



Inbound Study Visit Report

The United Nation Resident Coordinator in Thailand and the UNODC Regional Office

Doi Tung Development Project, Chiang Rai province, Thailand

7th August 2020, 15:00-17:30 hrs.

Participants:

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| 1. Mrs. Gita Sabharwal,
UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand | 5. Ms. Suchaya Mookhasen,
UNODC National Project Officer (Border Management) |
| 2. Mr. Jeremy Douglas,
UNODC Regional Representative | 6. Mr. Apikit Ch. Rojprasert, ONCB
Director of Foreign Affairs Bureau |
| 3. Mr. Paul Buckley, UNODC Advisor | 7. Ms. Tanyalak Tiamsaku, ONCB Foreign Relations Office |
| 4. Mr. Thamana Lekprichakul,
UNODC Data and Results Reporting Office | |

The MFLF Team:

1. Ms. Patawee Chotkirativech, Senior Programme Manager, Outreach International Programme
2. Ms. Yada Watanapornmongkol, Assistant Programme Manager, Outreach International Programme
3. Ms. Arunee Kongsantud, Knowledge and Learning Centre

The UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific initiated the study visit to introduce the new UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, Mrs. Gita Sabharwal, to various development activities in Thailand. Mrs. Sabharwal took the position in early 2020 during the time of the COVID-19 lock-down. She had initiated an online meeting with 5-6 well-known social enterprises in Thailand including the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage (MFLF) and Social Enterprise Thailand (SE Thailand). In addition, she had met with M.L. Dispanadda Diskul under the capacity of the Chairman of SE Thailand

in June 2020. The UN delegation visited Doi Tung Development Project (DTDP) in Chiang Rai province on the 7th of August 2020 with the support of the Office of Narcotic Control Board (ONCB), Bangkok and Regional 5 office.



The MFLF briefed the overview of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation's Sustainable Alternative Livelihood Development with the emphasized on the cooperation with the UNODC and social entrepreneurship network. The group also visited Navuti Site 1. Overall, the delegation expressed appreciation for the study visit and encouraged the MFLF to continue our development endeavors in Thailand.

Questions and opinions raised during the briefing session:

1. The “Under Royal Patronage” status is unique which would make it difficult for others to replicate the development activities on the same scale
2. Was there any national effort to eliminate the drug crop cultivation in other parts of Thailand?
3. What was the role of the ONCB in eliminating the opium cultivation?
4. Is there any initiative to use technology to support and improve agricultural yield?
5. Why the MFLF support the people to grow coffee but not tea?

Next step

- Mr. Jeremy Douglas would like to set up a meeting with M.L” Dispanadda and Khun Sandro for the discussion.
- Mr. Jeremy Douglas noticed the outdated logo of the UNODC on Doitung’s products. He offered if we prefer to update it to the current one, he will send us the new logo.

Annex 1 Study Visit Programme:

Time	Schedule
15.00	Arrive at Doi Tung Development Project from Chang Moob Military Base
15.00-16.30	Briefing on the overview of Doi Tung Development Project and Mea Fah Luang Foundation's Sustainable Alternative Livelihood Development Work
16.30-16.45	Depart for Navuti Company's coffee and macadamia plantation Site 1
16.45-17.30	Visit Navuti Company's coffee and macadamia plantation Site 1, & value-added processing factory . Founded in 1989, Navuti is one of the first public-private partnership and Social Enterprise in Thailand.
17.30	Depart for Mae Fah Luang International Airport