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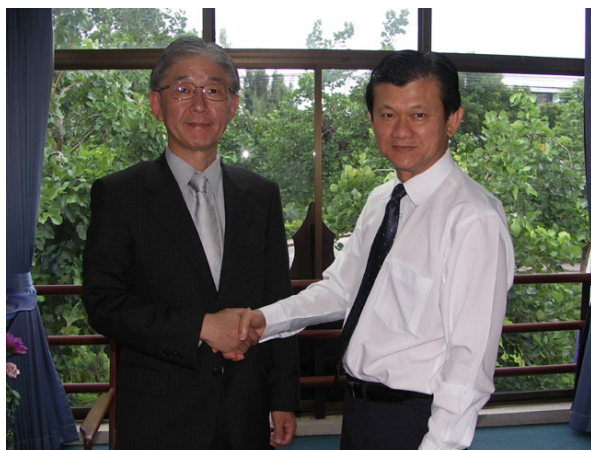


Mr.Kawasaki: I appreciate your ability to have your work done and all the efforts to complete what you are working in OAE. More than anything else, I would like you to know that you are not only an expert but also my friend for many years. Eventhough it is about time for you to go back home, we will miss you. Please know that you are very welcome to come back or visit us sometimes.

In respect to Mr. Sasaki, we, OAE, firstly would like to welcome you to OAE with pleasure. OAE would do the best to facilitate your work while being with us under the concept of mutual benefit between Japanese party and Thai side. I hope our cooperation would result the best outcome and understanding in the upcoming future.

(By Ms. Anchalee Ooraikul, Secretary General of OAE)

FAREWELL and WELCOME



I think sincerely I am happy to be here in the Kingdom of Thailand and work for the Project. Above all, it was my honor and pleasure to be accepted with warm heart by Ms. Anchalee, DG of OAE, Mr. Montol, Director of CAI, and all the staff members. With my 30 year's experience as an agricultural officer and statistician in Japan, I would like to contribute to the project as much as possible.

Mr. Kawasaki, my predecessor and an old friend of mine, has left a lot of results for us during his assignment. Actually crop cutting methods have been developed on each crop and adopted in practical use.

Area survey, combined GIS and traditional survey method, is also going to be completed.

Since the Project started two years ago, the Project has accomplished many tasks with the efforts and hard work of all the members engaged in it.

Now we are entering into 2nd stage of the Project, we have to tackle new targets, which will be analysis, forecasting and so on. Furthermore, these newly developed techniques and experience must be disseminated to other countries through the activity of AFSIS.

I hope and I believe this Project will advance more and more toward the future.

Anyway, I have to learn and study many things firstly as a statist. So I am willing to know about crops, farm households, rural community as well as the nature and people of the Thailand.



(By Mr. Masaaki Sasaki, ASEAD Project, Chief Advisor)



Dear Everybody!

My two years' assignment as JICA Expert for ASEAD Project was the most exciting and enjoyable one in my life. Talking with you at OAE and ROAE on project and everything else; field practices for crop cutting and area survey; visiting countryside and getting to know nature and people there; all of these experience made my life rich and joyful. Above all, your kindness and friendliness were the best I got in Thailand. Your ASEAD Project has so far been quite successful, thanks to your active participation and OAE's strong support.

I am convinced that, with Mr. Sasaki as new Chief Advisor, the Project will progress further and harvest larger outputs during the coming years. Let me pray good health and happiness for all of you at OAE and ROAE.

(By Mr. Yoichiro Kawasaki, ASEAD Project, Ex-Chief Advisor)

Maize and Soybean Crop Cutting

On July 11–12, 2005 in Pitsanulok and Sukothai provinces, the 2nd Regional Office of Agricultural Economics (the 2nd ROAE), Center for Agricultural Information (CAI) and ASEAD Project conducted the survey of Maize and Soybean (1st crop) Crop Cutting in Crop Year 2005/06. The objectives of this survey are to pretest maize and soybean's crop cutting questionnaire and to get general information about maize and soybean's product.



After this survey, CAI and ASEAD will conduct the training courses for Maize and Soybean (1st crop) Crop Cutting in Crop Year 2005/06 for from the 1st ROAE to the 6th ROAE between August and September, 2005.

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

Threshing Machines arrived



One of the activities in ASEAD Project is to survey yield per rai of each crop by using Crop Cutting method. The important step for Rice and Soybean Crop Cutting is threshing which take times and labour cost. For this reason, JICA had provided 10 electric threshers to distribute to each ROAE and CAI. OAE believes that these machines will shorten times and increase the accuracy of weighting Rice and Soybean's grain.

OAE has appreciated deeply for the attentiveness from JICA.

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

Input-Output Analysis Training in Japan

During 12 June to 2 July 2005 I, Mr. Vongtaworn Tuntientrat and Ms. Pariyaporn Sengad had a chance to attend the training course on Input-Output analysis organized by JICA.

At the beginning of the training we study about :

- 1) Overview of Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan
- 2) Input-Output Analysis, mainly for Agriculture
- 3) Overview on Statistics of Productive Agricultural Income,
- 4) Overview on Statistics of Agricultural Products Distribution.

In this part, we could learn about statistical concepts involved in economics in particular for Input-Output Table. After that we study about the preparation of Input-Output Table in Japan, preparation of the up-dated Input-Output Tables the inter-regional Input-Output Tables and Japanese Input-Output Table for 2000. We could learn how to compile Input-Output Tables. Japanese Input-Output Table always is not the symmetric matrix and the number of row and column are different. In Japanese Input-Output Table 2000,

there was the new sectors: Waste and Recycle because in Japan nowadays people always use recycle commodity. Besides Japan compile supplementary Input-Output Table, prefectural Input-Output Tables, Interregional Input-Output Tables and updated Input-Output Tables.

We have also studied how to use Input-Output Table for economics analysis. We visited many famous institutes. First we visited Policy Research Institute, MAFF to learn about Industrial Structure Analysis of Food Industry by using the Input-Output Table from Dr.Yakushiji, director of Policy Research Institute.



Second, we visited Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) to study a construction and analysis of International Input Output Table from Mr.Kuroiwa, Head of Micro Economic Analysis Group. Third, we studied about Energy and Environment Input-Output Table Analysis from Dr.Hayami at Keio University.

During the training, we went to Ohta Wholesale Market under Tokyo metropolitan to see agricultural commodity wholesale trade system. There are two main systems bargaining and bidding.

This training is very good opportunity for us not only to study about Input-Output but also to learn about the different culture.



Last, we have been given the lecture about preparation and analysis industrial Input-Output table in Mie Prefecture by Dr.Asahi and Input-Output Table and Macro- economy model by Dr. Osada at Nagoya University. Dr. Asahi advised that we should have Input-Output Table in prefecture level.

It will be useful for Economic analysis. In Dr.Osada's lecture, we have learnt about basic concept to build up each type of economic model, how to use that models and their linkage.



(By Ms. Pornpun Hensawang, Director of Agricultural Forecasting Division, CAI)

Participated in AFSIS Training in P.R. China



P.R. China had organized the training course on "Food Security Information System and Technology" in Beijing from 7 to 17 August, 2005 under the Project of ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS). The objective of the training course was to develop human resources and information technology management to promote the information exchange among the member countries. The training course was hosted by Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CASS) and the Ministry of Agriculture of P.R. China. The course expenses were sponsored to ASEAN countries.

Mr. Montol Jeamchareon, Director of Centre for Agricultural Information, addressed the opening speech as the Project Manager of the AFSIS. The participants in this training course were Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam Thailand and Japan.

All delegates visited the advanced technology on networking of CAAS which is an organization involved with National Agricultural Research, also with the strong relation to the Ministry of Agriculture of P.R. China. Another place was Agricultural Information Construction at Wu Xiong Temple which is an organization involved with the Research of Information Technology Development on Agriculture, providing agricultural information technology to farmer and general people through the cable T.V. network and Internet, also providing computer room for farmer to search for the agricultural information through the internet. Another place to visit was The Agricultural Digital Garden, it is an organization involved with the Research of Agricultural Commodity Development; for example, hydroponics and cloning method.

(By Mr. Prakobkit Phusirimongkol, Director of Division of Agricultural Economic Information, and Ms. Patchararatana Limsirikul, Division of Agricultural Forecasting CAI)

Voice of Counterpart Yield per rai survey by crop cutting method



In my opinion, crop cutting method is the best way to find yield per rai data. To get accurate yield per rai data has been important matter not only for government sector but also private sectors. Office of Agricultural Economics in cooperation with JICA ASEAD project has been using crop cutting method to calculate yield per rai data. Crop cutting method is based on statistical theory consist of weighing, estimating and sampling. Another reason which makes this method accurate is that we process data at the sample plot instead of farmer interview as before. The data from the plots will be used to estimate yield per rai of sub-district, district and province.

Though the crop cutting is a great method, if staff does not follow the rules or conditions, the result will be inaccurate. Therefore I would like to tell that everybody who does the survey should be aware of this matter.

(By Mr. Thananuwat Pinyam, ROAE 4th)

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