Inequality within the farming and food systems in Thailand

In 2012, the Charoen Phokphand Foods company (CPF) reported an income of 357,175 million baht. While its sister company CP All which runs 7-Eleven, has an income of 197,816 million baht*.

Many agribusiness and food companies profit from an unjust farming and food system. One of those is the Charoen Phokphand company. Where do the company’s income and profits come from?

- Monopolies over seeds and animal feed?
- Contract farming systems in which farmers take on all the risk?
- Food distribution monopolies that destroy small businesses and shops?
- Farming and trade liberalisation policies which benefit the giant agribusinesses?

*Figures from 2012 annual report of CPF and data from CP All
**Figures on farmers debt from press release of the Thai Prime Minister on 2 November 2012