

General Meeting of ILFARM-KTL&SMC Project beneficiaries and Ecological Products Trade Fair in Kampong Chhnang province

Over 900 farmers from Kampong Tralarch, Sámi Mean Chey and Roleaphea district, Kampong Chhnang province gathered on Monday 15th June 2009 to exhibit their naturally farmed agricultural products during the general meeting of ILFARM-KTL&SMC project beneficiaries at Salalekpram primary school, Kampong Tralarch district, Kampong Chhnang province. Other participants included Mr. Ith Nody, under secretary of state in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the provincial governor, the president of CEDAC, the Latter Day Saints Charity representative, Provincial and District Department of Agriculture and CEDAC staff members. The objectives of the meeting were to increase awareness of naturally produced crops amongst farmers and consumers and to congratulate farmers on their achievements during the three years of this project.

During the meeting Dr. Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC's president stressed the key achievement of the ILFARM-KTL&SMC project which includes System of Rice Intensification (SRI), Saving for Self-reliance (SfR) and vegetable growing. He reports that there are now 3300 families from 93 villages of Kampong Tralarch and Samki Mean Chey districts benefiting from the project. Besides showing dozens of vegetables and other agricultural products, the meeting was also used a forum to award some farmers who have made great achievements in their last year of farming.

It is important to note, that this year's first exhibition aimed to provide farmers with an opportunity to show off their naturally farmed products and for trade partnerships so that farmers can have certain markets for their products. Last year, CEDAC supported six natural farm product exhibitions, one in Kampong Chhnang and the others in Takeo province.

