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## **REPORT OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2023-2024**

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The following cooperation activities were adopted at the 16th EAPVP Forum Meeting which was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 2 August 2023.

01. Awareness building program(s) with regards the uses, applications and benefits of PVP to locals (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)
02. DUS Test Outsourcing (Viet Nam) (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)
03. DUS Test Outsourcing (Korea) (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)
04. On the job training in establishment of DUS Trial with experienced PVP Office (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)
05. Training in relation to DUS test procedures, facilities, equipment and required personnel specifically for rice varieties (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)
06. Conduct the dissemination workshop on new plant variety protection to relevance stakeholder (proposed by Cambodia)
07. 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)
08. Conduct the DUS growing test and the DUS training on corn (proposed by Cambodia)
09. Organize a Joint Legal Consultation Workshop on procedure to become UPOV's member in Cambodia (proposed by Cambodia)
10. Dispatching expert to DUS testing station Mojosari in East Java Indonesia for Developing Revised TG of Rice & Management variety collection (proposed by Indonesia)
11. Legal Analysis in Strengthening the Plan of Indonesia UPOV Membership (proposed by Indonesia)
12. Introduction of PVP & UPOV to facilitate harmonization of application, examination and cooperation in the region (proposed by Japan)
13. Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners in DUS test trainings to be held among the region (proposed by Myanmar)
14. Participating of Myanmar PVP Office staffs in Database trainings to be held among the regions (proposed by Myanmar)
15. Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners (who are the members of Technical and Sub- technical Plant Variety (proposed by Myanmar)

16. 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 (proposed by Myanmar)
17. Awareness Seminar on the Importance of Plant Variety Protection (PVP) System and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) (proposed by the Philippines)
18. In Country Training on DUS Testing and Taking Photos (proposed by Thailand)
19. Improve awareness of the PVP under UPOV Convention for the implementation of the National IP Strategy effectively (proposed by Viet Nam)
20. Establishing the Test Guideline on the species which UPOV absent (proposed by Viet Nam)

Because conditions and/or schedule were not met, or budget were restricted, some activities were carried over to the next fiscal year or later or cancelled.

Cooperation activities which were carried out during the fiscal year 2023 (April 2023- March 2024) were as follows:

**1. On the job training in establishment of DUS Trial with experienced PVP Office (proposed by Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia, hosted by Malaysia)**

Note: the program was adopted at the 15th EAPVPF Annual Meeting in 2022 and postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic

1-1. Date: July – November 2023 / 3 sessions

1-2. Participants: Session 1: (online) 14 participants from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, and Viet Nam

(physical) 2 participants from Brunei, 23 participants from Malaysia

Session 2: (online) 5 participants from Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Malaysia

(physical) 2 participants from Brunei, 17 participants from Malaysia

Session 3: (online) 11 participants from Brunei, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam

(physical) 2 participants from Brunei, 16 participants from Malaysia

1-3. Lecturers: *Experts from Japan and Malaysia*

**2. Awareness building program(s) with regards the uses, applications and benefits of PVP to locals (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)**

Brunei Darussalam had a seminar with UPOV and Viet Nam in July 2024 for potential breeders and are planning to have another awareness activity in November 2024 with invited speakers from other countries for farmers.

**3. DUS Test Outsourcing (Viet Nam) (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)**

Brunei Darussalam initiated contact with Vietnam and is still in negotiation.

**4. DUS Test Outsourcing (Korea) (proposed by Brunei Darussalam)**

Brunei Darussalam initiated contact with Korea, but not much progress was made and DUS outsourcing cooperation with Korea is not continued.

**5. Training in relation to DUS test procedures, facilities , equipment and required personnel specifically for rice varieties**

Brunei Darussalam consulted with Viet Nam and in the process of determining a suitable time.

**6. Support for Translation and Printing of UPOV TGs for Avocado, Banana, Bitter Gourd, Cabbage (proposed by Cambodia)**

**7. Online Workshop for Farm-saved seed under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention (hosted by Japan)**

7-1. Date: 26 February 2024

7-2. Participants: 61 participants from EAPVPP Member countries, namely, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

7-3. Lecturers: Experts from UPOV, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Viet Nam, and Japan

**8. Awareness Raising Seminar on PVP system and e-PVP Asia (North) (hosted by Viet Nam)**

8-1. Date: 25 September 2023

8-2. Venue: Hanoi, Viet Nam

8-3. Participants: Total 102 participants: 87 participants from Viet Nam, 11 participants from EAPVPP Member countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR. Malaysia, Myanmar, 2 from UPOV and 4 from Japan

8-4. Lecturers: Experts from UPOV, Japan, Myanmar, and Viet Nam

Note: The seminar was organized under the e-PVP Asia framework.

**9. Awareness Raising Seminar on PVP system and e-PVP Asia (South) (hosted by Viet Nam)**

9-1. Date: 6 March 2023

9-2. Venue: Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam

9-3. Participants: Total 91 participants: 73 participants from Viet Nam, 12 participants from EAPVPP Member countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR. Malaysia, Myanmar, 2 from UPOV and 4 from Japan

9-4. Lecturers: Experts from UPOV, Japan, and Viet Nam

Note: The seminar was organized under the e-PVP Asia framework.

**10. Establishing the Test Guideline on the species which UPOV absent (proposed by Viet Nam)**

Investigation for existing TGs for Jackfruit, Star apple, Mangosteen, Rambutan, Sapote

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