

## **Workshop of Federation of Organic Rice Producer Group**

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With funding support from the Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED), CEDAC organized a workshop of the Federation of Organic Rice Producers Group at CEDAC's office in Phnom Penh. Forty-six farmer representatives (five women) from six provinces including Takeo, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom and Prey Veng attended this workshop.

During the workshop, many reports and research studies were presented, including reports on: the current situation of the organic rice federation; organic rice collecting and buying report in 2009-2010; organic rice federation survey report; and the rice marketing of CEDAC enterprise. The strategic plan for rice collecting/buying in 2010-2011 was also discussed. The most important point for discussion during the workshop was seed selection/purification. CEDAC president Dr. Yang Saing Koma, who facilitated the workshop, said that five points are essential to ensure the sustainable production of organic rice throughout the country and to increase both the quantity and quality of the organic rice produced. Those points are rice seed, rice moistness, marketing, capital, and group structure.

Over 2300 tons of organic rice are expected to be collected and bought by CEDAC enterprise in 2010-2011. CEDAC bought 1500 tons of organic rice from over 2668 members throughout the six provinces listed above during 2009-2010.

