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BOOK LAUNCH

Six-legged livestock: edible insect farming, collecting and marketing in Thailand

Tuesday, 11:30 21 May 2013

What: Launch a new FAO book: *Six-legged livestock: edible insect farming, collecting and marketing in Thailand*.

The event will be a lunch-time book launch and signing ceremony with two of the authors of a book that explores Thailand's thriving insect farming sector. More than 20 000 insect farming enterprises are registered in the country, most are small-scale household operations. Insect farming has become a significant economic activity in Thailand in the past two decades driven by strong market demand and supported by university research and extension, and innovative private-sector food processors and sellers. Overall, insect farming, collection, processing, transport and marketing has emerged as a multi-million dollar sector, providing income and employment for tens of thousands of Thai people, and healthy and nutritious food for millions of consumers.

Tuesday's book launch and signing follows the release of the FAO report: *Edible insects: Future prospects for food and feed security*, which was issued at the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition in Rome 13-15 May. The report looks at the global market for edible insects.

Who: Hiroyuki Konuma, FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, who penned the forward to the book; Author Yupa Hanboonsong Associate Professor in Entomology, Faculty of Agriculture at Khon Kaen University, and; Author Patrick Durst, FAO Senior Forestry Officer in FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

Soft drinks and snacks will be offered at the book-signing.

One-on-one interviews with the authors will be possible.

When: 11:30 Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

Where: Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand (FCCT) Penthouse, Maneeya Bldg., 518/5 Phloen Chit Rd., beside Amarin Plaza, nearest BTS station is Chitlom Station.
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