Status of promoting awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs of Thailand

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Current status of using LMOs

- Up to date, LMOs has been imported only for researching in the laboratory and contained use, but not allowed to use for commercial purpose, except GM soybean and GM corn for food or feed or processing.

- For GM field trial, it should be considered on the basis of case-by-case, operated in the given governmental area and must have a public hearing process before getting approval by the Cabinet.
Laws/ Regulations relevant to public participation and access to information

- Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2550 (2007)
- The Official Information Act 1997
- Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535
- Office of the Prime Minister regulations on Public Hearings 2005
Public awareness, education and participation initiatives

- Provisions on public awareness, education and participation that concerning LMOs have been included in National Biosafety Framework of Thailand.

- Public participation in the process of decision-making for risk assessment has been addressed in the Draft Biosafety Act
Produce and disseminate outreach materials

- Thai version CPB
- BiosafetyLeaflets
- GMO-brochure and cartoon
- Biotechnology and biosafety bulletin
- Radio broadcasting on the topic of “modern biotechnology and biosafety” by Agricultural Mass Media Association of Thailand
- Television broadcasting on the topic of “field trail GM corn NK603 at Pisanulok Province” by Green Station program of Thai Public Broadcasting Service (ThaiPBS)
Organized participatory workshops on biosafety, including dissemination of presentations and materials:

- Workshop on Public Participation and Risk Communication on Genetically Modified Organisms
- Workshop on National Biosafety Policy Framework of Thailand
- Workshop on Thailand as party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on an Occasion of One-year Anniversary to the Protocol
- Workshop on Thailand and Its Work on Biosafety
- Workshop on 5th anniversary implementation on the CPB

Organized Public Hearing

- Draft Biosafety Act of Thailand
- National Biosafety Policy Framework of Thailand
- Field Trail GM corn NK603
 dévelop le website/ social media to promote public awareness and education:

- Biosafety Clearing-House of Thailand (http://bch-thai.onep.go.th)
- Biotechnology and Biosafety Information Center (BBIC) (www.safetybio.agri.kps.ku.ac.th/)
- Facebook : Biotechnology Alliance Association (www.facebook.com/thbaa),
- Field Trial GM corn NK603 (www.facebook.com/pages/การทดลองข้าวโพดดัดแปลงพันธุกรรมสายพันธุ์-NK603-ในแปลงทดลอง/450304728376268
The development academic curriculum of Kasetsart University’s Graduate School on “Biosafety and Bioethics”

- For Ph.D Level under the Faculty of Agricultural Biotechnology
- As Elective courses for 3 credits
- Scope of the Subject:
  - Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
  - Protocol and international agreements
  - National biosafety legislations and regulations
  - Risk assessment and management
  - Science policy development and decision-making process
  - Ethics
The development of communicating network on modern biotechnology and biosafety for agricultural sector

- focus on two target groups:
  - agricultural leader
  - farmers
Capacity Building Efforts

- Workshop on capacity building for BCH of Thailand
- Workshop on capacity building for BCH networking of Thailand
- Workshop on capacity building for understanding and accessing the BCH Central Portal
- Training on Joomla program for set up BCH networking website
Thank you for your attention