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**ARDA, Mitr Phol to develop agriculture technology**

The Agricultural Research Development Agency and Mitr Phol Group have signed a collaborative research and development agreement for sustainable development of agriculture technology.

Aiming at achieving a practical approach, commercial viability and value addition to agricultural products, while enhancing the capacity of the agricultural-research workforce in Thailand through academic and research network collaboration, the R&D collaboration covers three projects.

These are paddy-fields management by crop rotation and soil rehabilitation, bio-control development, and bio-fertiliser development.

The first paddy-management project is planned to be implemented this year by growing soybean after rice harvesting, utilising modern agriculture technology at Chum Phae and Phu Pha Man district in Khon Kaen province with a budget of more than Bt5.4 million.