

Country Report on the Progress of PVP System in Lao PDR

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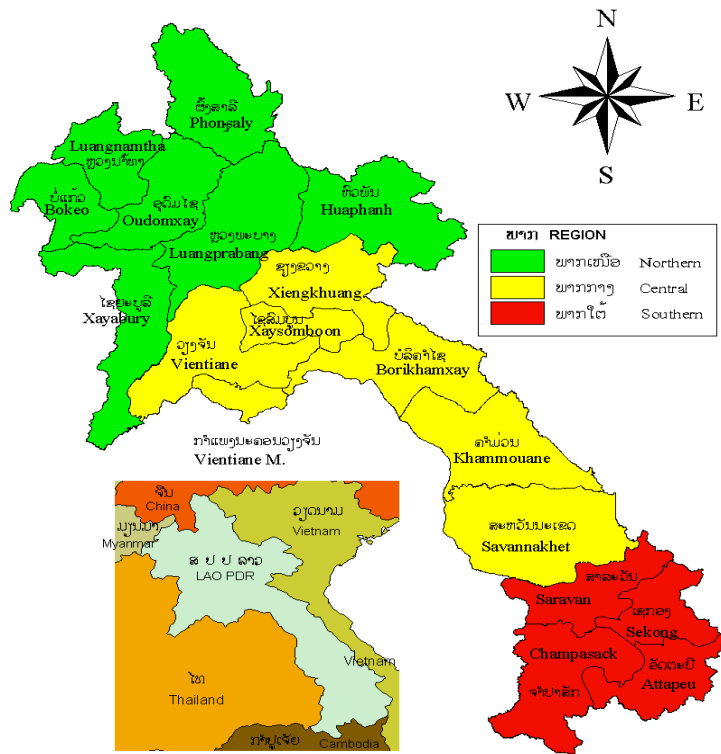
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1. Agricultural Development in Lao PDR

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MAP of LAO PDR



- Lao PDR covers area of 236,800 km²
- Population is about 6.5 million (In 2015);
- GDP 7.56 %
- Cultivated land covers about 2 million ha (5%), rice is occupying 60-70%
 - Maize
 - Cassava
 - Fruit and Vegetable

Government Policy: The state promotes, encourages persons, juristic persons, organizations to invest in developing and controlling plant variety with focus on construction of technical infrastructure, capacity building, research and development of plant variety.



Government's Prospective and Strategic Vision for 2015-2020

The Government's vision for the development of agriculture, forestry, natural resources management and rural development *is based on the holistic concept of long-term, sustainable development, including economic, social and ecological dimensions.*

*Long-term
Development
Goal for
the sector :*

Gradual introduction and increased application of modernized lowland market-oriented agricultural production, adapted to climate change and focused on smallholder farmers.

Conservation of uplands ecosystems, ensuring food security and improving the livelihood of rural communities.

**Strategic
direction**

Ensure a successful gradual transition from subsistence into commercial smallholder production.

2. National PVP Legislative Field

1. Legal area

- Agricultural Law (No. 01/98 NA, Promulgated by National Assembly on 10 October 1998,). This law is now under improving/review process.
- Revised the Law on Intellectual property (No. 01/NA, Date 20 December 2011, **will be approved the end of this year.**
- Regulation on Management and Use of Plant Variety (Ministry Agreement, No.3919/MAF, 12 December 2012) and Upgrade to Decree of Plant Variety Management this decree will be approve the end of this year,

2). Technical area



Training Course for DUS Test of water melon in
Vietnam from 23 to 28 April 2017

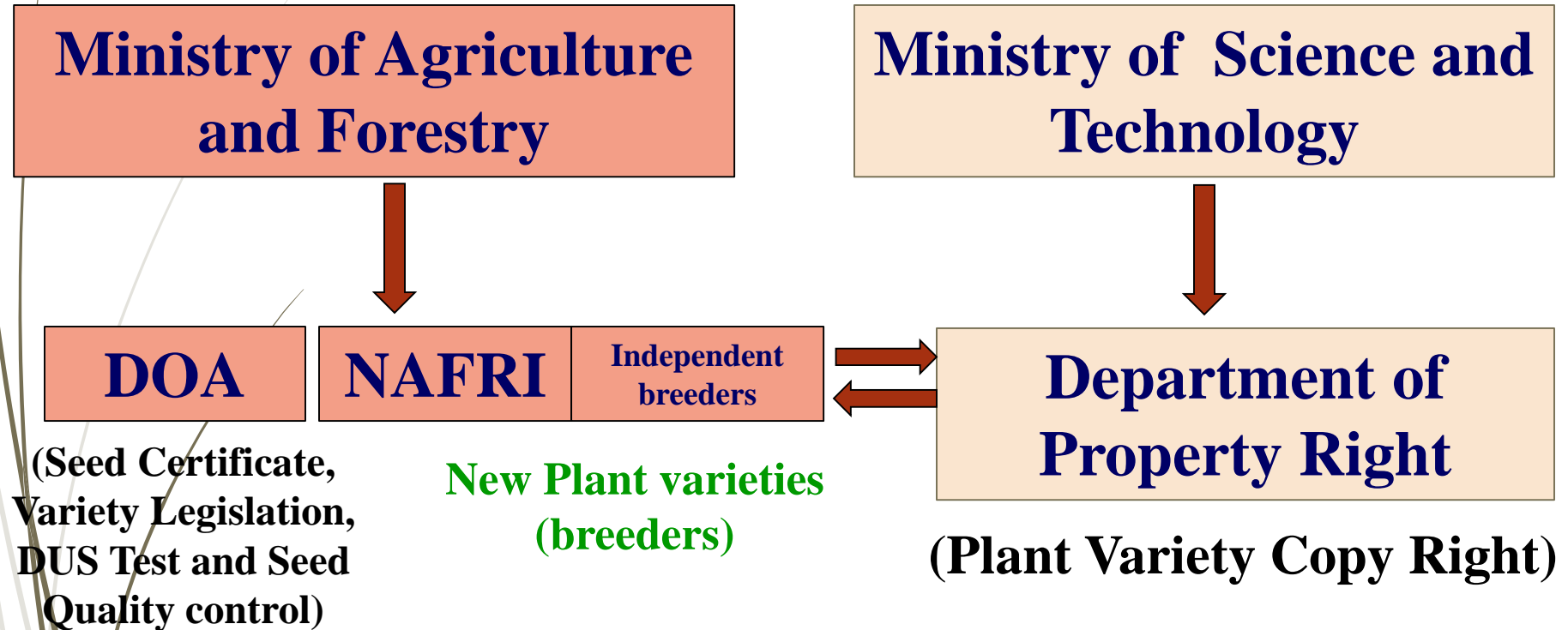


Training on Quality Control System of seed and seedling to facilitate Distribution of High quality July to September, 2014 in Japan,

3). Improvement of PVP in Technical Field


1. In Lao PDR, for the methods, solution, technical documents, testing instruments, facilities & infrastructure being introduced to improve DUS testing not yet established,
2. Knowledge on PVP for Lao People is at Low level of course, we have attended some trainings and workshops on PVP abroad, but our skills and environmental facility is not enough/ready for setting up the PVP system.

4). Organization Area of PVP



3. Future Direction

- ❖ It is an overview of current situation on Intellectual Property as well as new plant variety protection system in Lao PDR.
- ❖ The protection of IP is now being given great attention as an incentive and encouragement for the promotion of innovation, investment, trade, economic and agriculture development of the nation.
- ❖ Seeking a cooperation in capacity building particularly in DUS examination and developing Test Guidelines.

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- Development /Establishment the DUS Test Section/Center.
 - Therefore, it requires more assistance and exchange of experiences with other countries to improve the new plant variety protection system in our country.
 - Conduct and Participate workshops, seminars or training related to PVP and DUS Test and quality control system.

THANK YOU
For your kind attention

