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International Seminar on Development of Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture in Lao PDR with PVP under UPOV System

【Time & Date】 9:00-16:10 (Vientiane Time), 3 August 2023

【Venue】 Lao Plaza Hotel

【Organizers】 Lao PDR Department of Intellectual Property with support from EAPVVPF Office/Japan
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【Chair】 DG or DDG, DIP

【MC】 Lao PDR or JATAFF

【Participants】 EAPVVPF participants, local participants invited by the host

【Program】 Vientiane Time

8:30-9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:20	Opening Session (1) Welcome remarks by Lao PDR (2) Message by Ms. Akiko Nagano, Deputy Director of Intellectual Property Division, MAFF Japan (3) Message by Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV	
9:20-9:30	Photo session	
Opening Session New plant varieties development and breeding as a solution for small farmers		
9:30-9:50 (20 min)	Benefits of the UPOV system of Plant Variety Protection for agriculture development	Mr. Manabu Suzuki, Technical/Regional Officer (Asia), UPOV
9:50-10:10 (20 min)	Dream Flower for the People of Lao PDR and Asia	Mr. Tiamchai Phima, President, Sakamoto Gardening
10:10-10:40 (30 min)	Coffee Break	
Session 1 PVP as a foundation to increase investment for small farmers		
10:40-11:00 (20min)	Overseas Investment and PVP system management	Mr. Madoka Koshibe, Chairman, Vilmorin Mikado Co, LTD
Session II Strengthening partnership with key stakeholders		
11:00-11:20 (20 min)	Outreach to stakeholders The Benefits of effective PVP system and how to participate in the system	Dr. Elaine Tung-lin Wu, USPTO
11:20-11:45 (25 min)	Country cases: 3-4 countries will share their experience (success, challenges) in reaching out/ involving/ consulting/ awareness raising	Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam (3-4 short presentations, 7 min each) (TBC)



11:45-13:10 (85 min)	Lunch	
Session III Regional partnership		
13.10-13.50 (20 min)	Development of new Rice Variety for Climate Resilience	Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI), Lao PDR
(20 min)	Research and development of ecology, biotechnology and agriculture products	Dr. Keovivone Uouthachack, Director General, Ecology and biotechnology institute, MOA
13.50-14.10 (20 min)	The introduction and perspective on the Mekong US Partnership collaboration	Mr. Khalil Hamid, Program Manager, USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS)
14.10-14.30 (20 min)	The benefits of common regional PVP system	Mr. Dirk Theobald, Senior Advisor to the President, CPVO
14.30-14.50 (20 min)	Coffee Break	
14.50-15.05 (15 min)	E-PVP Asia and Vietnam's plan	Ms. Trang Thi Thu Tran, JATAFF Vietnam
15.05-15.50 (50 Min)	<p>panel discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions may include What is the benefit of the UPOV system of PVP? What are the needs of farmers in Lao PDR? How can partners support? What is the value of regional cooperation?</p>	<p>Facilitator: DG or DDG, DIP Lao PDR</p> <p>Panellists: - Dr. Elaine Wu, USPTO - Mr. Khalil Hamid, USDA (or APSA) - Mr. Madoka Koshibe - Mr. Tiamchai Phima - Mr. Peter Button, UPOV</p> <p>All previous speakers will respond to questions.</p>
15.50-16.10 (20 Min)	Q and A	All Participants
16.10-16.15 (5 Min)	Wrap-up and closing	Summary and final words by DG or DDG DIP Lao PDR