EAPVP Forum

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Report of the EAPVP PILOT PROJECT

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Overview of EAPVP Pilot Project

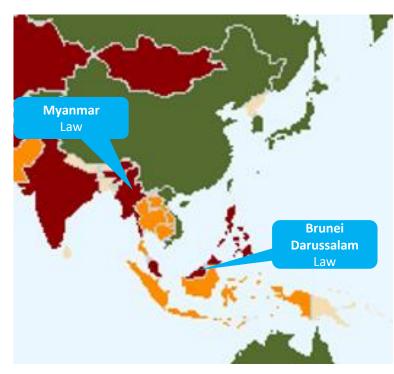
✓ Launch the Pilot Project (PP)

- Proposed by Japan and Viet Nam
- Adopted at the 11th Annual Meeting of East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum (EAPVPF) in 2018

✓ Purpose of the PP

To achieve the 10-year strategy plan of EAPVPF adopted at its 11th Annual Meeting in 2018

UPOV status in **EAPVP** Forum countries



The boundaries shown on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UPOV concerning the legal status of any country or territory

EAPVP Forum (Established in 2007)

- = ASEAN Member States (10), China, Japan and Republic of Korea
- Members of UPOV:
 China (CN), Japan (JP), Republic of Korea (KR), Singapore (SG), Viet Nam (VN)
- Initiating States:
 Brunei Darussalam (BN), Malaysia (MY), Myanmar (MM), Philippines (PH)
- States in contact with the UPOV Office:
 Cambodia (KH), Indonesia (ID), Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA),
 Thailand (TH)

Positive decisions on conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention

10-year Strategic Plan

(adopted at the 11th EAPVPF annual meeting)

Long-term Direction

Establish effective PVP systems consistent with the UPOV Convention among Forum members towards achieving all Forum members' membership of UPOV, as a basis for further PVP harmonization and cooperation in the region in order to contribute to developing sustainable agriculture and achieving food security

Objective 1:

<u>Strengthen national PVP system consistent with the UPOV</u> <u>Convention</u> to encourage investment in plant breeding

Objective 2:

Contribute to support achievement of UPOV membership, to facilitate harmonization of application and examination procedures, and to enhance efficient PVP cooperation in the region

Overview of EAPVP Pilot Project

- ✓ Pilot Project participating countries
- Participating countries: Japan and Viet Nam

 (UPOV member countries of the EAPVP Forum members wish to join the PP)
- Provisional participating countries: Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia,
 Myanmar
 - (EAPVPF countries which have initiated the procedure to become a UPOV member)
- Resource partner: UPOV Office

✓ Timeline of the PP

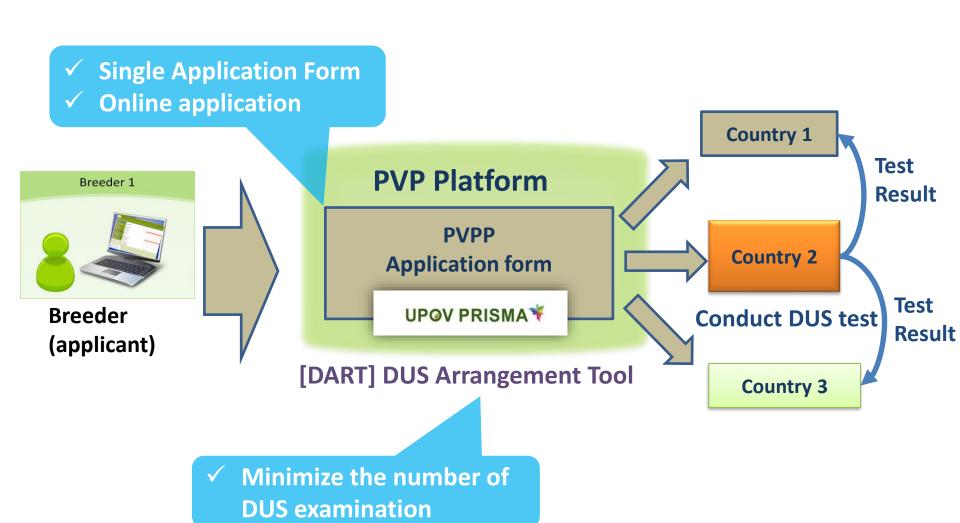
Phase 1 (2018 – 2021): Develop and test a model platform

Phase 2 (2022 – 2023): Operational (Officially receive applications)

Participating countries to enjoy the benefits of the outcomes of the PP

✓ Output of the PP (PVPP)

To establish a PVP Platform under the EAPVP Forum



Participating countries: JP, VN, (BN, MM, MY)

✓ BENEFITS OF THE PILOT PROJECT

For breeders/agents:

- ✓ A single online platform for submitting application data
 and Enhanced cooperation in DUS examination
 - Easy to apply to participating countries
 - Save time and costs for application/examination (minimizing number of DUS examinations)
- ✓ A functionality of "DUS arrangement tool" (DART)
 enables applicants to arrange DUS examinations in the most
 efficient way

✓ BENEFITS OF THE PILOT PROJECT

For PP participating countries:

- Provided with an online application system and electronic application management system
- Enhance DUS cooperation among PVP Offices of participating countries to address capacity gaps in DUS examination (e.g. human resources, infrastructure, agro-climatic conditions for growing trials)
- Assist new UPOV members to provide protection to all plant genera and species in an efficient way; and
- Increase the number of PVP applications in participating countries as a result of efficient application and examination procedures.

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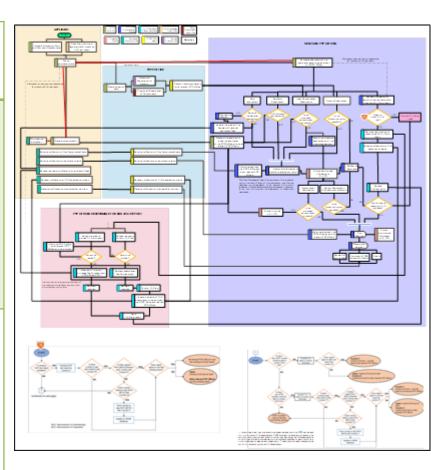
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Pilot Project meetings

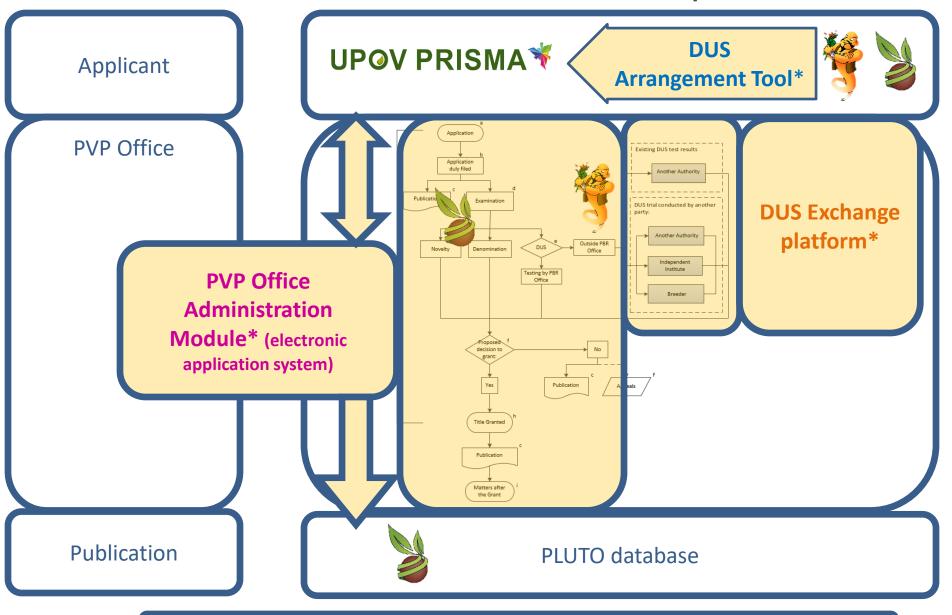
	Time/Venue	Participants
1 st Meeting	Oct 2018 in Viet Nam	Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Viet Nam
2 nd Meeting	Feb 2019 in Viet Nam	Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Viet Nam
3 rd Meeting	Sep 2019 in Viet Nam	Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Viet Nam Observers: Thailand, Philippines
4 th Meeting	7 - 27 July, 2020 by correspondence	Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Viet Nam
5 th Meeting	Nov 23 - 24, 2020 via electronic means	Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Viet Nam Observers: Cambodia, China, Philippines

Agreed items at the PP meetings

Items	Contents
Schematic of the Project	✓ Project schematic that provides procedures for making applications, conducting examinations and granting Plant Breeders' Rights via the Platform
IT Modules of the Platform	✓ To develop IT modules of the Platform (see the figure in next slide)



IT Tools/modules under development



*Under development for the EAPVP Forum Pilot Project

Agreed items at the PP meetings (2)

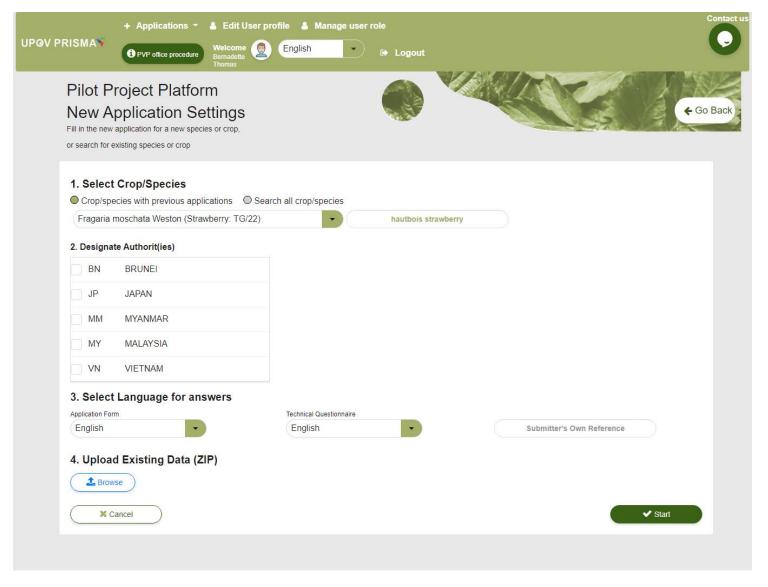
Items	Contents	
Application Form (AF) of the Platform	✓ A combined AF of the PVPP	
Technical Questionnaires (TQs) of the Platform	✓ Steps to procedure to identify TQs for the variety applied under the Platform	
Preliminary examination of Novelty	✓ A list of the species classified as trees/vines for the purpose of Novelty under the Platform	
Preliminary examination of denomination	 ✓ The PVPP Office will send recommendations on denominations to PVP offices. Each PVP Office will examine and take final decision. ✓ Any changes to denomination need to be updated on the Platform 	
DUS cooperation among the PP participating countries	✓ A list of genera/species for which PP countries would provide DUS reports to other PP countries	
DUS cooperation between the PP countries and other UPOV members	✓ To consider a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) for exchange existing DUS reports with other UPOV members	

Agreed items at the PP meetings (3)

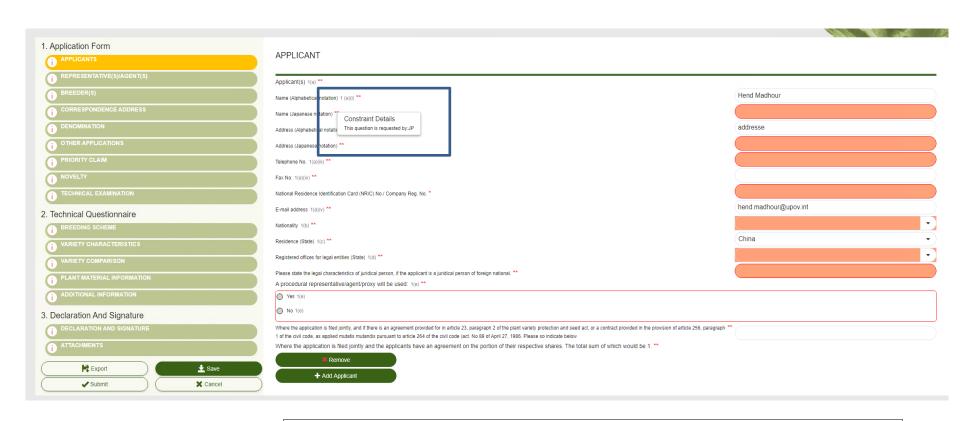
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Payment Mechanism	 ✓ National application fees to be paid directly to PP countries ✓ DUS test fee to be paid directly to the PP country responsible for DUS test report ✓ Platform IT fee (to UPOV) and Platform Office fee would be required at the time of data submission 	
Scope of Prototype version 1 of the Platform	✓ Crop coverage: four pilot crops (rice, strawberry, rose and mung bean)	
Terms of use (for both PVP Offices and applicants)	✓ To consider a proposed draft of Terms of Use	
Information to be published	✓ To consider information to be published in national PBR gazette using the Publication module, and in PLUTO using the UPOV Model PBR Publication as a basis	

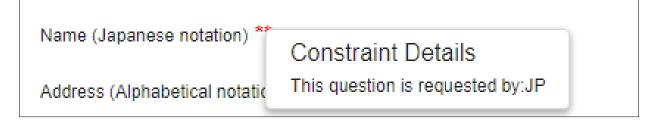
Developments of Prototype version 1 of the PP Platform

Applicant interface for the PP Platform - New Application Settings

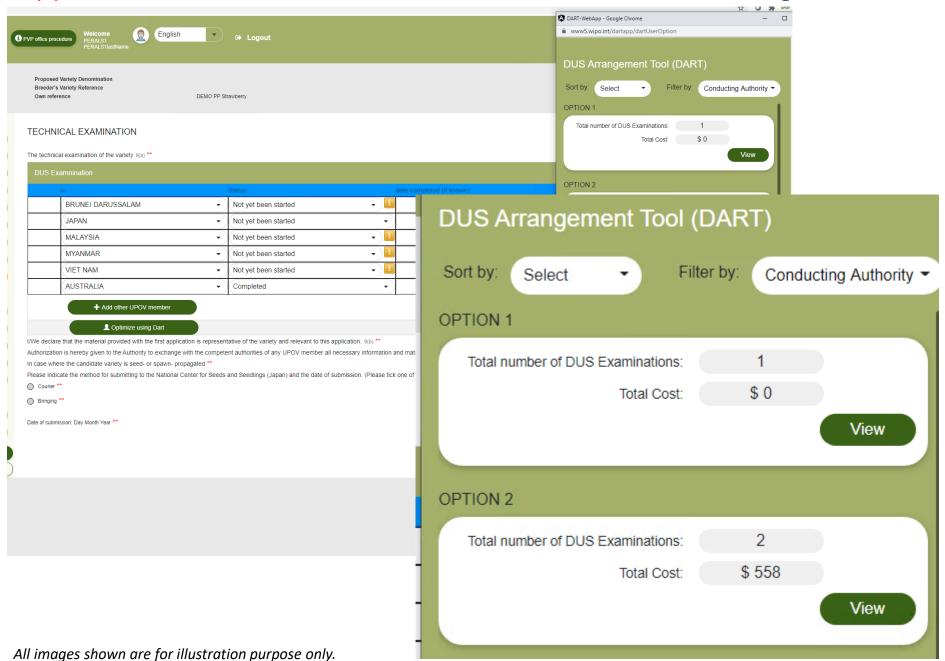


Applicant interface for the PP Platform - Complete the form

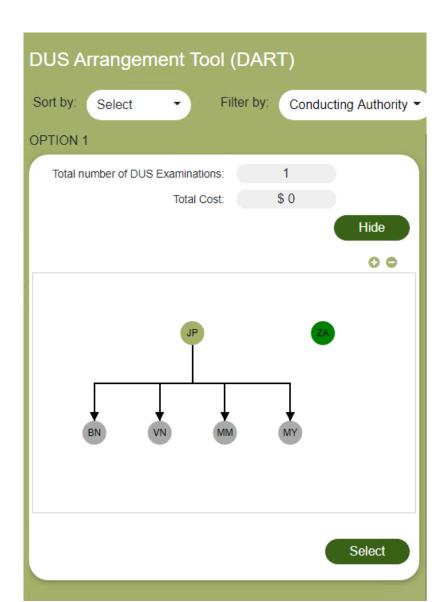




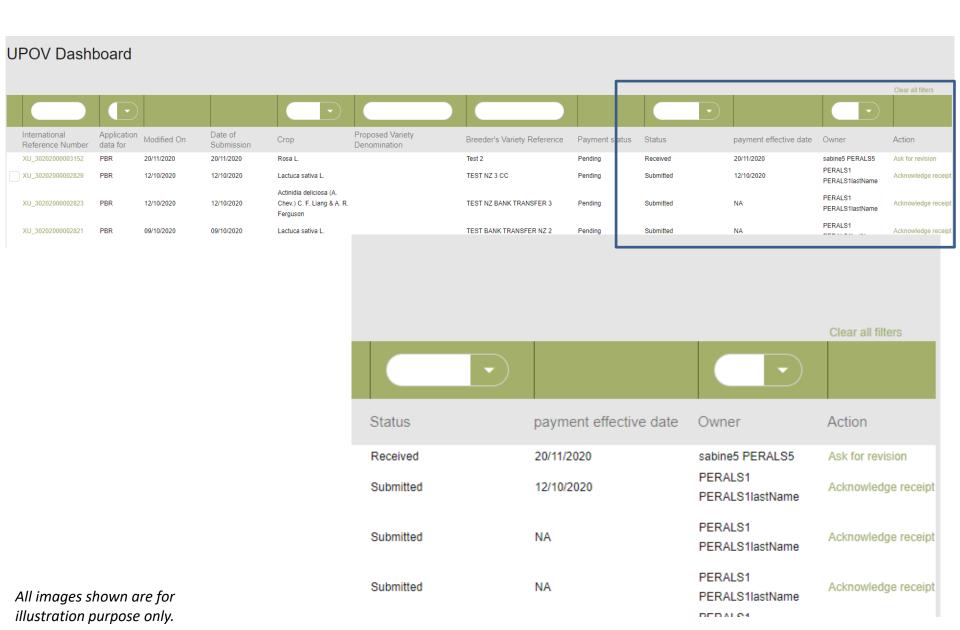
Applicant interface for the PP Platform – Review DUS arrangements



Applicant interface for the PP Platform – View and select an option



PVP Office interface



Timelines for next steps

Period	Duration	Description
30/11/20 to 31/03/21	4 months	Implement TQ s for the other options Task delegation module Examination module DUS cooperation module Applicant monitoring module
01/04/21 to 30/04/21	1 month	Testing by PP participating countries
01/07/21 to 31/07/21	1 month	Reflect PP participating countries' feedback
01/08/21 to 30/09/21	2 months	Testing by breeders
01/07/21 to 31/08/21	2 months	Publication module Payment module
01/09/21 to 30/09/21	1 month	Testing by PP participating countries
01/10/21 to 31/10/21		Reflect feedback from breeders and PP participating countries

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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