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Mr. Chanthakhan Phaisaly, the chef of the Waivan restaurant in Vang Vieng, has recently taken on the role of a trainer for the food waste reduction program under the Waste to Value project of Swisscontact. The Waivan restaurant, known for its popularity among teenagers, once struggled with a food waste problem. However, after participating in the food waste reduction training, Chanthakhan was able to learn more efficient processes to manage food waste and implement them at the restaurant.

Chanthakhan is enthusiastic about the opportunity to not only participate in the training, but also become a trainer, as he was able to share his knowledge with other restaurants and adopt a four-part system for separating food waste, including preparation, spoilage, plate or customer's leftovers, and buffet waste. He uses the First In First Out (FIFO) method and weighs each type of waste, and has also applied this to manage his kitchen by accurately estimating food quantities for standby customers. Furthermore, the waste food from the restaurant is also utilized by the housekeeper to feed their livestock.

Chanthakhan has a message for other restaurants and enterprises that "The simplest way to reduce food waste in the business is to properly separate the different types of waste". He hopes to raise awareness that not only does food waste reduction save on garbage costs, but it also helps protect the environment.

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