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5th JCC Meeting and Terminal Evaluation (ASEAD)



On 25th January 2008, Mr. Ponwate Taomahawong (Deputy-Secretary General) was a chairman of the 5th Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting at Chuprakob meeting room, OAE. The meeting was organized by CAI according to the ASEAD Project annual activities plan. Approximately 30 people who are JICA experts, Terminal evaluation team, counterparts participated the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the progression and evaluate the project activities. The result of the terminal evaluation was presented by the terminal evaluation team.

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

Wrap up seminar



(Agricultural Statistics and Economics Analysis Development Project: ASEAD Project) is the technical cooperation project under support of JICA. The purpose of the project is to develop agricultural statistics information and economics analysis and to strengthen the capability of OAE to become the center of agricultural information in Thailand and ASEAN countries. The project has started in 2003 and it will be terminated in July 2008.

On 7th March 2008, the wrap up seminar of ASEAD Project was held at Ramindra 2 meeting room, Louis' Tavern Hotel. Mr. Montol Jeamchareon was the chairman of the seminar and participants came from government and private sectors with approximately 120 participants. The seminar was about achievements of ASEAD Project in the past 5 years and the result of the project terminal evaluation.

(by Mr. Suntorn Hemtanont, Division of Field Crop Information)

Farewell Mr. Ikeda and Mr. Arimitsu



Time passed so fast. My two years term was terminated at the end of March. I have already backed to Japan and work in MAFF Japan. During my term in Thailand, I could spend good days with you, officers of OAE and ROAEs. We have constructed the basement of production surveys using actual measurement method for both Yield and Area surveys. It was my great pleasure. Although there are still many issues, I understand that you can improve them by yourself. For example, increase the accuracy by province is up to sample size by province and/or performance of SoKoTo. Such kind of things can be considered by officers of OAE and ROAEs only. I expect future improvement of the OAE' s statistical surveys. My current position is not concerned to international affairs. However, I am very pleased to support you continuously. Moreover, I hope to see you again anywhere.
(Mr. Ryuki IKEDA, Expert on Agricultural Statistics)



Hello I am ARIMITSU. First of all, I would like to say “Thank you for your cooperation and your kindness during my stay in Thailand” . I have returned to Japan at end of March. My working field was Information Network System. Mainly, I worked in the OAE. Therefore, I had very few time to visit ROAE offices and the field. So, I think that ROAE' s people can' t remember me well. Anyway, I know that OAE and ROAE people have good enough knowledge and have a strong heart and sense of responsibility in the work. When I visited your offices, I have been surprised on your knowledge and enthusiasm. I believe that OAE and ROAEs have enough human resource and capacity to develop the information technology field by themselves. I wish your further success in the future. Lastly, I want to say sorry that I left Thailand. If I have a chance, I want to work with you again. Because, I love you and Thailand. If you come to Japan, please tell me. I am willing to support you in Japan. See you again.

(Mr. Takeyori ARIMITSU, Expert on Information Network System)

Crop cutting VDO

Agricultural Statistics and Economic Analysis Development Project (ASEAD), the project started on 15th July 2003 and it will be terminated in coming two months this year.

Crop cutting survey is the scientific method that uses counting, measurement, weighing and calculation for getting accurate survey result. Since the beginning of the project, we have applied the crop cutting survey method for 10 crops; for example, major rice, second rice, cassava, sugarcane, maize, soybean, onion, pineapple and longan.

The field survey operated by volunteer called “Local economist” or “SKT”. Before SKT conduct the actual field survey, they have to attend the training which lectured by OAE and ROAE officers. Training content involved the survey theory and field practicing part. The training is provided for SKT to understand the techniques and to be able to solve the problems that they might found in the actual field survey.

CAI realized the importance of the survey results which collected by the crop cutting field survey method. Therefore, we created the crop cutting VDO that use as the training material and distribute to each SKT, so that they could review the contents and process of crop cutting survey method when necessary. Now, we have made crop cutting VDO for 5 crops; such as, major & second rice, maize, cassava, sugarcane and soybean. Beside the distribution to each SKT, we hope to disseminate it to the relevant organization both in government sectors and private sectors.

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



Introduction of Counterparts



Name: Mr. Siriwat Songtanasak (Statistician 7)

Responsibility: To compile and analyze agricultural production input and crop production cost.

ASEAD Project is useful for the development on statistical data collection, economic analysis and data propagation. Moreover, we also had a lot of supports on human resource development in order to enhance skills and job proficiency.



Name: Miss Supattra Chungsri (Statistician 5)

Responsibility: Agricultural warning

Knowledge that I obtained from the Project could be applied to the current job, in order to develop data collection method for the accuracy of data by using crop cutting survey method applied with information technology.

Voice of Counterpart



Since I had opportunity to be one of counterparts in ASEAD Project, I have seen many improvements in ROAEs especially on information system. For example, new computer model, use of aerial picture and use of GPS in survey, use of data entry on web system and ICR system. Data entry on web system made crop cutting survey method to be more effective. ICR system could help in socio economic and agricultural household survey by decreasing manpower.

Moreover, ASEAD Project also helped in development of network system by introducing the IP-VPN system and increased the internet speed to 2 Mbps. By the supports of JICA, we OAE could improve data collection method and gain more effective analyzed data.

(by Mr. Bundit Wattanaputtikul, 5th ROAE)

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