



East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

**17th Annual Meeting**

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## **LIST OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2024-2025**

*prepared by the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum Office*

The cooperation activities in 2024-2025 were proposed by Forum members. As agreed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 2023 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, these proposals were submitted by two months before the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

The cooperation activities need to be in line with the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan of the EAPVP Forum with a view to streamlining the Forum's cooperation activities toward further harmonization of the PVP system in the region. 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 some Forum members bilaterally based on the checkpoints 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.*

### **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.

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

*The cooperation activities will be conducted within the limits of the EAPVP Forum budget.*

### **1. Cambodia**

1-1-1. Title of program: **Dissemination Workshop on Law enforcement on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right conform with the Act.1991 of UPOV Convention**

1-1-2. Proposed date: January or February, 2025

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

1-1-4. Expected participants: 50 participants relevant to the law on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right and other stakeholders

1-1-5. Note: Need to differentiate from the International Seminar on 28 August and clarify target and content.

1-2-1. 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**

1-2-2. Proposed date: February-March 2025

1-2-3. Proposed venue: General Directorate of Agriculture, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1-2-4. Note: Subject to be implemented within budget

1-3-1. Title of program: **Technical consultation meeting on Amendment of the Law on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right conform with the Act.1991 of UPOV Convention**

1-3-2. Proposed date: Mid-March, 2025

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

1-3-4. Expected participants: 30 participants relevant to the amendment the Law on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right, and other stakeholders

1-3-5. Note: Subject to be conducted in cooperation with UPOV

## 2. Lao PDR

2-1-1. Title of program: **Establish a database and gathering the DUS testing guidelines of new plant Variety protection**

2-1-2. Proposed date: Oct-Dec 2024: Study visit the PVP offices of Vietnam.

Jan-Feb 2025: workshop or training.

Feb-May 2025: Translation/Publication)

2-1-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR or Viet Nam

2-1-4. Expected participants: MOIC, MAFF, relevant stakeholders, public and private sectors

2-1-5. Note: Need to obtain approval for cooperation from Viet Nam.

2-2-1. Title of program: **Raising awareness of Laos's PVP, update on legislation and introduction of e-PVP Asia**

2-2-2. Proposed date: 1st quarter of 2025, 4th quarter of 2025

2-2-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR

2-2-4. Expected participants: MOIC, MAFF, relevant stakeholders, public and private sectors

2-2-5. Note: To be conducted in next fiscal year. Subject to revision of the topic and method of holding the workshop.

2-3-1. Title of program: **Training on PVP administration, DUS examination for mulberry, rice and corn**

2-3-2. Proposed date: May-June, 2025

2-3-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR

2-3-4. Expected participants: MOIC, MAFF, relevant stakeholders, Japan, Viet Nam, Thailand

2-3-5. Note: To be conducted in next fiscal year.

## 3. Malaysia

4-1-1. Title of program: **Regional Cooperation on Test Guidelines Development Workshop for Black Pepper (Piper nigrum) Project 1**

4-1-2. Proposed date: Oct 2024 : Circulate draft of test guideline of Black Pepper for interested countries for comments and suggestions

May 2025 : Organize test guideline workshop for test guideline development attended by experts from interested countries with lecture on development Test Guidelines at UPOV

June 2025 : Circulate revised draft for comments.

- 4-1-3. Proposed venue/means: Malaysia for first round / alternately other interested countries for subsequent round
- 4-1-4. Expected participants: Crop Examiners and PVPRO Secretariat from Malaysia  
Experts from other interested Forum Members
- 4-1-5. Note: Subject to consultation with UPOV. Workshop and revision to be conducted in next fiscal year.

## 5. Myanmar

- 5-1-1 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**
  - 5-1-2 Proposed date: November 2024
  - 5-1-3 Proposed venue: Department of Agricultural Research (DAR), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Naypyitaw, Myanmar
  - 5-1-4 Expected participants: 100 participants including the representatives from EAPVP forum members
  - 5-1-5. 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.
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- 5-2-1. Title of program: **Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners in DUS test trainings development of national TG training and Database training to be held among the region**
  - 5-2-2 Proposed date: 2024-2025
  - 5-2-3. Proposed venue: Any EAPVP forum member country
  - 5-2-4. Expected participants: PVP examiners
  - 5-2-5. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable training is to be held in a member country.

## 6. Philippines

- 6-1-1 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)**
- 6-1-2 Proposed date: December 2024 (TBC)
- 6-1-3 Proposed venue: Philippines (online)
- 6-1-4 Expected participants: Various stakeholders of the Philippine PVP Office and the representatives from EAPVP forum members
- 6-1-5. Note: Subject to online seminar.

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