



29th Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO
in Jul 2016

In Jul 2016, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:

1. Thai – EU FLEGT Secretariat Office and Forest Certification Office arranged monthly meeting

On 7 July 2016, Thai – EU FLEGT Secretariat Office (TEFSO) and Forest Certification Office (FCO) arranged monthly office meeting, Mr.Banjong Wongsrisoontron Director of TEFSO and Director of FCO was a chairman of the meeting. The objectives of the meeting was to report progress in implementation of the project and financial budget in 2016.The meeting proposed TEFSO to report public utility and financial balance monthly. Furthermore, TEFSO has reported the progress in revising LD draft implementation, TEFSO newsletter and supply chain control meeting plan which is the sixth annex in FLEGT VPA implementation.

2. TEFSO staff visited Deputy Director General of The Royal Forest Department

On 14 July 2016, Mr.Banjong Wonsrisoontron, Director of TEFSO and officers visited Mr.Pralong Damrongthai, DDG of RFD. TEFSO informed the progress of submitting the FLEGT VPA negotiation meeting to the cabinet and the draft of Legal Definition (LD) revising which are in processing.

TEFSO introduced 3 TOR officers which have been employed by RFD 2016 annual budget and informed DDG that disbursing of TEFSO and FCO are ration separately. Furthermore, the meeting discussed on Joint Expert Meeting II which will be held on the end of this year.

3. TEFSO staff visited Director of International Cooperation on Natural Resources and Environment, MNRE

On 22 July 2016, Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontron Director of TEFSO visited Director of International Cooperation on Natural Resources and Environment at MNRE (OIC MNRE) building.

OIC MNRE suggested TEFSO to prepare documents on negotiation framework, timeframe, participants' component to ensure before submitting to the cabinet. The main text of FLEGT procedure in general should be created in order to link to other annexes. TEFSO should provide the flowchart showing processes on FLEGT from the first step to the last step which is FLEGT



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License approval for better understanding and to estimate the possibility and the number of negotiation. Also, the level of negotiations should be always specified.

Furthermore, for the negotiations with EU or the Permanent Secretary, Thailand should demonstrate the obvious attitude towards the negotiation including with analyzing advantages and disadvantages after the negotiations occurred. For the first negotiation, the meeting suggested to raise Gap Paper as the main issue in order to edit and add missing points into Legality Definition draft to cover Thai law. Furthermore, the people will ignore to plant trees if Thailand follows Thai environmental law. Then, the issue of the environmental law should be raised in this negotiation as well.

Therefore, TEFSO as Thailand representative should prepare all stated documents and be ready for further submit them to the cabinet.