

Background of the
Anti-Corruption Center (So.Po.Tho.)
Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Establishment

On 24 July 2012, the Cabinet resolved to establish an Anti-Corruption Action Center in the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office, the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, etc., to integrate efforts, facilitate, and move forward with the plans to prevent and suppress corruption. These were established as government agencies under Section 31, Paragraph 2 of the State Administration Act of 1991, as amended.

The Ministerial Regulation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (No. 4) BE 2556 (2013 AD) designated the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Center in the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to act as the main agency to coordinate and implement anti-corruption efforts as well as promotion of ethics in the ministry.

Administration

Mr. Surapong Cheasakul, as Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, was appointed as the first Director of the Anti-Corruption Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

Authority of the Center

The Anti-Corruption Center has the authority to act on the prevention and suppression of corruption and misconduct, and the promotion of ethics in the Ministry. The Center receives and acts on complaints about corruption, illegal actions or dereliction of duty of officials in government agencies and other organizations under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives. The Center also safeguards the ethics of officials under the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry.

Organizational Structure of the Center

The Anti-Corruption Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives consists of two working groups:

1. The Working Group to prevent and suppress corruption and misbehaviour
2. The Working Group to promote the safeguard of ethics



Announcement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
On the Intention to Prevent and Combat Corruption

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is aware of the effects that the problem of corruption has caused to Thai society for many years, and especially the problems that have occurred in government agencies. The Ministry thus will promote the raising of consciousness of its personnel to oppose corruption, and the participation of all in both the government and private sectors to prevent and suppress corruption, so that administration can be efficient, in compliance with government policies, and following principles of good governance, and the people will believe and trust in the government's administration of the country.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives therefore announces its intention and commitment to prevent and fight corruption in all forms, by setting directions and measures to be used as standards and guidelines, as well as be the shared values, for all organizations and personnel to conduct themselves, in line with other rules and regulations. These are:

1. To instil ethical values and attitudes, the sense of public service, and anti-corruption
2. To work honestly, with responsibility and transparency open to inspection
3. To develop a performance-based system of administration based on principles of good governance and good administrative behaviour.
4. Support information and news, and coordinate cooperation in the prevention and suppression of corruption in all sectors
5. Encourage personnel to apply the sufficiency economy philosophy to their lives and work

Proclaimed on 16 October 2015

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Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Action Plan to Prevent and Counter Corruption and Wrongdoing
For the 5 Year Period 2017 to 2021
Of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Vision: The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to oppose corruption in all forms

Mission: Establish networks, improve knowledge, increase efficiency in preventing and suppressing corruption

Purpose: Personnel to have the ethical principles of honesty, anti-corruption in all forms, and transparency in their work

Strategy 1: Strengthening discipline and opposition to corruption

Tactic 1.1 Strengthen discipline, self-sufficiency and opposition to corruption in personnel at all levels

Guidelines: 1. Develop officials at every level as appropriate to their roles and promote discipline and the values of honesty and opposition to corruption in all forms
2. Develop and improve forms of communication to raise consciousness and attitudes to change behaviour
3. Provide information and knowledge on applying sufficiency economy to daily life

Tactic 1.2 Develop professional anti-corruption personnel

Guidelines: 1. Develop knowledge and skills for personnel involved in anti-corruption activities
2. Share and exchange knowledge among officials working in anti-corruption

Strategy 2: Administration according to good governance and developing a system that protects against corruption

Tactic 2.1 Administration according to good governance

Guidelines: 1. Establish a way to prevent and deter corruption by increasing transparency in procurement
2. Promote adherence to a code of ethics by personnel at all levels in their work
3. Monitor and evaluate the ethics and transparency in the operations of the agencies

Tactic 2.2 Improve the effectiveness of anti-corruption mechanisms

Guidelines: 1. Develop proactive measures to solve corruption at all levels
2. Improve and speed up the process of suppressing corruption

Strategy 3: Create a network and participate in the prevention and suppression of corruption

Tactic 3.1 Support the establishment of a network for prevention and suppression of corruption

Guidelines: 1. Integrate the anti-corruption work of agencies in the Ministry
2. Collaborate with the mass media, public relations, civil society, and the private sector in providing information and news to aid with the efforts to suppress corruption

Tactic 3.2 Encourage participation by various sectors to prevent and suppress corruption

Guidelines: 1. Improve the system to receive complaints about corruption.
2. Develop an integrated system to coordinate anti-corruption efforts by the public sector, private sector and civil society

Strategy 4: Raise and advance the intention to end policy corruption

Tactic 4.1 Raise up the intention to act against corruption

Guidelines: 1. Declare the intention to counter corruption in all agencies
2. Promote participation by all personnel in showing the intention to fight against corruption

Tactic 4.2 Ending policy corruption

Guidelines: 1. Promote the analysis, evaluation, and investigation policy corruption in the agency
2. Publicize information about preventing policy corruption
3. Establishing measures to end policy corruption in the framework of good governance