

# Announcement of Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon Policy on Ethical Sourcing for Food and Supplies

To ensure that the procurement and asset management operations of Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon are conducted in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Management Act adhering to the principles of cost-effectiveness, transparency, efficiency, and accountability;

Furthermore, to elevate operations towards becoming a "Green University" and to raise awareness of sustainable consumption, the University hereby establishes an ethical sourcing policy. This policy focuses on the procurement of "Food" and "Supplies and Materials" that are environmentally friendly and socially responsible throughout the supply chain.

By virtue of the authority under the Rajamangala University of Technology Act 2005, the President of Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon hereby issues this announcement establishing the following policies and guidelines:

### Article 1. Criteria for Ethical Sourcing of Food and Supplies

The University establishes criteria and gives priority (special consideration) to the procurement of food and supplies from suppliers who comply with the following:

- 1.1 Food and Nutrition
- (a) Safety: Food and raw materials must be clean, hygienic, and certified by relevant standards (e.g., FDA, GMP, HACCP).
- (b) Local Sourcing: Promote the purchase of agricultural products from local or domestic farmers to reduce the carbon footprint from transportation (Food Miles).
- (c) Sustainability: Support organic or Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) products and reduce single-use plastic and foam packaging.
  - 1.2 Supplies and Materials
- (a) Eco-Friendly: Select materials certified with a Green Label, containing Recycled Content, or energy-saving equipment.
- (b) Impact Reduction: Select cleaning agents that are Biodegradable, reduce the use of hazardous chemicals, and use paper from sustainable forests (e.g., FSC).
- (c) Packaging: Use necessary and environmentally friendly packaging materials, avoiding Single-use Plastics.

#### **Article 2. Supplier Code of Conduct**

The University expects suppliers of food and materials to conduct business ethically as follows:

- (1) Business Ethics: Prohibit corruption, bribery, and conflicts of interest in all forms.
- (2) Human Rights and Labor: Do not support Child Labor or Forced Labor, and must provide a safe working environment.

#### **Article 3. Procurement Methods**

The procurement of food and supplies shall be conducted in accordance with the Procurement Act, 2017, taking into account the criteria in Article 1 and Article 2 during consideration. The methods are as follows:

- 3.1 Electronic Bidding (e-bidding): For the procurement of standard goods.
- 3.2 Selective Invitation: For goods requiring specific techniques or having limited operators (e.g., specialized food, special chemicals), by selecting at least 3 qualified suppliers.

3.3 Direct Invitation (Specific Method): For urgent procurement, when there is only one supplier (Sole Source), or within the monetary threshold specified by law.

Article 4. Establishment of the Median Price

The establishment of a median price, to be used as a basis for comparing prices proposed by bidders, shall be based on feasibility, using prices according to the following sequence:

- (1) Prices calculated based on criteria set by the Median Price Committee.
- (2) Prices obtained from the reference price database of materials created by the Comptroller General's Department.
  - (3) Standard prices determined by the Budget Bureau or other central agencies.
  - (4) Prices obtained from market research.
  - (5) Prices from the most recent purchases or contracts within the last two fiscal years.
- (6) Any other prices determined by the criteria, methods, or practices of the respective government agency.

## **Article 5. Enforcement**

This announcement shall take effect from this day forward.

Announced for general acknowledgment and compliance.

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