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## Maize Crop Cutting held



Center for Agricultural Information (CAI), Regional Office of Agricultural Economics (ROAEs) and ASEAD Project conducted Maize Crop Cutting Training in Crop Year 2004/05. The objective of this crop cutting is to estimate maize's production by using spot check in farm in the 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> ROAEs.

In this training, lectures on the Crop Cutting Method were given by the CAI staff and field works were assisted by CAI and ROAE staff. These training were completed successfully with participant's cooperation.

(by Mr. Amorn Sangprohm, Field Crop Information Division, CAI)

## Soybean Crop Cutting

From August 18 to September 4, 2005, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Office of Agricultural Economics (ROAEs) and Center for Agricultural Information (CAI) conducted the training course on survey of yield per rai by Crop Cutting of Soybean in Crop year 2005/06. The participants consisted of JICA experts, OAE staff, ROAE staff and enumerators (Sorgortors).

The training consisted of the lecturer on the Soybean Crop Cutting Method and the fields practice. Though almost enumerators were satisfied with the training contents, they mentioned some constructive comments. For example; Sorgortors will be issued with ID card, Lecture has to be focused on Sorgortors, Training program will be delivered before training starts, etc. The trainings were completed successfully with participant's cooperation.

(by Ms. Busaya Pinsuwan, Field Crop Information Division, CAI)



## OAE Staff in Japan



My team and I, totally 12 persons, went abroad to Japan for training in the Capacity building of ROAE for Statistics and Information course for 3 weeks.

In the first week, we studied agricultural, fishery and forestry statistics at the Ministry of Agricultural Forestry and Fisheries. New policies of Japanese's government were another subject we studied. Survey method, computer management in statistical field, network system and GIS system were fascinating for all of us.

In the second week, we went to the Nagano statistical center and the third week to Kochi statistical center to study and be trained in two subject; Area survey and Crop cutting survey. This training's schedule was very well managed. JICA coordinator from MAFF Japan arranged the schedule of the course step by step which made all subject easy to understand. Warm welcome was another impression for all of us. This course succeeded; we can develop what we have learnt from Japan and apply to our tasks.

(by Mr. Ponwate Taomahawong, Expert on Rural Development, OAE)

## Agricultural Statistic Training in Japan



From 2 August to 11 September, 2005, Group Training Course on Agricultural Statistics Course for Senior Statistical Officers JFY 2005 for 9 countries was organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) in Tokyo, Japan.

The main objectives of this training course were to understand the important role in agricultural statistics for policy formulation, to understand a vision to improve agricultural statistics in accordance with the countries development, to understand the entire process for agricultural statistics (agricultural census and sample survey), and to understand data processing using advanced technology.

The training course was attended by participants from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Kenya, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Turkey and Thailand. Representatives from JICA were also present.

(by Mr. Premchai Gatesumpao, Division of Agricultural Economic Information, CAI)

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## AFSIS National Seminar in Malaysia

The ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Project held the AFSIS National Seminar on September 19-22, 2005 in Kota Bharu Kelantan State, Malaysia. The national seminar was to discuss important issues related to agricultural statistic and information in Malaysia. In addition, the crop cutting survey was performed with traditional Malaysian parade.



Participants were from staff of Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia, Representatives from FAO, JICA, East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve Project and AFSIS. From Thailand, Ms. Pornpun Hensawang, Ms. Anyada Penporn and I participated in this seminar. (by Ms. Busaya Pinsuwan, Field Crop Information Division, CAI)

## AFSIS Workshop on “The Application of Information and Network Technology in Agriculture” 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005, Seoul Korea

From Thailand, Mr. Montol Jeamchareon, AFSIS Project Manager, Mr. Chanchai Toviwat, Mrs. Unchana Tracho and Mr. Suntorn Hemtanont participated in AFSIS workshop “The Application of Information and Network Technology in Agriculture”. The delegates were from 10 countries in ASEAN, Japan and AFSIS. Total number is 25 people.

Many lectures were given, e.g.: “On Food Supply and Demand in Asia”, “Agricultural Outlook in Korea”, “Introduction of Korean Agricultural Statistics”, “Agricultural Marketing Information System in Korea” and etc. Field tour and observation tour also were planed. We practiced RICE Crop Cutting in National Products Quality Management Service in Kwangsu City. In addition, we observed national institutes and vegetable market.  
(by Ms. Unchana Tracho, and Mr. Suntorn Hemtanont, CAI)



### Voice of CP



Yield per rai survey by Crop Cutting method is significant and should be the best way in collecting agricultural data according to scientific methodology which includes weighing, area measuring and product measuring. In the past, CAI had studied this method. I think that the idea and theory of the crop cutting method in the present is not much different from the past.

CAI has been supported well by JICA ASEAD Project in many ways; training and equipments. However, when JICA ASEAD Project has come to the end, CAI should keep using this method by itself. To collect the information of planted area, we should use the area frame as unit sample. And to collect the information of yield per rai, we should use the crop cutting survey. These methods will give us the most accurate result.  
(by Mr. Yunyongk Saensingha, ROAE 5)

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