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## **REPORT OF SITUATION IN THE ASEAN MINISTERS MEETING ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (AMAF) CONCERNING THE EAPVP FORUM**

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The purpose of this document is to report situation of EAPVP Forum in connection with the ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF).

### **1 Introduction**

PVP is becoming more and more important with benefit for socio-economy in many countries in region.

The East Plant Variety Protection Forum (EAPVPF) was established in 2008 based on the endorsed proposal at the 7th AMAF Plus Three. The purpose of the EAPVP Forum is to harmonize technical and administrative procedure for PVP in region that follows the rule of the UPOV Convention.

Since its establishment, many activities on improving capacity of PVP system in each Member of EAPVPF have been implemented and reported at Form's annual meetings.

### **2 Situation of the EAPVP Forum**

Closer cooperation among Members in the scope of the EAPVP Forum, it is manifested through activities as Workshop/Seminar/in country training/out country training, etc., in region.

Significant progress were observed on the development of national PVP System in Members as Brunei, Malaysia, Myanmar Cambodia and Lao, etc.

Some Members are doing final procedure for becoming UPOV's Member with their improved Law and organization body of national system. The cooperation on sharing the technical examination have been established between Members (VN-JP; VN-KR; VN-SG)

### **3 Actions in 11th EAPVP meeting**

3.1 The 10-Year Strategic Plan is drafted for the direction in the next 10 years and it is discussed in Muntinlupa among Members of the EAPVP Forum with some main contents as follow:

- Long-term direction with aim to establish a regional PVP harmonization mechanism

- Individual Strategic Plan for each country on how to improve the national PVP system in conformity to UPOV Convention.

3.2 To launch a Pilot Project with the assistance from UPOV and other Members as an Action Plan for the 10-Year Strategic Plan.

#### **4 Next Plan in connection with the AMAF**

4.1 In parallel with such EAPVP Forum's project, it is considered that exploring possible ASEAN common PVP policy can provide large benefits, including:

- Increase in connectivity in the ASEAN region (along with Blueprint of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC))
- Reduce the burden of the PVP authority of each ASEAN Member State (AMS) on conducting examination of PVP application by mutual cooperation and sharing resources among AMSs

4.2 For this purpose, the activities of the EAPVP Forum mentioned above will be reported at the relevant Working Group of ASEAN and proposed to report it to the annual Meetings of AMAF.

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