



Department of Livestock Development

DLD intensive training on COVID-19 testing, make consumers confident

In the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is aware of quality and safety of food. Developing laboratory facilities enhance the efficiency of tests and accelerate disease prevention and control.

Dr. Sorravis Thaneto, Director General of DLD, said “DLD is one of the organizations which responsible for food safety especially livestock products. We give the priority on this. DLD maintains our high standard of livestock product inspection. Laboratory is a part of collaboration to ensure the sanitary of food productions. Expanding the COVID-19 scope in private laboratories will reduce burden of the number of samples submitting to the government labs, decrease the company expenditure, and also be promptly to implement control measures. To be responsive in actions, developing RT-PCR method testing for COVID-19 at the private potential laboratories is an option to reduce losses and support businesses. If any laboratories are interested in this project, they can request to have proficiency testing.”

Dr. Sopat Chavalkul, Deputy Director General of DLD, added that DLD was held a training program “COVID-19 testing for laboratory” for export food business operators. The instructors included specialists from Department of Medical Science and National Institute of Animal Health, DLD. The objective of this training is providing the COVID-19 testing information to apply at their own laboratories to test product and environment samples, and also samples from human. This is an advance movement of food business operators engaging in public health.

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