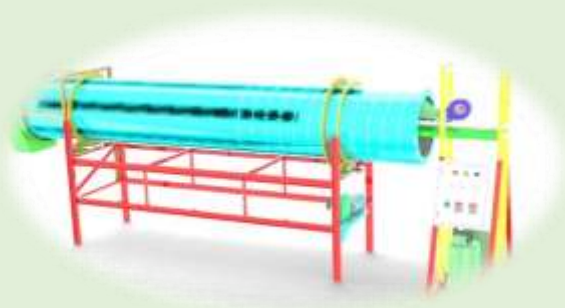




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Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office delivered working policy to the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)



Dr. Suvit Maesincee, Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office visited NRCT and gave an operating policy to its officers on March 16th, 2017 at Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat Meeting Room. In addition, the Minister visited National Research Knowledge and Information Technology Management Center welcomed by Professor Dr. Siriruk Songsiwilai, Secretary General of NRCT and its administrators. The Secretary General introduced and summarized the NRCT's performance which is in line with research system reformation direction, Thailand 4.0. The given policy accentuated the following two missions:

1. Driving policy and innovation of the country.

2. Reformation of research and innovation system in response to national strategy and Thailand 4.0 which form three research dimensions:

- 1) Research and innovation that generated economic prosperity in agriculture, industry, service sectors, even importation of technology.

- 2) Research and innovation to find a solution to society, especially the social challenge. Consequently, an integration of the natural sciences with social science and humanities must be done.

- 3) Research and development for excellence or technology capability by promoting targeted technology.

The NRCT and the National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office (STI) have to closely work together in both strategy and management of research infrastructure and organizations so as to achieve relevant goals, empowering the country the mighty force to steer research and innovation.



5th NRCT-IFS-MU-PERCH-CIC Workshops: Current Trends in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Related Disciplines



The National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) in collaboration with the International Foundation for Science (IFS) and Center of Excellence for Innovation in Chemistry (PERCH-CIC), Faculty of Science, Mahidol University organized "The 5th NRCT-IFS-MU-PERCH-CIC Workshops: Current Trends in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Related Disciplines" during 1-7 March 2017 at Wang Chan Riverview Hotel, Phitsanulok Province to develop the capabilities of Thai scientists and neighboring countries in Southeast Asia, especially the Mekong Subregion (CLMV countries) in accordance with government policy and to establish an international research network in the areas that Thailand has competence in competition. 80 researchers from Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Taiwan, France and Sweden attended the workshop for exchanging views in regard to the mentioned science on 2 March 2017 in which Professor Dr. Siriruk Songsivilai, Secretary-General of NRCT, delivered a special lecture on "Research Funding in Thailand: Thailand 4.0" to participants in order that they learn about the issue of research change in Thailand at present.



The National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) signed a Memorandum of Agreement on the Development of Agricultural Research Data-Centered System



On March 8, 2017, Prof.Dr. Sirirung Songsivilai, MD., Secretary-General of NRCT, signed a Memorandum of Agreement on the Development of Agricultural Research Data-Centered System in “Driving Agricultural Research Work to Thailand 4.0” Fair held at Centara Grand Hotel, Central Plaza Ladprao, Bangkok where Ms. Chutima Bunyapraphasara, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, presided over the signing ceremony. The cooperative agreement was signed between Agricultural Research Development Agency and NRCT, Kasetsart University, Department of Agriculture, Department of Fisheries, Department of Livestock Development, Rice Department, the Queen Sirikit Department of Sericulture, Land Development Department, Royal Irrigation Department, and Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation with the intention of developing the Agricultural Research Data-Centered System of the country by using information technology in managing relevant agricultural research data beginning with the importation, connection, and search for the required data for mutual use and for rendering services to all sectors.