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Training course in Japan, 2-15 July 2006



Training course on “Area Survey for Major Crop”

During 2-15 July 2006, 12 officers from OAE and ROAEs attended the training course on “Area Survey for Major Crop” in MAFF, Japan. Training period was 14 days. The training program consisted of lecture, field trip and the field practice on area survey. The field practice was organized in Niigata where is one of the major area of rice production in Japan.

It was a good experience for participants from OAE and ROAEs to learn the new aspects in technology, as well as sharing experiences by the Japanese officers in the field of agricultural data collection. The field practice was beneficial for enhancing the knowledge, skills and experiences. In addition, we have learned Japanese cultural that was another advantage we gained beside the training programs.

(by Ms.Rungthip Kunnakulsoontorn, Division of Geographic Information System)

Maize and Soybean Crop Cutting



Crop Cutting is a systematic data collection approach based on the statistical principle; this method consists of sampling, measuring, counting, weighting and estimation. It is the best approach to estimate yield per rai precisely and systematically with high degree of validity. The data collected from the sample spot in the farmer sample field is applied for the statistical estimation, especially on yield per rai for the overall picture of an overall area (e.g. tumbon, district, province and country), it is not data representing only on just field by field.



During this August, ROAEs (except 8th and 9th) had organized Crop Cutting training on Maize and Soybean, Crop year 2006/2007 under the cooperation of CAI. The purpose was to train volunteers and ROAE's officers in order to make them to understand the job description of the crop cutting survey both in theoretical and practical way. The training was managed by each ROAE with the total of participant approximately 150 people. The training was successfully carried out with cooperation of related divisions. (by Ms. Busaya Pinsuwan, Division of Field Crop Information)



Workshop in Korea

OAE's officer attended the "Workshop on Agricultural Statistical Data Collection Analysis and Dissemination of Information" during 6-20 August 2006 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss among the ASEAN member countries on the development of agricultural information management and the information system development in ASEAN. The participants were agricultural statisticians from ASEAN member countries approximately 22 persons.



ASEAN member countries acknowledged, exchanged and shared knowledge and experience on information and the management of information system from each country. Moreover, the host country offered the participants the opportunity to visit SinKimPo Rice Processing Complex. It is a complex with high advanced technology for storage, mill processing and packing. As a consequence, it reduced on man-hours, cost of production, and minimizes broken grains down to 1%.



SinKimPo Rice Processing Complex is operated as a cooperative with 40% market share.



Another visit was Information Network Village, it is a project on E-Government which enhancing the potential in management. By doing E-Government, the farmer's revenue increased by applying E-Commerce and the quality of rural farmer's life has been developed. Government sector and private sector supported the technology through computer and internet system towards farmer household. Central information center is also established in each village in order to disseminate information and vending product of the village.

(by Ms.Anyada Penporn, Division of Agricultural Forecasting)

National Seminar in Cambodia

National Seminar on Food Security Information System of Cambodia was held by the Department of Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia at the Golden Sand Hotel, Sihanouk Town during 20-21 July 2006. The organization of this seminar was under technical and financial support of ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Project.



The main objectives of the Seminar were:

- To explain and highlight the purpose of AFSIS Project to the local staff in Cambodia.
- To discuss important problems and issues related to food and agricultural statistics and information in Cambodia.
- To facilitate food security planning and implementation through the systematic collection, analysis and dissemination of Agricultural Statistics.



There were 53 participants attended the Seminar which included representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia, AFSIS Project, East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve (EAERR) Project and from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

(by Ms.Suthida Suanburi, AFSIS Project)



Welcome and Farewell

In this July, Mr. Toshitaka Kobayashi “JICA project coordinator” returned to Japan because of termination of his assignment period. He worked for ASEAD project during 16 July 2003 to 15 July 2006.

Sawadee Krab. My name is IRIE. I am Mr. Kobayashi’s successor at JICA coordinator for ASEAD project. I have started my work at ASEAD project since July 13. It is 13 years in total by the fifth times for me to work in Thailand as JICA coordinator.

Now ASEAD project has only another two years until end of the project. I will do my best and work with you so that this project may succeed according to the project design that has agreed between Thai government and Japanese government. It is much honor for me to work with you. Finally, I am good at Thai as you imagine. Please feel free to call at my office. (by Mr. Tomoyuki Irie, JICA ASEAD Project)



Voice of Counterpart

The application of Crop Cutting Technique is advantageous for measuring yield per rai with higher precision when compared with the former Stratified Two Stage Sampling. In couple with technical equipment support related to Crop Cutting matter, ROAE gains more convenience in working procedures.

In addition, ROAE 1-9 have also received the technical support on computers, equipments and training courses related to Computer Network, Operating System, and Web Programming. As a consequence, ROAE’s officers have increased their capacity on job responsibilities. We do appreciate JICA ASEAD Project for enhancing tremendous improvement for OAE’s capability in data collection method.

(by Ms. Nuankhae Burapah-Sikarin, Agricultural Information Group, ROAE 8th)

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