



## Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives visits BRIA farmers in Ubon Ratchathani

Ms. Chutima Boonyaprapatsorn meets farmers  
and MoAC officials in Ubon Ratchathani



Ms. Chutima Boonyaprapatsorn, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, accompanied by senior MoAC officials, visited farmers participating in the large rice field management scheme promoted by the ministry as well as BRIA farmers trained for SRP (Sustainable Rice Platform) rice cultivation in Ubon Ratchathani province, a BRIA project site, in the Northeast of Thailand, on 23 July 2017. The current farmer training activities have been supported by the Rice Department (RD), Department of Agricultural Extension (DoAE), Bayer, Olam, BASF. The other three provinces targeted by BRIA are Surin, Roi Et and Sisaket.

To reach more farmers in this year, BRIA has introduced SRP by conducting the following farmer meetings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> session in July

- To promote rice production per the SRP standard
- To introduce the concept and implementation of sustainable rice production
- To introduce the BRIA project
- To explain project criteria and requirements

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> session in August

- To elaborate the eight SRP principles and 46 requirements for sustainable rice cultivation
- To introduce SRP farm record keeping

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> session in September

- To revisit the 46 SRP requirements
- To check the kept SRP farm diary

#### 4<sup>th</sup> session in October

- To prepare and plan rice harvest
- To schedule a harvester for member farmers
- To assess participating farmers' knowledge and understanding of SRP

The total number of the SRP farmers in this province is expected to be 1,336, who are members of the following 19 Community Rice Centres (CRCs):

No.	Sub-district	District	No. of farmers
1	Nayia	Nayia	51
2	Narieng	Nayia	90
3	Bua Ngam	Det Udom	63
4	Klang	Det Udom	221
5	Tar Pho Sri	Det Udom	78
6	Na Krasaeng	Det Udom	53
7	Kud Pratai	Det Udom	56
8	Muang Dej	Det Udom	n/a
9	Sra Saming	Warin Chamrap	112
10	Muang Sri Kai	Warin Chamrap	28
11	Pho Yai	Warin Chamrap	124
12	Ta Lad	Warin Chamrap	39
13	Non Ho Non	Warin Chamrap	82
14	Nakasem	Tung Sri Udom	60
15	Kok Chamrae	Tung Sri Udom	78
16	Rai Tai	Pibulmang sahara	52
17	Kaeng Dom	Sawang Weerawong	30
18	Ta Chang	Sawang Weerawong	29
19	Kok Sawang	Sam Rong	90



Ms. Chutima mixes chicken manure with rice hulls to make organic fertiliser

BRIA farmers expressed satisfaction with the project as they could apply recommendations to produce quality rice. Last year, the SRP rice was bought by Olam. Ms. Chutima offered support to farmers and encouraged them to maintain high quality of their rice.

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