

## **CEDAC FIELD PROGRAM ORGANIZED MONTHLY MEETING IN KOMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCE**

March 15-17, 2010

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From 15-17 March 2010, the CEDAC Field Program organized the second Coordination Team Meeting this year, attended by 24 staff. The meeting was held at CEDAC's Branch Office in Kampong Chhnang town. The agenda included sharing the progress of each project--CEDAC is presently implementing 24 development projects--and identifying opportunities and challenges of the CEDAC Field Program in 2009. There was also discussion of improved job descriptions for CEDAC Field Program staff and 11 core members of the program were selected. Mr. Vang Sean, a project M&E officer, presented the results of the Participatory Monitoring Evaluation of the project "Poverty Reduction among Subsistence Rice Farmers through the Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood System (PRS-EU)." Mr. Lang Chanthea, a project coordinator, facilitated the meeting. CEDAC president Dr. Yang Saing Koma and CEDAC Field Program director Mr. Yi Kim Than were also key presenters at the meeting.

On the third day of the meeting, the team visited three target villages of the Happy Mountain Bird (HMB) project. Six target families, one Community-Based Facilitator and one Community-based Education Promoter were interviewed to assess the families' progress after cooperation with the project. All six families have improved their income-generation capacity through the application of ecological agricultural innovations promoted and disseminated by the HMB project. At the same time, they have gained more understanding about the advantages of primary education and they are now able to send their children to school regularly. The participants appreciated the opportunity to learn about the PRS-EU evaluation results and interview the HMB families.

