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Editor's Note*

To date, the importance of R&D in the fields of agriculture, biotechnology and food technology needs not be overstressed. For example in Hungary, the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NARIC) founded by the government's Act 1476 on January 1, 2014 has under its umbrella 13 research institutes in the variegated field of agriculture and food sciences. Its largest institute, the NARIC Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (ABC) was founded by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1989. It is widely recognized that there are so many living laboratories like this one in all regions of the world for us to learn and essentially benefit from experience sharing.

Thailand is one of the most important global agricultural based countries where agricultural production has been increasing in quantity and quality for more than 4 decades. Due to rapid industrialization and economic oriented national development, the country has gradually evolved into an urbanized economy. However a large part of our national income still derives from the agricultural sectors due to high quality products for consumption and exports in as much as increasing product diversification, continuing growth of specialized farming through appropriate technologies.

The growth in agricultural productivity occurred at a time of economic transition and the rise of the manufacturing sector. Labor eventually moved to obtain higher incomes offered by the manufacturing and services industries and other non-agricultural economies. Apart from solving the problems of those who work in the agricultural sectors and increasing their quality of life, there is an urgent need to develop new strategies in enhancing "**modernized farming**" which essentially required new knowledge gained from R&D in areas such as developing new breeds, cultivation methodology, climatology and agricultural meteorology, geo-informatics for agriculture, precision agriculture, agricultural biotechnology, food technology, and modern farm management.

In full realization of the need, Rangsit University through its College of Agricultural Innovation, Food and Biotechnology stands ready to become one of the, "**prime movers**," in human resource development in the widely integrated field of agriculture, agricultural bio-technology, food sciences and agri-business. We also intend to make our program a living laboratory, not only for students but also for small scale farmers to have access to lifelong learning.

I believe there is no boundary in experience sharing, most particularly in the field of agriculture which all human beings have to depend on for survival. I hereby extend my invitation to researchers, agricultural project managers and pilot project investigators to make technical contributions to RJAS which will be most meaningful for us for program upgrading and fulfilling our dream to make Thailand, "The Kitchen of the World," in the long run.

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