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## **The Subcommittee on PM<sub>2.5</sub> problem has prepared to deal with sustainable PM<sub>2.5</sub> solution**

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) held the Meeting of the Subcommittee on Air Pollution Problem under the National Environment Board by focusing on social aspect in terms of communication and awareness of accurate and fast information, and accessing to the target groups in order to inform PM<sub>2.5</sub> information to the public. Additionally, all provinces in Thailand must have ambient air quality monitoring stations by 2022.

Mr. Pralong Dumrongthai, Director General of Pollution Control Department (PCD), MNRE revealed that on August 19, 2020, MNRE by PCD held the Third Meeting of Subcommittee on Air Pollution Problem chaired by Mr. Jatuporn Buruspat, Permanent Secretary of MNRE. The meeting acknowledged the situation of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2020, summarizing the performance of solving PM<sub>2.5</sub> problem in Bangkok Metropolitan Region. Mr. Jatuporn ordered that by 2022 Thailand must have the ambient air quality monitoring stations cover all provinces so that the public can access the information with confidence and will be precautionary of health.

The Meeting considered guidelines for solving PM<sub>2.5</sub> problem during 2020-2021 by focusing on traffic, industry and open burning sources, and implementation the national plan on "Solving the Pollution Problem of Particulate Matter". The Meeting emphasized on the social aspect in terms of the awareness of accurate and fast information, accessing to the target groups in order to raise awareness and participation by assigning the Government Public Relations Department to prepare public relations plans and raising awareness of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Relevant agencies also support the information and staff related to PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The resolution of the Meeting and the public relations plans and raising awareness of PM<sub>2.5</sub> will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the National Environment Board on 24 September 2020, Mr. Pralong said.