

Thailand World School Milk Day 2015

On the 30th September 2015 Mr. Theerapat Prayoonsit, the Permanent Secretary General, Ministry of Agricultural and Cooperatives, Thailand and Mr. Suchart Jariyalertsak, Deputy Director of the Dairy Farming Promotion Organization of Thailand (DPO) chaired the opening ceremony of the Thailand World School Milk Day 2015 in Thailand.

Thailand is a developing country with long experience in implementing school milk program. The school milk program was launched in Thailand in a few pilot primary schools in Bangkok and Chiang Mai provinces in 1992 to overcome the problem of excess milk supply at that time. Since then, the Thai government has provided public budgetary support to supply milk to school children nationwide. In 2015, Thailand distributed high quality drinking milk to every school child, on every school day from Kindergarten to 6th grade. Total quantity of raw milk supplied to Thai school milk program is 1,200 ton per day. A total of 7.6 million children from 40,000 schools receive milk everyday—260 days a year. The Thai government is spending an annual budget of approximately 12,000 million Thai Baht (USD 342 million) per year on school milk for the last ten years.

The first World School Milk Day was celebrated in September 2000 and has since become an annual event in a large number of countries in the world. In 2015, more than 40 countries including China, Iran, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania and Thailand celebrated the 16th school milk day on 30 September.



