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LIST OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2018

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The Forum member countries proposed cooperation activities in 2018. In accordance with the Rule of Procedure for the EAPVP Forum (document EAPVPF/11/02), the cooperation activities need to be in line with the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan of the EAPVP Forum (document EAPVPF/11/03) with a view to streamlining the Forum's cooperation activities toward further harmonization of the PVP system in the region. In this context, the 11th EAPVP Forum Meeting adopted the List of the Cooperation Activities in 2018, as follows:

1. Lao PDR

1-1. Activity: Workshop on Awareness of Protection of Plant Variety under UPOV convention

1-2. Expected outcome of the proposed program:

- Increasing PVP information and understanding among public and private institutions relating to Plant Variety Protection Under UPOV Convention
- Proposing clear implementing mechanism and process for carrying out existing policies relating to plant variety protection

1-3. Expected venue: Vientiane, Lao PDR

1-4. Expected participants: Expected target groups relating to PVP and seed include institutions for policy making, research, academic, promotion and production including public and private sector about 65 participants

2. Malaysia

2-1. Activity 1: Legal consultation on Harmonisation of the Protection of New Plant Varieties 20XX with UPOV Convention 1991

2-2. Proposed date & venue: 15-17 August, 2018 / Hotel Tenera, Bangi, Selangor

2-3. Expected participants: UPOV Legal Advisor, Ministerial Legal Advisor of the Malaysian Ministry of Agriculture and Agro Based Industry, Lead Negotiator for International Treaty: Intellectual Property Working Group – Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, International Division – Ministry of Agriculture

and Agro-Based Industry, International Division – Department of Agriculture, Malaysian Plant Variety Technical Committee Members, Secretariat – PVP Office

3. Myanmar

3-1. Activity: **Workshop for formulating the data base for reference varieties of main crops (Rice, Maize and black gram) and Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) Evaluation**

3-2. Proposed date: 2018 December to 2019 February

3-3. Proposed venue: Department of Agricultural Research

3-4. Expected participants: PVP staffs, sub-technical committee member and Experts from EAPVP forum member country

4. Philippines

4-1. Activity: **Follow-up of the international seminar on the benefits of plant variety protection under the UPOV system and technical training on Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) Evaluation and photo documentation**

4-2. Proposed date: May 1-5, 2019

4-3. Proposed venue:

Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) Central Office -Malate, Manila, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) - Los Baños, Laguna, Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) -Los Baños, Laguna

4-4. Expected participants:

BPI-PVPO, BPI-CRPSD-PGR, UPLB-IPB-NPGRL, NGO's, SUC's, plant breeders, researchers

5. Vietnam and Japan

5.1 Activity: **Pilot project for building regional harmonized PVP mechanism**

5.2 Proposed date:

Phase 1 (2018 – 2021)

Develop a model procedure from filing to the grant of plant breeders' right as a foundation of regional harmonized mechanism in line the UPOV Convention.

The model procedure will be consisted of a unified application form, harmonized DUS test proceedings with Test Guidelines and mutual acceptance of the DUS Test results and administrative proceedings.

5.3. Proposed venue (Phase 1)

Vietnamese PVP Office and DUS Testing Agencies in Vietnam (for food crops and some other crops)

5.4. Expected participants

5.4.1 Participating counties will be selected by Vietnam and Japan from UPOV members of the EAPVP Forum.

5.4.2 The EAPVP member countries which have officially committed to join UPOV (Brunei Darussalam, Myanmar and Malaysia) can be selected, upon their request, to participate the Phase 1 of the pilot project as provisional participants.

5.4.3 The Progress of the project will be reported to the EAPVP Forum's Annual Meeting.

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