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Towards the New Horizon



A Happy New Year!!

I wish good luck, prosperity and health to all participants and supporters of the ASEAD Project all through the year 2005.

OAE is receiving increasingly larger attention in agricultural data from all over the country. Ministers and Directors-General as well as farm leaders are frequently asking OAE for timely and accurate data. CAI tries hard to improve its own statistical system through ASEAD Project.

This year, we intend to see a new horizon for our statistical system. CAI will build an improved area survey system. A real-time data reporting and processing system will be developed. Capacity of ROAE staff and field enumerators will be upgraded through ASEAD training schemes. An international seminar on input-output analysis will be conducted later this year.

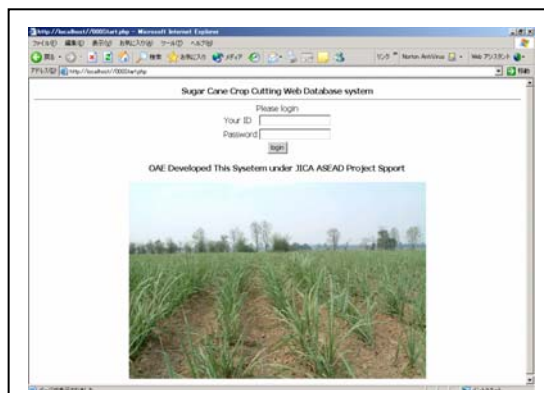
It is our determination that, through ASEAD and AFSIS, CAI will reach for a high level of statistical development both in Thailand and in the whole ASEAN region.

(by Mr. Montol Jeamchareon, ASEAD Project manager, Director of CAI, OAE)

ASEAD developed a new Web DB System for sugarcane crop

1. Outline of new Web DB System

ASEAD Project has developed a new data entry and processing system for sugarcane crop cutting survey. It enables the ROAE staff to directly open a data entry and analysis pages on the OAE website from the Internet browser. It is quite an advanced system for data collection from outside the government offices, which is employed by e-government framework.

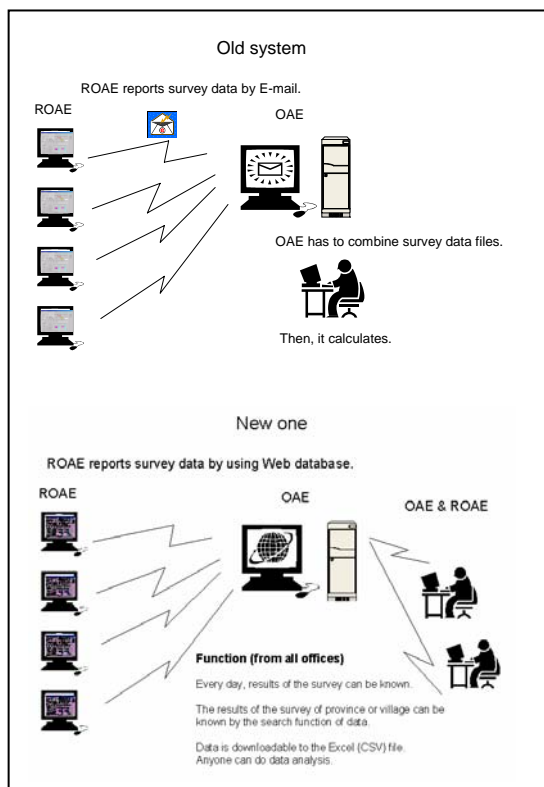


2. Comparison between old and new system

Under the present system, OAE sends data-processing program based on EXCEL macro to ROAEs. After crop-cutting data are inputted, ROAE sends them back to OAE. This system required a lengthy procedure at ROAE as following:

- (1) Installation of programme.
- (2) Setting up the program.
- (3) Making report file.
- (4) Reporting survey data by e-mail.

Because of its complexity, OAE and ROAE could not get survey data in a timely manner. The new Web DB System solves the complication and gets data quickly and easily. In addition, authorized staff in OAE and ROAEs can download necessary data as CSV file for summation and analysis.



3. Future of Web DB System

A Japanese short-term expert and counterparts together developed Web DB System on sugar cane crop cutting survey.

It is hoped that ASEAD counterparts will apply new Web DB System for cassava, rice, corn, soybean and others survey data to get new timely summary data for these crops.

Though rice Web DB System will require harder work because of its large sample size and complexity of collection method, new system has greater advantage over the present system.

In this occasion, the short-term expert would like to express his sincere thanks to the staff of OAE and ROAEs for their support.

(by Mr. T. Arimitsu, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan)

Training Report on the Frontpage 2003 and TYPO Program



Of 9 Regional Offices of Agricultural Economic, ROAE 3,5,7 and 9 have their own homepage but they are not in the same direction. This training would help the trained officers to make their homepage by themselves with less difficulty but high efficiency. Part of this course's budget was supported instructor fee and Fontpage 2003 textbook by JICA.

This course was the basic course because homepage consisted of many other programs such as: Dreamweaver, Flash, Photoshop, Typo, FTP Pro and other basic languages. Fontpage 2003 is not enough to make good

home page. This course is well arranged because the officers who were trained suited to their job; particularly, transferring data into Fontpage, using Theme-Frame-Table, making Layout, using template and linking data between each other which trained officers understood well. (by Mr. Bundit Vattanaputtikul, Economist 5, ROAE 5)

Seminar on Input-Output Analysis for the Agricultural Sector in Japan



Seminar on "Input Output Analysis for the Agricultural Sector in Japan" was held on 23rd, December, 2004.

OAE staff, Ms. Pornpun, Ms. Anyada, Ms. Chutamad and Ms. Suprama who have been to Japan on counterpart training presented their information to the seminar. More than 70 persons participated in the seminar and studied their experience in Japan. The presentation was made not only input-output analysis but also Japanese agricultural statistical system.

The Training Course on the Statistical Data Analysis and Forecasting

The Training Course on the Statistical Data Analysis and Forecasting was held at AFSIT Center in OAE 22-26 November 2004.

This training which was the third training course of AFSIS (ASEAN Food Security Information System) Project was attended by 27 participants from ASEAN + 3 countries.

Statistical personnel had the opportunity to learn about basic regression theory and practice software application for Econometric Model in order to achieve the commodity forecasting.



Cassava and Sugarcane Crop Cutting training held

Cassava and Sugarcane Crop Cutting training was held for 2 nights and 3 days as following schedule.

ROAE	Training Location	Date	Instructor and commentator	No. of SKT
1,2	Phitsanulok	5-7, Jan, 2005	Mr. Chanchai	30
3	Loei	6-8, Jan, 2005	Ms. Unchana, Mr. Amorn	27
4	Maharakam	27-29, Dec, 2004	Mr. Watcharachai, Mr. Suntorn	25
5	Nakorn Ratchasima	21-23, Dec, 2004	Mr. Chanchai	32
6	Rayong	5-7, Jan, 2005	Mr. Watcharachai, Mr. Porntep Mr. Suntorn, Ms. Suraporn	19
7	Lopburi	22-24, Dec, 2004	Ms. Unchana, Mr. Amorn	26
Total no. of SKT				159



Above photo shows one of presentation scenes.

The trainings consisted of lecture and field practice. In the final session of cassava and sugarcane, ROAE staff and field enumerators presented their survey result with CAI staff's comment. Those trainings were ended successfully with cooperation of CAI and ROAE staff. The enumerators expressed that they had confidence to manage crop cutting in their fields by themselves.

Voice of Counterpart



There were a lot of good changes in OAE since JICA supported in many aspects.

Website training program was a good example because it could help each ROAE to provide much useful information to public faster and more updated.

(by Mr. Silavat Attayothin,
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