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REPORT OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2022-2023

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The following cooperation activities were adopted at the 15th EAPVP Forum Meeting which was held online on 13 July 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the activities were conducted in a manner of online or hybrid.

- 01. DUS training and Report Writing on cucumber and yard long bean (proposed by Cambodia/Online)
- 02. Translation and publishing the DUS examination on major crops and development of harmonization description of new variety of plants in Cambodia language (proposed by Cambodia)
- 03. Workshop on PVP e-application system including security issues (proposed by Indonesia/Online)
- 04. Capacity Building Workshop1: Introduction of PVP & UPOV TG1/3 (proposed by Japan/online)
- 05. Capacity Building Workshop2: Technical Training for PVP Senior Staff (proposed by Japan/online)
- 06. Dissemination Workshop on UPOV Convention (proposed by Lao PDR)
- 07. Legal Consultation Workshop on UPOV Convention (proposed by Lao PDR)
- 08. On-Job Training on Establishment of Chrysanthemum DUS Trials with Experienced PVP Office (proposed by Malaysia)
- 09. Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners in DUS test trainings to be held among the regions (proposed by Myanmar)
- 10. Participating of Myanmar PVP Office staffs in Database trainings to be held among the regions (proposed by Myanmar)
- 11. Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners in Development of National TG to be held among the regions (proposed by Myanmar)
- 12. Awareness Raising Workshop on UPOV PVP System among the relevant policy makers and stakeholders (proposed by Myanmar)
- 13. Organizing meeting/seminar/forum to introduce the actual information about the UPOV system (proposed by Thailand/Hybrid)
- 14. Printing brochures in Thai language presenting information about the UPOV system and the benefits significantly occurred in its country members (proposed by Thailand)

Instead of dispatching some experts, the online DUS training workshops and meetings were held and invited EAPVP Forum member countries to join. Some proposals were carried over to the next fiscal year or later due to the COVID-19 pandemic and circumstances in the proposing country.

Cooperation activities which were carried out during the fiscal year 2022 (April 2022- March 2023) were as follows:

- Support for Translation and Printing of UPOV TGs for Cucumber, Yard Long Bean, Lettuce, Tomato, Watermelon, Soya Bean (proposed by Cambodia)
- 2. Online Training Course on DUS Examination on Cucumber and Yard Long Bean (hosted by Cambodia)
- 2-1. Date: 10-12 January 2023
- 2-2. Participants: 29 participants from Cambodia, 15 participants from EAPVPF Member countries, namely, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and the Philippines.
- 2-3. Lecturers: Experts from Japan and Viet Nam
- 3. Online Workshop for PVP e-application system (hosted by Indonesia)
- 3-1. Date: 29 September 2022
- 3-2. Participants: 24 participants from Indonesia, 12 participants from EAPVPF Member countries, namely, Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand.
- 3-3. Lecturers: Experts from China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea
- 4. Capacity Building Workshop 1: Introduction of PVP & UPOV TG1/3 (Online / hosted by Japan)
- 4-1. Date: 1-2 November 2022
- 4-2. Participants: 28 participants from 6 EAPVPF Member countries, namely, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand.
- 4-3. Lecturers: Experts from Center for Seeds and Seedlings (NCSS) National Agriculture and Food Research Organization, Japan
- 5. Capacity Building Workshop2: Technical Training for PVP Senior Staff (Online / hosted by Japan)
- 5-1. Date: 16-17 November 2022
- 5-2. Participants: 26 participants from 7 EAPVPF Member countries, namely, Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam.
- 5-3. Lecturers: Experts from Center for Seeds and Seedlings (NCSS) National Agriculture and Food Research Organization, Japan
- 6. Seminar on the benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for farmers and growers (hosted by Lao PDR)
- 6-1. Date: 28 March 2023
- 6-2. Participants: 58 Representatives from Department of Intellectual Property(DIP), Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.
- 6-3. Lecturers: Experts from UPOV, CPVO, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Viet Nam
- 7. The Meeting to Introduce the Actual Information about the UPOV system (hosted by Thailand)

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- 7-1. Date: 28 February 2023
- 7-2. Participants: 131 Breeders, Seed companies, research institutes and journalists in Thailand.
- 7-3. Lecturers: Experts from UPOV, VINASEED, Kasetsart University, Ghana, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam
- 8. Support for Printing brochures in Thai language presenting information about the UPOV system and the benefits

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