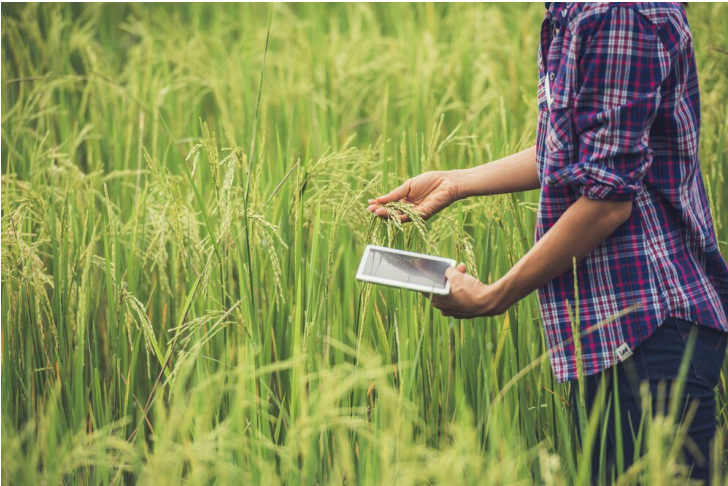


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A group from Thailand's Agriculture Department studied Thai rice production at the Ubon Ratchathani Rice Research Center of the Rice Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, which plays an important role in research and development. During the visit, the group visited the production of Thai paddy rice at Ubon Saeng Charoen Rangsit 2009 Co., Ltd., a large rice mill which produces Thai jasmine rice for sale in the country and exports it abroad, including checking the genetic identity (DNA) of Thai jasmine rice. Rice importers in Hong Kong are confident in the quality of Thai rice and Thai jasmine rice and will continue to import Thai rice.

While exchanging information between Thailand and Hong Kong, Thai rice exporters provided information on the current state of rice trade in 2023 (Jan. - Oct.). During the same period last year, Thailand exported 6.92 million tons of rice, an increase of 11 percent. It is the world's largest rice exporter.

According to the latest statistics, Indonesia exports the most Thai rice, while Hong Kong ranks 13th with 0.125 million tons exported, a 5% decrease. Thailand holds more than 50% of Hong Kong's rice market, according to Hong Kong rice importers. To encourage Thai rice sales in Hong Kong and maintain market share for Thai rice, the delegates proposed to establish a program to promote Thai rice in Hong Kong.