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## LIST OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2023-2024

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The cooperation activities in 2023-2024 were proposed by Forum members. In order to maximize the effect of Member countries' efforts and available resources in progressing in line with the 10-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE EAPVP FORUM (2018-2027), the Forum office previously consulted with Forum members bilaterally based on the checkpoints and Guiding questions below for assessing cooperation activity proposals submitted by member countries and accepted the revision of the proposals. These checkpoints will increase transparency to the following description in the Rule of Procedure (EAPVPF/12/07)

*The Forum's cooperation activities proposed by the members each year, which require financial support in particular, need to be in line with the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan with a view to streamlining the Forum's cooperation activities toward further harmonization of the PVP system in East Asian region.*

### 1. Checkpoints

- (1) The proposed activities are in line with establishing or promoting PVP systems consistent with the UPOV Convention.
- (2) The proposed activities address the key challenge of the proponent in progressing the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan (i.e. joining UPOV or further PVP harmonization and cooperation)
- (3) The proposed activities do not promote implementation of systems not in line with UPOV.

### 2. Guiding questions

Countries are expected to express their answers to the following questions in their proposals. They may also provide additional explanation during the consultation with the EAPVP Forum Office.

- a) *Progress towards UPOV membership (for "to-become" countries)*
- b) *What is the key challenge?*
- c) *Major policy change or any relevant background.*
- d) *How will the proposed activity help you to overcome the challenge?*
- e) *Which category of the **Core activities** does the proposed activity fall under?*
- f) *Will the proposed activity also help other countries? (e.g. the result can be used as a model in other countries. Experts from other countries can be invited to join.)*

The Forum is invited to consider and adopt following cooperation activities.

## 1. Brunei Darussalam

1-1-1. Title of program: **Awareness building program(s) with regards the uses, applications and benefits of PVP to locals**

1-1-2. Proposed date: TBC

1-1-3. Proposed venue: Brunei and/or virtual

1-1-4. Expected participants: BrulPO, DOAA, Potential local users of the PVP system

1-2-1. Title of program: **DUS Test Outsourcing (Viet Nam)**

1-2-2. Proposed date: By contract proposed 5 years renewable

1-2-3. Proposed venue: Test done in Viet Nam

1-2-4. Expected participants: BrulPO, DOAA and MARD of Viet Nam

1-3-1. Title of program: **DUS Test Outsourcing (Korea)**

1-3-2. Proposed date: By contract proposed 5 years renewable

1-3-3. Proposed venue: Test done in Korea

1-3-4. Expected participants: BrulPO, DOAA

1-4-1. Title of program: **On the job training in establishment of DUS Trial with experienced PVP Office**

1-4-2. Proposed date: July to November 2023

1-4-3. Proposed venue: Serdang, Malaysia

1-4-4. Expected participants: BrulPO, DOAA of Brunei Darussalam, DOA of Malaysia, experts from NCSS, Japan

1-4-5. Budget: Individual participants bear their own costs

1-4-6. Note: PVP related personnels of Brunei Darussalam are participating in the program which was adopted at the 15<sup>th</sup> EAPVPF Annual Meeting in 2022 and postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

*1-5-1. Title of program: **Training in relation to DUS test procedures, facilities , equipment and required personnel specifically for rice varieties***

*1-5-2. Proposed date: To be confirmed*

*1-5-3. Proposed venue: Viet Nam*

*1-5-4. Expected participants: BrulPO, DOAA of Brunei Darussalam, MARD of Vietnam*

*1-5-5. Budget: Individual participants bear their own costs*

## 2. Cambodia

2-1-1. Title of program: **Conduct the dissemination workshop on new plant variety protection to relevance stakeholder**

2-1-2. Proposed date: February, 2024

2-1-3. Proposed venue: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

2-1-4. Expected participants: 80 participants relevant to the seed sectors and other stakeholders

2-1-5. Note: Note: Subject to an awareness raising (dissemination) workshop of the UPOV system, combining the proposal 2-4-1 titled "Organize a Joint Legal Consultation Workshop on procedure to become UPOV's member in Cambodia".

2-2-1. Title of program: **Translation and publishing the DUS examination on major crops and development of harmonization description of new variety of plants in Cambodia language**

2-2-2. Proposed date: December 2023 - February 2024

2-2-3. Proposed venue: General Directorate of Agriculture, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

2-2-4. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member)

- 2-3-1. Title of program: **Conduct the DUS growing test and the DUS training on corn**
- 2-3-2. Proposed date: Growing test: January 2024 DUS training: March 2024 (3 days)
- 2-3-3. Proposed venue: Growing test: station in Cambodia DUS training: GDA, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2-3-4. Expected participants: 25 to 30 participants from Cambodia, and some participants from EAPVP member countries.
- 2-3-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member)

2-4-1. Title of program: **Organize a Joint Legal Consultation Workshop on procedure to become UPOV's member in Cambodia**

- 2-4-2. Proposed date: March 2024
- 2-4-3. Proposed venue: Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2-4-4. Expected participants: Total 20 participants who are focal point for the decision making from each ministry and member from UPOV head quarter and member from EAPVPP will be invited to participate.

### 3. Indonesia

- 3-1-1. Title of program: **Dispatching expert to DUS testing station Mojosari in East Java Indonesia for Developing Revised TG of Rice & Management variety collection**
- 3-1-2. Proposed date: February 2024 (4 days)
- 3-1-3. Proposed venue: Mojosari DUS testing station
- 3-1-4. Expected participants: Director and PVP Coordinator of CPVP office, PVP Examiner and staff at DUS testing station in Mojosari
- 3-1-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member). Therefore, the second proposal (Legal Analysis in Strengthening the Plan of Indonesia UPOV Membership) should be discussed first.

3-2-1. Title of program: **Legal Analysis in Strengthening the Plan of Indonesia UPOV Membership**

- 3-2-2. Proposed date: Analysis Studies: August - November 2023  
Evaluation and report: 1st week of December 2023
- 3-2-3. Proposed venue: Online
- 3-2-4. Expected participants: five elements of Penta helix in Indonesia, PVP office in charge, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Law and Human Rights

### 4. Japan

- 4-1-1. Title of program: **Introduction of PVP & UPOV to facilitate harmonization of application, examination and cooperation in the region**
- 4-1-2. Proposed date: To be confirmed.
- 4-1-3. Proposed venue/means: Online
- 4-1-4. Expected participants: PVP staff members, examiners, other related staff members and management person

### 5. Myanmar

- 5-1-1. Title of program: **Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners in DUS test trainings to be held among the region**
- 5-1-2. Proposed venue: Any EAPVP forum member country
- 5-1-3. Expected participants: PVP examiners

5-1-4. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable training is to be held in a member country.

5-2-1. Title of program: **Participating of Myanmar PVP Office staffs in Database trainings to be held among the regions**

5-2-2. Proposed venue: Any EAPVP forum members

5-2-3. Expected participants: PVP office staffs

5-2-4. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable training is to be held in a member country.

5-3-1. Title of program: **Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners (who are the members of Technical and Sub- technical Plant Variety Protection Committee of Myanmar) in Development of National TG trainings to be held among the region**

5-3-2. Proposed venue: Any EAPVP forum members

5-3-3. Expected participants: PVP office staffs

5-3-4. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable training is to be held in a member country.

5-4-1 Title of program: **Awareness Raising Workshop on UPOV PVP System among the relevant policy makers and stakeholders with the assistance of the experts from UPOV and EAPVP forum members**

5-4-2 Proposed date: September 2023

5-4-3 Proposed venue: Department of Agricultural Research (DAR), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Naypyitaw, Myanmar

5-4-4 Expected participants: 100 participants including the representatives from EAPVP forum members

5-4-5. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable workshop is to be held in a member country and explaining target audience.

## 6. Philippines

6-1. Title of program: **Awareness Seminar on the Importance of Plant Variety Protection (PVP) System and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)**

6-2. Proposed date: May 8 - 9, 2024 (Tentative)

6-3. Proposed venue: Philippines (Virtual)

6-4. Expected participants: Various stakeholders of the Philippine PVP Office, Representatives from the Forum member countries

6-5. Note: Consider to ask UPOV for advice and support on the agenda and timing. Physical meeting and UPOV legal consultation, i.e. on Day 3 may be considered.

The proposed date is for the next fiscal year (Apr. 2024-Mar. 2025), so if adopted, the program will be implemented in the next fiscal year

## 7. Thailand

7-1. Title of program: **In Country Training on DUS Testing and Taking Photos**

7-2. Proposed date: January – February, 2024

7-3. Proposed venue: Province of Central Region in Thailand

7-4. Expected participants: Plant breeders/applications from public-private sectors and individual in total 30 persons.

7-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan; e.g. by describing the status towards UPOV membership, challenge(s) and how the proposed activity contributes to overcoming the challenge(s).

## 8. Viet Nam

8-1-1. Title of program: **Improve awareness of the PVP under UPOV Convention for the implementation of the National IP Strategy effectively**

8-1-2. Proposed date: 2023-2024

8-1-3. Proposed venue: Whole Vietnam / subcommittee: hybrid

8-1-3. Expected participants: Public sector, private sector (seed company, IP agents), individual, farmer

8-2-1. Title of program: **Establishing the Test Guideline on the species which UPOV absent**

8-2-2. Proposed venue: Any EAPVP forum members

8-2-3. Expected participants: PVP office staffs

8-2-4. Note: It should be organized as the activity in combination with other country's request and under the e-PVP Asia framework.

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