

## **CEDAC Field Program Organized Monthly Meeting**

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On 17 May 2010, the CEDAC Field Program organized its monthly meeting at the head office in Phnom Penh, attended by 22 staff including the Program Director, Program Officers, Project Coordinators, Field Coordinators, Project Officers, and Project Monitoring and Evaluation Officers. The meeting aimed to present the activities and achievements of each project, to discuss mutual-cooperation, and to consult about SRI principles and how to conduct participatory action research on rice cultivation for 2010. A Project Officer of CEDAC Field Program from Kompot Province, Mr. Nhep Meng Cheang, facilitated the whole-day meeting and CEDAC President Dr. Yang Saing Koma was a key resource person for the meeting.

First of all, the participants exchanged interesting information related to agricultural and other social activities in their respective target areas. Then, the activities and achievement of the project were shared to each other in plenary. It is of note that currently the CEDAC Field Program has been implementing 22 development projects. Furthermore, the cooperation among the project staff was discussed with all of the participants, including data collection relating to monthly meetings of the commune councils and end project evaluation of LAAR program (Local Administration and Reform). At the second half day of the meeting, Dr. Yang Saing Koma reviewed SRI principles and discussed how to conduct participatory action research on rice cultivation with the participants. He also shared some notions related to establishment of farmer groups, farmer organizations and networking.

In conclusion, the participants gained more information relating to the progress of each project of the CEDAC Field Program, they have improved their cooperation to each other, as well as received more useful ideas for the extension of SRI principles and participatory action research on rice cultivation in their projects' target areas for the coming rainy season in 2010.