

7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Plant Variety  
Protection Forum  
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Country Report

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# Updates on National Legislation

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Amendments to the Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Act and Rules that took effect on 30 July 2014 .

## Key Amendments to the Act:

- extend the application of the PVP Act to *all* genera and species ;
- enable the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) as Registrar of Plant Varieties to engage the services of examination authorities from other countries to examine applications of new plant varieties.



# Technical Cooperation Activities in 2013

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1. 6<sup>th</sup> East Asia Plant Variety Forum (EAPVF) 2–5 July 2013, Kuching, Malaysia
2. Training for Distinct Uniformity & Stability (DUS) Growing Trial for Plant Variety Protection (PVP) 24–28 Feb 2014 , Tsukuba, Japan
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on the Revision of Test Guidelines for Dendrobium & Orchid subcommittee for harmonization of descriptive Orchid morphology & terminology 25–27 February 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam

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- Hosted by Department of Agriculture of Malaysia with the financial support by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan.



- Singapore nominated to lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on the Revision of Test Guidelines for Dendrobium & Orchid subcommittee for harmonization of descriptive Orchid morphology & terminology

# Training for Distinct Uniformity & Stability (DUS) Growing Trial for Plant Variety Protection (PVP) 24–28 Feb 2014 , Tsukuba, Japan

- AVA attended DUS training in Tsukuba, Japan

- The training was organised by NCSS with participation from Singapore & Malaysia



- The training gave an overview of the introduction of DUS principles and practical Phalaenopsis DUS assessment.

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- Funded by Japan under the umbrella of the East Asia Plant Variety Protection (EAPVP)
- Lead by Singapore with Vietnam as host
- Addressed issues on Orchid morphology & terminology
- Revision of Dendrobium TG with inputs from participants
- Continue 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Korea as host in 2015

# Focus for the year & Action Plan

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- Increase awareness of PVP regime amongst breeders, related industries and IP agents.
  - The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore held a PVP Seminar for key stakeholders on 23 July 2014 to update on the upcoming legislative changes (effective 30 July 2014).
- Study trips to learn best practices and established processes.
- Cooperation with other PV Offices to assist with technical examination.
- Securing of Examiners to perform technical examination.

*Thank You*

