailand.***

A drought in Phitsanulok province is destroying more than 1,000 rai of rice field in Phrom Phiram district. The Provincial Administration Organization (PAO) sent officials to follow up and install a 10-inch water pump, as aiming to divert water to from Yom River to Saeng Canal, where farmers can use for agricultural purposes. Currently, the water has reached the rice fields and the PAO hopes that the drying rice shoots can be salvaged.

\*1 hectare = 6.25 rai

1 rai = 0.16 hectare

**Source:** Nation. (2020, Jun 3). *Drought threatens Phitsanulok rice fields.*

#### ***Thailand conducts an online meeting to negotiate about rice sales.***

The Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) is carrying out online negotiations with Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and China on rice sales. The Philippines has opened bidding for 300,000 tonnes of rice and Thailand will inform the Philippines about its offer. For Malaysia and Indonesia, the DFT is following up situation closely and waiting to make a deal. Additionally, the department is urging China to close a deal for 300,000 tonnes of rice and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is expected to be signed soon. Apart from this, the DFT plans to collaborate with rice exporters in discussing with importers about their satisfaction and inform that Thailand is ready to export high-quality rice.

**Source:** Nation. (2020, Jun 3). *Drought threatens Phitsanulok rice fields.*

## Viet Nam

### ***Viet Nam's rice exports to the international market see growth in volume and value from January to May 2020.***

Viet Nam has seen strong growth in rice exports during the first five months of 2020. During this period, the country shipped rice nearly 2.9 million tonnes to the international market worth 1.41 billion USD, up 5.1 percent in volume and 18.9 percent in value. Shipments have increased sharply since 1 May 2020 as the government decided to resume rice exports. Additionally, the country is likely to ship seven million tonnes of rice this year.

**Source:** Vietnam News Agency. (2020, Jun 8). *Rice export value up 18.9 percent in Jan-May*; and VNExpress. (2020, Jun 3). *Vietnam eyes exports of seven million tonnes of rice this year*.

### ***Vietnamese rice prices increase due to uptick in demand but low supplies.***

As of 4 June 2020, rates for Vietnamese 5 percent broken rice rose to 475 USD per tonnes, the highest since 2012, from 450-460 USD per tonne a week earlier. The demand remained strong whereas the supplies are low. Therefore, traders are facing difficulties in securing rice to fulfil their contracts. Additionally, heavy rains caused slowing the summer-autumn harvest in the Mekong Delta.

**Source:** Reuters. (2020, Jun 4). *Asia Rice-Vietnam rates scale 8-yr peak as rains hamper harvest*.

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