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REPORT OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2024-2025

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The following cooperation activities were adopted at the 17th EAPVP Forum Meeting which was held in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia on 27 August 2024.

01. Dissemination Workshop on Law enforcement on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right conform with the Act.1991 of UPOV Convention (proposed by Cambodia)
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. Technical consultation meeting on Amendment of the Law on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right conform with the Act.1991 of UPOV Convention (proposed by Cambodia)
04. Establish a database and gathering the DUS testing guidelines of new plant Variety protection (proposed by Lao PDR)
05. Raising awareness of Laos's PVP, update on legislation and introduction of e-PVP Asia (proposed by Lao PDR)
06. Training on PVP administration, DUS examination for mulberry, rice and corn (proposed by Lao PDR)
07. Regional Cooperation on Test Guidelines Development Workshop for Black Pepper (*Piper nigrum*) Project 1 (proposed by Malaysia)
08. 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)
09. Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners in DUS test trainings development of national TG training and Database training to be held among the region (proposed by Myanmar)
10. 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)

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 2024 (April 2024- March 2025) were as follows:

1. Workshop on Proposed Amendment of the Law on Plant Breeder's Right in accordance with the UPOV Convention and the Benefits of UPOV Membership for National Development Goals (proposed by Cambodia)

1-1. Date: 10 February 2025

1-2. Participants: 80 participants from MAFF, MISTI, MOC, IP related companies, plant breeders, NGOs, research institutes, farmer's associations of Cambodia

1-3. Speakers: Experts from UPOV and Japan

2. Support for Translation and Printing of UPOV TGs for Pineapple, Black Radish (proposed by Cambodia)

3. Test Guidelines Development Workshop for Black Pepper (*Piper nigrum*) Project 1 (proposed by Malaysia)

Through investigation for existing Black Pepper TGs, TGs were gathered from several countries, and preparations are underway for the next steps

4. e-PVP Regional Meeting (Asia)

Discussion and lectures on DUS test and PVP database were given at the e-PVP Regional Meeting (Asia) in response to proposals for cooperation activities for training on databases (No. 04 and 09 of the above proposals).

1-1. Date: 12-13 February 2025

1-2. Venue : Kuala Lumpur and Selangor in Malaysia (hybrid)

1-3. Participants: Representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Vietnam and UPOV

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