

**WORKSHOP ON AWARENESS OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION
UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION**

Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, December 7-8, 2015

Language: English with simultaneous interpretation

Monday, December 7, 2015		
Basic Principles of Plant Varieties Protection under UPOV Convention, Impact Made to Agriculture Sector in Member Countries and Implementing Plant Variety Protection		
8:30 – 9:00	Opening Ceremony Welcome addresses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bounkhouang Khambounheuang, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry • Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV • Mr. Katsumi Yamaguchi, Director, PVP Office and Associate Director of IP Division , MAFF Japan 	
9:00 – 9:50	Basic Principles of UPOV Convention and Benefits of UPOV membership	Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV
9:50 – 10:20	Experience of Japan – The Impact of Plant Variety Protection Under the UPOV Convention	Mr. Katsumi Yamaguchi, Director, PVP Office and Associate Director of IP Division , MAFF Japan
10:20 – 10:40	Photo Session, Coffee Break	
10:40 – 11:40	Progress in Accession to UPOV for 10 years : Impacts and Challenges for Agricultures in Viet Nam	Dr. Nguyen Thanh Minh, Director, PVPO, DCP, MARD, Viet Nam
11:40 – 12:00	Q & A	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 13:50	Plant Variety Development in Lao PDR	Mr. Vanthieng PHOMMASOULIN Deputy Director of Agronomy Management Division Department of Agriculture, MAF, Lao PDR
13:50 – 14:10	New Plant Variety Protection System in Lao PDR	Mr. Makha Chanthala, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property, MOST, Lao PDR
14:10 – 14:30	Support for Members of UPOV	Mr. Jun Koide, Technical/Regional Officer, UPOV
14:30 – 14:50	Coffee Break	
14:50 – 15:20	Structures and Benefits of the EU Plant Variety Protection System	Mr. Carlos Godinho, Vice President, CPVO
15:20 – 15:50	U.S. system of PVP protection and benefits	Dr. Kitisri Sukhapinda, Attorney, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO, Department of Commerce (Former Chairperson of UPOV Council)
15:50 – 16:20	Development of Intellectual property challenges at french level	Mr. Francois Burgaud, Director, External Relations, GNIS
16:20 – 16:50	Q & A	
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Session	

Roundtable discussion "Ways forward to establish a PVP examination system"

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Objective: to have an open discussion with a view to facilitate the development of PVP system in Lao PDR based on the understandings of current situation in Lao PDR and experience of UPOV members.

Venue: Room XXX in Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture

**powerpoint presentation facility available.*

Chair:

Participants: UPOV, CPVO (EU), GNIS (France), USPTO, Vietnam, JP-MAFF and Lao PDR (MAF and MoST)

Tuesday, December 8, 2015		
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and introductions	Representative of Lao PDR and UPOV
9:10 – 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Update on PVP system development in Lao PDR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Outline the situation on development of following points; Law, decree, implementing regulation /Ministerial order, application forms, organization in charge of PVP system in MoST and MAF, roles and relationship including work flow of MoST and MAF, challenges/bottleneck in developing Law, decree, implementing regulation/Ministerial order, crop breeding (overall situation including type of crop, where, who), etc.</i></p>	Presenter from Lao PDR (MoST and MAF, 40 minutes each including Q&A)
10:30-11:00	Process to become a UPOV member	Presenter from UPOV (including Q&A)
11:00-12:30 (including tea break)	Discussion and summary	

The agenda is flexible, subject to change in accordance with the discussion at the seminar on the previous day.