

## INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF CAMBODIA

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### 1. National goal (for next 10 years: 2018 to 2027)

1-1. Based on strategy of seed policy for Cambodia in 2016 described that the protection of new varieties of plants as a form of intellectual property is an important stimulus to private investment in plant breeding and the introduction of protected varieties for production and marketing. To comply with the requirements of WTO membership, this protection is provided under Chapter 2 of law on seed management and plant breeder's right. Breeders who wish to protect new varieties of plant must submit application to the competent authority.

1-2. Under law on seed management and plant breeder's right, the technical work for examining new varieties will be carry out by MAFF and administrative work with registration of Plant Breeder Right will be carry out by Ministry of Industry and Handicraft (MIH). Staff will require training on the procedures for DUS test and management of registration of PVP, these being the key criteria for granting protection. Prior to introducing a full plant variety protection system, GDA will prepare and implement technical guidelines for carrying out DUS test, initially on rice and corn, and on other crops as required. At the same time General Department of Industry (GDI), Department of Industrial Property (DIP) will prepare and implement administrative guidelines for Registration of PVP. Wherever possible, description of new varieties submitted for protection shall be exchanged with other countries in region to make the testing procedures more efficient. Such collaboration will be facilitated when Cambodia becomes a member of UPOV.

### 2. Objectives with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years)

#### 2018

Both ministries will be jointed to fully complete the regulations under law related to the procedures of implementation of National PVP system this objective is a difficult issue with requirement of legal experts.

There will be a workshop/seminar on the procedure to obtain the PVP protection for the public especially for the PVP-related stakeholders

#### 2019

MAFF will be established the Seed and variety management Unit under GDA to respond all activities related the seed and variety.

MIH will respond to the registration of plant breeder right in order to disseminate the law and regulation to breeders and stakeholders related to plant variety protection to understand the benefit of PVP.

MIH and MAFF will be jointed to study the Cambodia plant breeder right law that comply with the requirement of UPOV member.

## **2020**

National level will be started to carry out the PVP system if the national breeders applied to protect new varieties with developing a test guideline.

MAFF & MIH will work together for considering amendment Cambodia plant breeder right law that comply with the requirement of UPOV member.

### **3. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years)**

#### **Planned activities**

- 3-1-1. Establish a seed management and varieties unit with overall responsibility for all types of seeds and varieties.
- 3-1-2. Finalize regulations under law on protection for new varieties of plant.
- 3-1-3. Establish procedures for testing and registration of new varieties and criteria for inclusion in the list.
- 3-1-4. Disseminate the law and regulation to breeders and stakeholders related to plant variety protection to understand the benefit of PVP.
- 3-1-5. Continue to strengthen institutional capacity and human resources needed for research and development of new varieties.
- 3-1-6. MAFF & MIH will work together for considering amendment of Cambodia plant breeder right law that comply with the requirement of UPOV member.

#### **Road map**

An expansion to boost the PVP system in Cambodia relies on establishment of :

- 3-2-1. Seed and Variety management unit under GDA/MAFF and DIP/MIH is the executive body responsible for implementing the regulations made under law on seed management and plant breeder's right.
- 3-2-2. Improvement of station/centers facilities to conduct DUS test.
- 3-2-3. Making the all regulations under law and technical documents as tools to support PVP implement.
- 3-2-4 Disseminate the law and regulation to breeders and stakeholders related to plant variety protection to understand the benefit of PVP.
- 3-2-5. Specific technical and administrative training program of examiners to check the novelty, variety denominations and DUS test.
- 3-2-6. Starting steps of PVP system related potential crops as rice, corn, moonbeam, soybean and some vegetables.
- 3-2-7. New variety development program to support and promote the breeders.
- 3-2-8. Cooperation with donors and international organizations supporting to PVP system in Cambodia.
- 3-2-9. MAFF & MIH will work together for considering amendment of Cambodia plant breeder right law that comply with the requirement of UPOV member.

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