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## Second Rice & Soybean Crop cutting Training in Kamphangpeth



The 2<sup>nd</sup> ROAE (Phitsanulok province) has organized the second rice and soybean (2<sup>nd</sup> crop) crop cutting training from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in Kamphangpeth province. SorKorThor (enumerators) had an opportunity to practice in the actual farm field; it was the intensive field practicing and all SorKorThor appreciated and willing to operate crop cutting field survey for OAE. It is the third year of crop cutting survey, in opportunity; we have exchanged views about the problems in crop cutting survey among experienced SorKorThor. However, those problems could be good guideline for improvement of the survey operation later on.

(by Mr.Surachai Chanakai, Division of Field Crop Information)

# Counterpart training in Japan

From November to December 2006, Ms. Natthakan Jeengao and I got opportunity to attend the training in Japan on “**Construction of Agricultural Information Network System**” under the JICA ASEAD Project. In this occasion, we had visited Tsukuba Research Gallery which is the collecting place for many agricultural research results gathered from all research centers in Japan.

Tsukuba Office: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council is the library for the researchers. There are many documents in the library and the IT system supporting document and data searching, e.g. Geographic Information provided through the database network system.

When we arrived in MAFF, we attended the training on “Agricultural statistics survey data processing system and Joint use computer system in MAFF”. It is about using OCR system together with survey system, data collecting system in Japan is through the sending of data from each branch to the regional offices and ending at the headquarter office. The size of each data is not oversized being selected as approved data. Development on “Database System Management” in MAFF is established in order to be ready for the searching of former statistical data.

Under the topic of Agricultural Information System, the main objective of the topic is for “Traceability System” which is considered as one part of the fundamental policy. The traceability system could trace the agricultural commodity from the original of farm producers to consumers. We attended the course on “Network system management in MAFF” and “How to publicize data”. Dissemination of information is through document and web site. Some part of the website is focused on children; therefore, the data contents are simple made and easy to understand. Moreover, there is a site for people who are disability in sight as well.

MAFF with the cooperation of Government is working on applying the technology for E-government and IT Policy in MAFF in order to develop the IT resources and the connection of database system among organizations.

Next visit we went to the INTEC Company which is one of the upper top companies in Japan related to Information System Development. We have learnt about designing principle and the controlling of quality system.

For the topic of Cyber communication, we visited the NTT Research Center which is one of the top leading companies related to network provider. We have learnt about new technologies on information system applying the 3 dimension system for the information security system design as well as many other new technologies on the computer equipment.

At HITACHI Company; the IT consultant company, we have learnt about the process of making system proposal and the making of post system development proposal for using together with the system development.

Last place we visited was the Statistics Department, Kanto Regional Office of MAFF where we have seen the data transferring system by using the OCR system through each regional office.

The training experiences we had in Japan are much more than we ever found. We have seen many new technologies, ideas that conserve the environment and the fair services provided to the citizens in all regional. It is worthwhile, very impressive and we hope we could apply it in the near future.

(by Ms.Chidchanok Lekkao and Ms.Natthakan Jeengao)



# Technical exchange with Myanmar

From 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, 3 JICA experts and 4 OAE officers went to Myanmar for the Technical Exchange with Settlement and Land Records Department (SLRD), Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. This technical exchange was focused on area survey, crop cutting survey, data processing by the information network system, and the field practice of major rice crop cutting survey. The techniques presented by Thailand and Myanmar were both in theory and practical part, which have been applied in each country. Both countries have learned each other and concluded to apply the superior points on the adjustment of the survey method in each country.

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



## Short-term experts

### Naohiro AIZAWA, Short-Term Expert

Hello. I am Naohiro AIZAWA, short-term expert in the field of Development of data input system using advanced technology. I visited OAE during January 29 to February 28. Now I have returned the office of MAFF in Japan. I'm sorry I left few advices only, but I wish you take it practically. Thank you for your kindness. See you again.



### Masahiko SATO, Short-Term Expert

Hello. I am Masahiko SATO. I have been dispatched for ASEAN Project as a short-term expert in the field of "Crop Forecasting" from 19 February to 20 March. Thailand is very hot but so energetic, there are many fantastic places such as a beautiful palace, temples and historic spots. I am very happy to visit Thailand. In Japan, I have responsible for almost every parts of rice yield statistics. This time, I have come here to give you advices on crop forecast in Thailand. I am not sure whether will you satisfy my performance or not. However, I try to do my best. Nice to see you!



## Introduction of New Counterparts



**Ms. Chitchanok Lekkao** (Statistician 4)

*Responsibility:* Data system on Crop cutting Yield per rai

*Job period:* 1 March 2006

It is a great opportunity to work in ASEAD Project which is very fruitful to OAE in order to develop on statistical and agricultural data collection.



**Ms. Natthakan Jeengao** (Computer Technical Officer 4)

*Responsibility:* Data system on Crop cutting Yield per rai

*Job period:* 1 October 2004

It is a great opportunity to work in ASEAD Project; there are many beneficial to OAE in terms of data collection, data publicizing and policy on system & network security.

### Voice of Counterpart



ASEAD Project is provided technical assistance on crop cutting survey method through the training on human resources of ROAE, SorKorThor and also provided budget allocation for the training. The information on agricultural production is more precise, the management level could utilize that information in order to make policy and publicize of data.

(by Mr.Sathaphon Poripord, 1<sup>st</sup> ROAE)

ASEAD Project issues newsletter to make better communication between Project and the person concerned. We are planning to issue timely news.

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