

CEDAC Organized Training on Sustainable Agriculture and Farmer Organization

CEDAC Organized Training on Sustainable Agriculture and Farmer Organization from 08-09 April 2010 with participation of 40 staff who are Project Coordinators, Field Coordinators, Project Officers, Project Monitoring and Evaluation Officers, and Field Community Facilitators. The training was held at Cambodia-Japan International Cooperation Center (CJCC) and facilitated by Dr. Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC President.

The training focused on Sustainable Agriculture through discussion, the sharing of experiences, and plenary presentations. During the training, some key concepts related to Sustainable Agriculture were explained and agricultural innovations, which have been disseminated by CEDAC, were discussed. Ten different innovations were discussed in detail during the training such as system of rice intensification, vegetable growing, ecological chicken raising, pig raising, etc.

The participants talked about several questions concerning farmer organizations (FO): What is a farmer organization? What are the differences between farmer organizations and CEDAC organization? Why does CEDAC provide support to farmer organizations? What kind of farmer organization has been supported by CEDAC? How is the support? What are the strengths and weaknesses of our staff in the past to support to Farmer Organization? What are the points to be improved for supporting to Farmer Organization?

During the training all participants had the opportunity to review the main agricultural innovations as well as the importance of each innovation. They also shared experiences; obtained recommendations to further improve the dissemination. The staff also gained a better understanding of the key concepts of Sustainable Agriculture.

