

**Seminar on
“The benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for farmers and growers”**

Thursday 23 February 2017

T.K Palace Hotel, Jaengwattana Road, Bangkok, Thailand

Agenda

Language: English with simultaneous interpretation

Main topics: Provisions for farmers under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention; Impact of plant variety protection in the development of agriculture in UPOV members; and Implementation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection		
08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-09.30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special address by MAFF Mr. Kenji Numaguchi, Chief Examiner, PVP Office, Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau, MAFF Japan ● Special address by UPOV Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV ● Welcome and opening addresses by DOA Dr. Suwit Chaikiettiyot, Director General, Department of Agriculture (DOA) Group photos inviting guest speakers	
09.30-10.05	Session1: Benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for Farmers and Growers (35 min)	Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV
10.05-10.25	Coffee & Tea Break (20 min)	
	Session2: Experiences of plant variety protection in the development of agriculture in UPOV members; benefits for farmers and growers under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention	The presentations should include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief information about agriculture (only in plants) in relevant UPOV member - Impact after becoming UPOV member; delivering benefits for farmers and growers under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention: (1) Role of PVP in Improving Incomes for Farmers and Growers; (2) Enabling Farmers and Growers to Become Breeders; (3) Scope of the breeder’s right and exceptions (e.g. diversity of breeders, public-private partnerships; subsistence farming, farm saved-seed)
10.25-11.00	2.1 PVP Impact and Implementation in Japan (35 min)	Mr. Kenji Numaguchi, Chief Examiner, PVP Office, Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau, MAFF Japan
11.00-12.10	2.2 (1) Implementation of PVP in Viet Nam (2) The benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for farmers and growers in Viet Nam (70 min)	(1) Dr. Nguyen Thanh Minh, Director, PVPO, DCP, MARD, Viet Nam (2) Dr. Nguyen Viet Long, Researcher, Department of Food Crop Science, Vietnam National University of Agriculture, Viet Nam
12.10-13.10	Lunch Break (60 min)	

13.10-13.45	2.3 PVP Impact and Implementation in the United States of America (35 min)	Dr. Kitisri Sukhapinda, Patent Attorney, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO
13.45-14.20	2.4 PVP Impact and Implementing in Netherland (35 min)	Mr. Bert Scholte, Head of Department, Variety Testing Department, Naktuinbouw
14.20-14.55	2.5 PVP Impact and Implementation in Kenya and African countries (35 min)	Mr. Simeon Kibet Kogo General Manager, Quality Assurance, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
14.55-15.30	2.6 Plant Variety Protection and Farmer's Rights in France (35 min)	Mr. François Burgaud Directeur des Relations Extérieures, GNIS
15.30-15.50	Coffee & Tea Break (20 min)	
15.50-17.00	Session3: Q & A on panel (70 min)	
17.00-	Closing the Seminar Closing Speech Dr. Waraporn Prompoj, Deputy Director General, DOA	

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