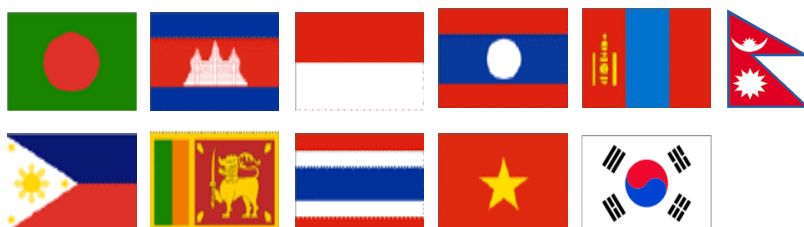


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Eleven current AFACI member countries

## New Chairperson : Dr. Nguyen Van Bo

Dr. Nguyen Van Bo is currently the President of the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS). He was nominated to be the co-chair person by the Philippines, seconded by Indonesia confirmed by the Assembly. The Assembly also elected Dr. Dharmassree Wijeratne, Additional Secretary of Sri Lankan Ministry of Agriculture, to be the Vice Chair. p.4



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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of AFACI

The 2nd AFACI General Assembly was held at the ITCC Conference Hall, RDA, Suwon and Jeju island, Republic of Korea from May 3~5, 2012.

The meeting was attended by 26 participants from 11 member countries; Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and Korea. The names of the participants were listed on page 7. A number of RDA officers and scientists also participated in the assembly as observers.

### Welcome Remarks

Mr. Hyun-Chool Park, the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration (RDA) gave his appreciation for the efforts and cooperation made by the member countries aimed at solving issues on global food security. He also informed the assembly of the planned new projects to be implemented under the framework of AFACI and urged the members to continue working closely together.



Group photo of the 2nd General Assembly of AFACI

### Congratulatory Address

Ms. Bernadette Fatima Romulo Puyat, Undersecretary of the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) thanked AFACI and congratulated RDA on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also acknowledged the successful implementation of the AFACI projects and the very fruitful cooperation among the member-countries. She said that the projects are very much in line with the Philippine government's current thrusts and policy on food sufficiency and poverty alleviation. She further quipped that the Republic of Korea has always been considered a very good partner of the Philippines in rural development.

She also commended the opportunity provided by the cooperation to transfer technologies to the farmers and other stakeholders.

### Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation



Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Ms. Puyat

Administrator Hyun-Chool Park presented the plaque to Undersecretary Puyat, Co-chair of the 1<sup>st</sup> GA, as a symbol of appreciation to her tremendous efforts

in making the first two years of the cooperation successful.

### Presentation on the Progress of AFACI

Mr. Yang-Hee Cho, newly appointed Secretary General of AFACI, presented the Progress Report since the AFACI's inauguration in 2009. Mr. Cho also proposed to hold the succeeding workshops and training courses in the member countries so that the participants can see the progress and ways of doing things in those countries. Selection of host will be based mainly on the topics for discussion and expertise of the member-country. For instance, Mongolia for Animal or Livestock, Thailand for Rice and Fruits, and Vietnam for Pest Management, etc.

Dr. Nguyen Van Bo, the newly elected co-chair of AFACI, agreed with the suggestion since the arrangement will provide the participants with the opportunity to learn and understand from each other, and build themselves as AFACI family.



Presentations of Projects

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of AFACI

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Bangladesh suggested that a team of experts should be formed to visit and monitor the project implementation, since the member-countries have different capability levels.

In response, Mr. Cho informed that from next year, as advised by Korea's Ministry of Finance, there will be no country projects, but member-countries can participate in the implementation of multi-lateral projects such as the Pan-Asian and Regional projects. He also suggested that countries without country projects should consider establishing a KOPIA Center.

### **Presentation of Outstanding On-going Research Projects**



*Presentations on outstanding research projects*

The Assembly listened to the following presentations:

'Variety Development and Improvement of Production Technologies on Tropical Soybean' by Indonesia, 'Establishment of a Lignocellulosic Databank and a Single Agriculture and Forestry Bioenergy Network' by the Philippines, and 'Maize Seed Village in Thailand' by Thailand, and 'Why Organic Agriculture in Asia' by ANSOFT project.

Considering the limited time for the Assembly, Dr. Bo suggested that the hot issues be raised and discussed intensively in another forum or meeting.

### **Selection of New Projects for 2012**

Mr. Cho presented a summarized list of the eight new Pan-Asian and Regional research projects, which were



*Dr. Demafelis giving a presentation*

ranked based on the priority scores given by all the AFACI members based on their priority. The project list is on page 5. The Assembly raised no comment or objection on the result. Mr. Cho

announced that the prioritized projects are expected to start in July 2012. Moreover, some countries that did not show interest to be involved in some of the projects could still reconsider when those projects would be fund. The number of projects and their budgets would be decided



based on the availability of funds support from Korea's Ministry of Finance.

Dr. Nguyen Van Bo suggested for the AFACI Secretariat to classify the Pan-Asian and Regional projects. In response, Mr. Cho proposed a workshop with the Principal Investigators to discuss the projects in details. The Assembly agreed to hold the workshop on integrated pest management (planthoppers) at the end of June 2012 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Mr. Cho also informed the Assembly that for any AFACI workshop or meeting that would take place outside the Republic of Korea, the host member-country would be responsible for the selection and preparation of the venue, field trip (s), local transportation, fetch and carry the participants from and to the airport, etc. AFACI Secretariat would bear all the costs and would like to suggest for the host country to at least bear the cost of a Welcome Party.



**Election of Chair Group**

Dr. Nguyen Van Bo is currently the President of the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS). He was nominated to be the co-chair person by the Philippines, seconded by Indonesia confirmed by the Assembly. The Assembly also elected Dr. Dharmassree Wijeratne, Additional Secretary of Sri Lankan Ministry of Agriculture, to be the Vice Chair. Mr. Yang-Hee Cho and Ms. Sung Hyun Park were accepted to be the Secretary General of AFACI and Rapporteur of the Assembly, respectively.



L-R: Dr. Dharmassree Wijeratne, Dr. Nguyen Van Bo and Mr. Meas Pyseth.

Mr. Meas Pyseth, Director of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia, was elected as co-rapporteur.

**Agricultural Books Exhibition**

As a part of activities of 'Establishment of Agricultural Technology Information Network in Asia (ATIN)' project, agricultural books from 10 member countries were published. The books were exhibited at the lobby of ITCC, RDA during the 2nd General Assembly.

This activity aimed at facilitating the publication and distribution of agricultural technology books to provide agricultural technologies directly to local farmers and share educational materials in their local languages or English.



Agricultural Technology Books Exhibition at ITCC, RDA

**Message from New Chairperson of AFACI**

Dear AFACI Colleagues,

Asian Food & Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (AFACI) was established to enhance the partnership of Asian member countries to improve the standard of living of people through the innovation and sharing of advanced agricultural technology. AFACI is an important program in support of Korea's new initiative in Asia announced by Korean President, Lee Myung-bak.



Dr. Nguyen Van Bo

The first 3 years of AFACI activities were completed successfully with the implementation of the Pan-Asian (3), Regional (1), and Country (9) Projects; as well as Workshops (6) and Exchange of Scientists (86). The recent 2nd General Assembly, conducted in conjunction with the celebration of RDA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, had shown the effectiveness of the activities that we jointly conducted with financial support from the Government of Korea and under the guidance of AFACI secretariat.

Thanks to its effective operation, AFACI has become a new model of agricultural cooperation in the Asian region. This has been proven by the increasing interest among Asian countries joining the Initiative: Korea, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam in 2009; Mongolia, Nepal in 2010; and Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand in 2012.

Projects and activities being implemented in member countries also serve as anchors for AFACI's wider agenda of raising awareness among policy makers, scientists, and above all, our farmers. As a follow up to this first step, we in AFACI should replicate and multiply the success that we have gained and widen the sphere of our research collaboration to fulfill AFACI's vision and objective.

We greatly appreciate the efforts that all of you have extended, without which AFACI could not function as well as we see it today. We also would like to express our sincere thanks to the first AFACI Chairpersons - Dr. Jae Soo Kim, RDA's former Administrator and Ms. Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, Undersecretary of the Philippine Department of Agriculture, for their noteworthy leadership, under whose term we have drawn a clear vision and feasible roadmap for the AFACI activities.

Together with RDA Administrator, Mr. Hyun Chool Park, with whom I share this position as AFACI Co-chairperson, I am continuously convinced that AFACI is and will be a relevant forum for member-countries and would-be members from other Asian countries, in sharing experiences in agriculture and rural development for the prosperity of all our nations.

With my best regards,

**Nguyen Van Bo**  
Co-Chairperson, AFACI

## MOU Signing for Full Membership

The representatives of Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Thailand signed the MOU, as new members of AFACI. The RDA Administrator, Undersecretary Puyat, and all the participants witnessed the signing session. With this, the number of AFACI full members reached 11 members.

- Bangladesh : Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid
- Indonesia : Dr. Haryono
- Thailand : Mr. Jirakorn Kosaisawe



MOU Signing Ceremony with representatives from Bangladesh, Indonesia and Thailand; Undersecretary Ms. Puyat and Administrator Mr. Park

## Consideration of New Regulation of the General Assembly

The Secretariat proposed the new regulation for conducting GA for the consideration of the Assembly.

Bangladesh suggested that the Secretary General, Mr. Yang-Hee Cho, read the draft Regulation. Bangladesh also suggested that the duration of General Assembly meetings be shortened to about three days since the participants are mostly high-ranking officials who are generally very busy with other commitments.

In response, Mr. Yang-Hee Cho explained the planned duration of the next GA to be one day for the meeting and two days for field visit.

Nepal, Mongolia, and Indonesia raised their comments and agreed with the suggested duration. Indonesia also suggested for the Secretariat to mention the details of all the activities to be implemented within the duration of the GA.

With all the proposed changes considered, the Assembly adopted the Regulation.

## List of New Pan-Asian and Regional Research Projects

Type	Project Title
Regional	Development of rice production techniques to increase self-sufficiency of staple food in Asia
Pan-Asian	Agricultural land management for improving soil fertility and irrigation
Pan-Asian	Establishment of network and model manual on postharvest technology of horticultural crops in Asia
Regional	Enhancing agricultural mechanization technologies for crop production and postharvest processing of cassava
Pan-Asian	Production and service of agrometeorological information for the adaptation to climate change
Regional	Development of locally-appropriate GAP programs and agricultural produce safety information system
Pan-Asian	Improving animal genetic resources values and productive performance in Asia
Regional	Establishing cooperation system in sericulture technology in Asia



## 50th Anniversary of RDA



President Lee, Myung-Bak delivering his Congratulatory Address for RDA's 50th Anniversary

**R**ural Development Administration( RDA) celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 2 May 2012 at the Green Revolution Memorial Hall of RDA, Suwon.

President *Lee, Myung-Bak* praised RDA's efforts and hard work in developing agricultural technology at his *Congratulatory Address*.

The anniversary, celebration featured various events including 'Agricultural Exhibition', 'Global Agricultural Technology Cooperation Forum' and so on.

## Global Agricultural Technical Cooperation Forum



Participants of Global Forum



Dr. Nguyen Van Bo (Vietnam) addressing the Global Forum audience.



Mr. Meas Pyseth (Cambodia) speaking as a panel member.

**O**n May 2, 2012, the Global Agricultural Technology Cooperation Forum was held at the International Conference Hall in NAAS, RDA.

A total of 81 participants from 32 countries, including AFACI delegates, attended the forum. Dr. Nguyen Van Bo (Vietnam) presented the 'Current status and cooperation strategies for agricultural development in Vietnam. Mr. Meas Pyseth (Cambodia) joined the forum as a member of the discussion panel.

## Field Visit to Jeju Island

**P**articipants attended the Field Trip to the *Subtropical Horticulture Research Institute of Jeju National University* and the *Foundation Seed Production Center of the Agricultural Research and Extension Services of Jeju Province*. They also visited a paprika demonstration farm, the *Seongsan Ilchulbong (Sunrise) Peak*, and *Dragon-head Rock*.

The vice-governor of Jeju Province, *Mr. Boo-Il Kim*, celebrated with the GA of AFACI at the farewell party. *Mr. Sang-Soon Lee*, Head of the Agricultural Research and Extension Services of Jeju Province joined the participants during the field trip.



Subtropical Horticulture Research Institute of Jeju Nat'l University



Foundation Seed Production Center, Jeju Province



Paprika Farm in Jeju

## List of Participants on the 2nd General Assembly of AFACI

Country	Name of Participant	Position	Organization
Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid	Additional Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
	Dr. Wais Kabir	Executive Chairman	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)
Cambodia	Mr. Pyseth Meas	Director	Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
	Mr. Vang Seng	Deputy Director	Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
Indonesia	Dr. Haryono	Director General	Indonesian Agency For Agricultural Research And Development (IAARD)
	Dr. Hasil Sembiring*	Head	Indonesian Center for Food Crops Research and Development (ICFCRD)
	Dr. Kasdi Subagyono	Head	Indonesian Center for Agricultural Technology Assessment and Development (ICATAD)
Korea	Mr. Hyun-Chool Park	Administrator	Rural Development Administration (RDA)
	Mr. Yang-Hee Cho	Secretary General	AFACI Secretariat
Lao PDR	Dr. Ty Phommassack	Vice Minister	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry(MAF)
	Dr. Bounthong Bouahom	Director General	National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)
Mongolia	Mr. Batbold Sukhbaatar	Acting State secretary	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MoFaLI)
	Ms. Angar Altan-Ulzii	Cooperation Officer	Department of External Cooperation, MoFaLI
Nepal	Mr. Nathu Prasad Chaudhary	Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)
	Dr. Dil Bahadur Gurung	Executive Director	Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC)
Philippines	Ms. Bernadette Fatima Romulo Puyat	Undersecretary	Department of Agriculture (DA)
	Dr. Marriz Agbon	President	Philippine Agricultural Development and Commercial Corporation (PADCC)
	Dr. Rex B. Demafelis*	Professor	University of the Philippines, Los Banos
Sri Lanka	Mr. Wijerathne Sakalasooriya	Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
	Dr. Dharmassree Wijeratne	Additional Secretary	Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
Thailand	Mr. Jirakorn Kosaisawee	Director-General	Department of Agriculture (DOA)
	Mr. Alongkorn Korntong	Director	Biotechnology Research and Development Office, DOA
	Mr. Suwit Chaikiattiyos	Director	Horticultural Research Institute, DOA
	Ms. Margaret C. Yoovatana*	Policy and Plan Specialist	Planning and Technical Division, DOA
Vietnam	Dr. Nguyen Van Bo	President	Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS)
	Mrs. Bui Thi Huy Hop	Deputy Director	VAAS

\* Invited speakers

## New Regulation under AFACI Constitution adopted by the Assembly

### Regulation: General Assembly and Executive Council Meetings

**1. Purpose:** The purpose of this Regulation is to define the operation procedure for the biennial General Assembly and Executive Council meetings in accordance with the Article 6, AFACI Constitution.

**2. Duration and venue of the meeting:** The meeting shall be held for at least three days – one day for general meeting and two days for field survey - during the first half of the year and shall be alternately hosted by a member country and Korea. The country of the newly elected chairperson or vice chairperson should be encouraged to host the next meeting.

**3. Representatives:** A representative shall be defined as per Article 6-1, AFACI Constitution. Under Article 9-2 (d), AFACI Constitution. The Republic of Korea shall bear the travel expense for the maximum of two (2) participants of each member-country.

**4. Invited speakers:** The General Assembly may invite a maximum of five (5) speakers including Project Investigators of best projects and their travel expenses shall be borne by the ROK.

**5. Election and Roles of Officers:** The General Assembly shall elect one (1) chairperson under Article 6-1, AFACI Constitution and the RDA Administrator shall serve as co-chairperson pursuant to the Resolution of the first General Assembly Meeting. The General Assembly shall also elect one (1) vice chairperson and two (2) rapporteurs (with one coming from AFACI Secretariat). The vice chairperson shall assist the chairperson while the rapporteurs shall record the minutes of General Assembly meetings. The officers' term of office shall be subject to the provisions of Article 6-1, AFACI Constitution.

**6. Executive Council:** Pursuant to the Resolution of the first General Assembly Meeting, the organization of the Executive Council shall be deferred and the General Assembly shall take upon the role of Executive Council until AFACI membership reach more than 20 countries. This resolution supersedes Articles 5-2 and 6-3, AFACI Constitution.

**7. Agenda:** The AFACI Secretariat shall prepare and circulate the agenda to member-countries in advance. The Secretariat shall write the result or decision reports of the General Assembly and circulate them to the members after the meeting. The following items constitute the Agenda:

- (a) Opening of the Session (Remarks)
- (b) MOU Signing by New Member Countries (as necessary)
- (c) Election of Officers of the AFACI Chair Group
- (d) Progress Report on AFACI Projects
- (e) Presentation on Best Practices of AFACI Projects
- (f) Selection of New Project and Discussion of Plans
- (g) Discussion on Matters Initiated by Member-Countries
- (h) Review of Highlights of the Meeting
- (i) Selection of Host Country and Schedule of the Next General Assembly
- (j) Adjournment

**8. Other Matters:** The other matters not stated in this Regulation shall be subject to the agreement of the General Assembly.



## Brief Report of AFACI Research Projects

[Country Project] Mongolia

### Mongolian Visit Strengthened Ties with AFACI and Korea

13~19 Jan 2012, Suwon & Busan

**E**ight delegates led by Bayarmagnai Jalsrai, Director General of Plant Science and Agricultural Research Institute (PSARI) and Odonkhuu Badrai, Chief Agriculture Specialist of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MoFALI) in Mongolia visited the Rural Development Administration last January 13-19, 2012. The visit aimed to discuss status and progress of the Asian Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (AFACI) project in Mongolia and visit RDA research institutes to gain knowledge and to share technologies on greenhouse production.



At the National Institute of Horticultural & Herbal Science

PSARI is the principal implementing organization of the AFACI country project in Mongolia titled, "Development of hybrid seed production of tomato for greenhouse production in Mongolia".

The delegates visited RDA's International Technology Cooperation Center (ITCC) and National Institute of Horticultural and Herbal Science (NIHHS) to discuss project implementation and make plans for further collaboration.

The visit to the Protected Horticulture Research Station of NIHHS-RDA in Busan was one of the activity highlights. They observed demonstration greenhouses and the hydroponic production technologies of tomatoes, strawberries, paprika, and other high-value vegetables and learned about the methods of cultivation and advantages of hydroponics. They also discussed the possibilities of greenhouse cultivation in Mongolia during the winter season when the temperature is very low.

From the demonstration greenhouses the delegate visited a tomato farm, where they related to the similar condition and the way they plant tomatoes on-farm. The delegates and the farmers shared knowledge in tomato production including plow cultivation and fertilizer application.

[Pan-Asian] Plant Genetic Resources

### The 1st Workshop on Integrated Management System of Plant Genetic Resources

National Agrobiodiversity Center, RDA, 19-23 March 2012

**A**FACI launched a Pan-Asian Project, "Integrated Management System of Plant Genetic Resources," to improve the management system for conservation, exploration, collection, characterization, evaluation, distribution, monitoring and documentation of plant genetic resources of participating countries.



Workshop Participants

The purpose of the meeting is to share information on the AFACI Research Project and develop implementation plans.

At the first principal investigators' meeting, eleven (11) Principal Investigators and ten (10) PGR specialists- representing each member country participated in the workshop.



Dr. Sutoro (Indonesia) and Dr. Yeon Gyu Kim, Head of Nat'l Agrobiodiversity Center during the Signing MOU

Participants from each member country made 30-minute country report presentation.. After the MOU signing ceremony, participants visited the Cactus Research Station in Goyang City, the Changdeokgung Palace and Namdaemun Market.



At the Cactus Research Station (Goyang, Korea)

## News from AFACI Member-Countries

[Sri Lanka]

### Sri Lankan Agricultural Website Awarded Best E-Content by a World Summit



[www.goviya.lk](http://www.goviya.lk)

Sri Lanka's agricultural Website ([www.goviya.lk](http://www.goviya.lk)) won the Best E-content award from a World Summit.

The site consisted of three main contents: 'Agripedia' - a free encyclopedia on Sri Lankan agriculture; 'Agri-Discussion Forum'; 'e-learning'. The website provides opportunity to share knowledge and information among users.

### National Exhibition in Sri Lanka

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, the Department of Agriculture of Sri Lanka will host a National Exhibition on July 20-25, 2012 at the 'Agro Technology Park', Ganooruwa, Sri Lanka.

The Agricultural Books completed from AFACI ATIN project will be launched at the exhibition. His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka will grace the exhibition.

[Vietnam]

### The Symposium on 'Trends in Rice Research in Vietnam to Overcome Stresses in a Changing Climate'

Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Science (VAAS) plans to host the symposium on 'Trends in Rice Research in Vietnam to Overcome Stresses in a Changing Climate',

The symposium scheduled on September 6, 2012 in Hanoi, Vietnam will be one of the activities during the 60th Anniversary of VAAS. About 150 people from research, education, extension, private and government organizations as well as international organizations are anticipated to participate in the activity.

The Symposium aims:

- (1) to set up a road map for rice breeding, to develop varieties that are resistant to pests, disease, and unfavourable conditions like drought, submergence, and salinity;
- (2) to develop advanced technology to overcome biotic and abiotic stresses as well as mitigate GHG emissions; and
- (3) review rice exports from Vietnam in the future international market context.

Symposium details can be found at the AFACI ([www.afaci.org](http://www.afaci.org)) and VAAS websites ([www.vaas.org.vn](http://www.vaas.org.vn)).

## News on Research Projects

### [Regional Project] Vietnam

by Dr. Ho Van Chien

#### **Collaboration network for the management of migratory rice plant hoppers and associated virus diseases of rice in ASIA**

The project activities were done in 2011. Dr. Chien selected three study sites in two ecosystems (carried out three rice cropping seasons and avoided flooding time, another one two rice cropping seasons and no enough water for irrigation of one crop). Numbers of activities have been monitored in some areas of the country:

- 1) Field survey was done following a protocol.
- 2) Full light trap data overtime were collected.
- 3) Light traps data were entered on www site of project.

#### 1. Three districts:

- Cho Gao district (L1): Carried planted 2 crops (9-11/2011 and 12/2011-03/2012), Rice variety: IR84, growth duration: 100 days
- Go Cong Tay district (L2): Carried planted 2 crops (9-11/2011 and 12/2011-02/2012), Rice variety: VD20, growth duration: 95 days
- Cai Lay district (L3): Carried out 1 crop (12/2011-02/2012), Rice variety: HB1, growth duration: 85 days

2. Survey times: weekly, 10 times/crop, the first time at 10 days after sowing.

3. Results: Based on light trap data of brown plant hopper migration, farmers growing rice who used "brown plant hopper escape strategy" avoided virus diseases infection at the early stage. In the demonstration in rice fields with abundant the natural enemies need not apply insecticide to control insect pests.

### [Country Project] Thailand

by Dr. Chutima Koshawatana

#### **Maize Seed Village in Thailand**

Dr. Chutima Koshawatana, Principal Investigator (PI) of the project, attended the 9<sup>th</sup> National Seed Conference on May 23-25, 2012 at Dhevaraj Hotel, Nan Province, Thailand. The conference was hosted by Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna, Nan and co-hosted by Seed Association of Thailand. "Maize Seed Village in Thailand" was presented in a poster session and an abstract was already published. On June 18-20, 2012, Field Crops Research Institutes' progress of the project will be presented at the annual meeting at Rayong Province. Project details will also be incorporated in annual report as a collaborative project with AFACI, RDA, Republic of Korea.



Research Poster



Dr. Chutima Koshawatana discussing with researchers

### [Pan-Asian Project] Indonesia

by Dr. Sutoro

#### **Integrated Management System of Plant Genetic Resources**

Preparation of the exploration have been conducted and will be done in June in Java-Madura area.

Evaluation of rice, maize, and soybean germplasm tolerant to acid soil have been planted in acid soil area of Lampung on the third week of June 2012.

Evaluation of rice resistant to bacterial leaf blight and brown plant hopper, soybean resistant to sucking bugs have also have been planted in the green house.



## Upcoming Events

### Expert Workshop on the Collaboration Network for the Management of Migratory Rice Planthoppers and Associated Virus Diseases of Rice in Asia

This expert workshop aims to establish a sustainable multinational collaborative network for the management of migratory rice planthoppers and associated rice viruses. It also hopes to provide a strategic basis to reduce the pests' incidence below the threshold level for chemical control of rice planthoppers in resource-limited Asian countries.

#### Venue and Dates

- Venue: Conference Hall, Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS), Hanoi, Vietnam
- Dates: June 25~29, 2012

### Workshop on Asian Network for Sustainable Organic Farming Technology

This workshop aims to review and update ANSOFT member countries on the state of organic farming in the respective countries and share organic farming techniques to find new and better practices that can be locally adapted. This will be a gathering for the ANSOFT country focal points to strengthen the organic network, share the ups and downs of the domestic network and their activities, and apprise member countries of emerging and trailblazing organic techniques and thereby enrich the database.

#### Venue and Dates

- Venue: the Fernando Lopez Hall, the Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
- Dates : July 1-4, 2012

## ◀AFACI Events scheduled in 2012 ▶

Date	Place	Title
25~29 June	Vietnam	Expert Workshop on the Collaboration Network for the Management of Migratory Rice Planthoppers and Associated Virus Diseases of Rice in Asia
1~5 July	Philippines	Workshop on Asian Network for Sustainable Organic Farming Technology
August (TBD)*	Korea	Principal Investigators' Meeting on New Research Projects (1)
September (TBD)*	Korea	Principal Investigators' Meeting on New Research Projects (2)
October (TBD)*	Sri Lanka	Expert Workshop on the Establishment of Agricultural Technology Information Network in Asia (ATIN)
November (TBD)*	Thailand	Expert Workshop on Integrated Management System of Plant Genetic Resources (PGR)

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