

7th East Asia Plant Variety
Protection Forum
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Country Report
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Updates on National Legislation

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

1. 6th 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. 1st 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.



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- 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 2nd meeting with Korea as host in 2015

Focus for the year & Action Plan

- 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

