



East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

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**10-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE EAPVP FORUM (2018-2027)
(EAPVPF/11/02)**

Comments from CN

The revision of the document will be supported by “A DRAFT OF “THE RULE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE EAST ASIA PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION FORUM”(hereinafter referred to as “ROP”) , while the ROP does not come into force until approved by the relevant authorities of China, due to it involving the establishment of mechanism, subjected to China’s relevant rules or regulations. Therefore, this revision of the document is required to submit to the said authority with the ROP. Up to now, it was not approval.

[JP, MM, MY, VN]

1. The 11th Annual Meeting adopted the ROP as provided in EAPVPF/11/02. Proposals from CN and KR are supposed to be discussed with a view to a revision of ‘EAPVPF/11/02’ (not of ‘EAPVPF/11/02 Draft’) in accordance with procedure agreed at the 11th Annual Meeting as provided in EAPVPF/11/10.
2. Please state which authorities will approve this 10-YSP?

The EAPVPF Forum,

- *Recalling* the 10th EAPVP Forum annual Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September 2017 adopted to discuss and prepare the next 10 years plan at the 11th Forum annual Meeting.
- *Reaffirming* enhanced technical capacity of each country including the DUS examination during the past decade thanks to series of cooperation activities under the Forum. Also recognizing that DUS test stations have been newly established or strengthened in some member countries.
- *Recognizing* that the DUS test guideline for tropical plant discussed under the EAPVP activities, and was considered in the discussion in UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs) which have served to provide detailed practical guidance for the harmonized examination of DUS testing.
- *Considering* harmonization of the PVP systems in the region, although some positive movement/development towards becoming UPOV member in some EAPVP member countries appears, further harmonization or integrity of the PVP system in East Asian region should be considered.

Comments from CN and KR

[...] further harmonization ~~or integrity~~ of the PVP system in East Asian region should be considered.

[JP, KH, MM, MY, VN]

No objection.

- *Assessing* the result of consecutive activities of information exchanges and public awareness, further region-specific programs in East Asia region in consistent with UPOV Convention that has function to encourage non-UPOV members in EAPVP Forum to join to the UPOV membership should be encouraged.
- *Noting* different situation and concerns of each Forum member country surrounding PVP as ever discussion in the EAPVP Forum.

adopted at its 11th EAPVP Forum annual Meeting as follows:

Comments from CN

[...] adopted with condition of further comments from China and Republic of Korea within 6 months¹ at its 11th EAPVP Forum annual Meeting as follows:

Note 1: The item 9, reads that, in the report of the 11th Meeting of the Forum held in the Manila, Philippines on 1 August 2018, the meeting adopted the Draft Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan as presented in document EAPVPF/11/03 Draft 1 proposed by Japan as provided in Annex III with condition of further comments from China and Republic of Korea within 6 months. In the case of any proposed amendments, the documents will be circulated to all Forum members and discussed with a view to a revision of the documents by consensus.

[JP, MM, MY, VN]

It should be considered in accordance with the result of the discussion at the 12th Annual Meeting in April, depending on the status whether the 10-YSP is amended or not.

1. Common Direction

Composition of the Common direction is as follows:

- (a) **“Long-term direction”** as the Forum’s long-term direction reflecting its interests

Establish effective PVP systems consistent with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention (hereinafter referred to as the “UPOV Convention”) among Forum members towards achieving all Forum members’ membership of UPOV, as a foundation for building an efficient and cooperative regional PVP mechanism which encourages the development of new plant varieties in the East Asian region in order to contribute to developing sustainable agriculture and achieving food security

Comments from CN

Establish effective PVP systems consistent with ~~the 1991 Act of~~ the UPOV Convention ~~(hereinafter referred to as the “UPOV Convention”)~~ among Forum members towards achieving all Forum members’ membership of UPOV, ~~as a foundation for building an efficient and cooperative regional PVP mechanism which encourages the development of new plant varieties in the East Asian region~~ in order to contribute to developing sustainable agriculture and achieving food security

[KH]

Should be kept it as before (only deleted the 1991 Act of)

[JP, MM, MY, VN]

Alternative proposal:

Establish effective PVP systems consistent with the UPOV Convention among Forum members towards achieving all Forum members' membership of UPOV as a basis for further PVP harmonization and cooperation in the region in order to contribute to developing sustainable agriculture and achieving food security

(b) “**Objectives**” as Forum’s direct goals to be achieved over the next 10 years in Common direction

- **Objective1:**

Strengthen national PVP system consistent with the UPOV Convention to encourage investment in plant breeding

- **Objective2:**

Build a regionally harmonized mechanism for application and examination procedures under the UPOV Convention, encouraging mutual acceptance of DUS test reports towards an efficient and cooperative PVP system in the region for breeders

Comments from CN

(b) “**Objectives**” as Forum’s direct goals to be achieved [...]

- **Objective1:** [...]

- **Objective2:**

~~*Build a regionally harmonized mechanism for application and examination procedures under the UPOV Convention, encouraging mutual acceptance of DUS test reports towards an efficient and cooperative PVP system in the region for breeders*~~

Comments from KR

- **Objective 2:**

~~*Build a regionally harmonized mechanism for application and examination procedures under the UPOV Convention, encouraging mutual acceptance of DUS test reports towards an efficient and cooperative PVP system in the region for breeders*~~

~~*Contribute to support achievement of UPOV member and to harmonize application and examination procedures for an efficient PVP cooperation*~~

[JP, MM, MY, VN]

Alternative proposal is as follows:

- **Objective 2:**

~~*Contribute to support achievement of UPOV member, to harmonize application and examination procedures, and to further efficient PVP cooperation in the region*~~

(c) “**Core activities**” as prioritized activities to achieve the Objective1 and Objective2, national-specific activities and regional cooperation activities, are given, respectively, as follows:

- **National-specific activities** to achieve Objective 1, which will be implemented according to development of each Forum member's PVP system consistent with the UPOV Convention
 - i. Develop national PVP laws and regulations, with the assistance of the Office of UPOV¹
 - ii. Establish/strengthen national administrative procedures for implementing PVP system from filing of application to granting rights
 - iii. Capacity building for examination of applications
 - iv. Develop DUS test guidelines
 - v. Awareness raising on UPOV system for relevant officers, policy makers and stakeholders (better understanding of UPOV system and its benefits, etc.)
 - vi. Strengthen private-public partnership to foster effective PVP system
- **Regional cooperation activities** to achieve Objective 2
 - i. Elaborate common test guidelines consistent with the UPOV system
 - ii. Synthesize application form and examination procedure
 - iii. Cooperate on trainings and exchange of experience on PVP administration, DUS examination, etc.
 - iv. Share best practices for effective enforcement

The regional cooperation activities would be implemented by plural/whole of Forum members in a cooperative and effective manner

Comments from CN

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 - **Regional cooperation activities** to achieve Objective 2
 - i. Elaborate common test guidelines consistent with the UPOV system

¹ The Forum member who wishes to implement the activities requires an official request to the Office of UPOV for advice and assistance according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

Comments from CN

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[JP, KH, MY, MM, VN] No objection.

~~ii. Synthesize application form and examination procedure~~

~~iii. Cooperate on trainings and exchange of experience on PVP administration, DUS examination, etc.~~

~~iv. Share best practices for effective enforcement~~

~~The regional cooperation activities would be implemented by plural/whole of Forum members in a cooperative and effective manner~~

Comments from KR

(c) “Core activities” as prioritized activities to achieve the Objectives 1 and Objective 2 [...]

- **National-specific activities** to achieve the Objectives 1 [...]

- **Regional cooperation activities** to achieve the Objectives 2

i. ~~Elaborate common test guidelines~~ Cooperate to develop DUS test guidelines consistent with the UPOV system

ii. ~~Synthesize~~ Cooperate to develop a harmonized application form and examination procedures

[...]

[KH]

Should be kept it as before.

[JP, MM, MY, VN]

Agree to amend “Core activities” as proposed by KR.

2. Individual Implementing Strategy

Each Forum member is requested to produce an Individual Implementing Strategic Plan as its national-level strategy which reflects the Common direction mentioned above in 1. The Individual Implementing Strategy includes national-specific activities taking into account each Forum member's individual circumstances. An Individual Implementing Strategy may also include regional cooperation activities. The Forum members can update its Individual Implementing Strategy on their accord periodically, and should share with the Forum member each time it happens. The Plan includes:

- i. *National goal (for next 10 years)*
- ii. *Objectives (with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years))*
- iii. *Planned activities (for next 3 years)*
- iv. *Roadmap*

Each Individual Implementing Strategic Plans are presented in the Appendices to this document.

Comments from CN

[...] ~~An Individual Implementing Strategy may also include regional cooperation activities.~~ [...]

Comments from KR

Each Forum member ~~is requested to~~ could produce an Individual Implementing Strategic Plan as its national-level strategy which reflects the Common direction mentioned above in 1. [...] The Forum members can update its Individual Implementing Strategy on their accord periodically, and ~~should~~ are encouraged to share with the Forum member ~~each time it happens~~ if necessary. The Plan may includes: [...]

[KH]

Followed Korea comment.

[JP, MM, MY, VN]

Alternative proposal is as follows:

Each Forum member ~~is encouraged-requested~~ to produce an Individual Implementing Strategic Plan as its national-level strategy which reflects the Common direction mentioned above in 1. The Individual Implementing Strategy includes national-specific activities taking into account each Forum member's individual circumstances. An Individual Implementing Strategy may also include regional cooperation activities. The Forum members can update its Individual Implementing Strategy on their accord periodically, and ~~should~~ are encouraged to share with the Forum member ~~each time it happens~~. The Plan may includes: [...]

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