

CEDAC Field Program Discusses Its Achievement and Key Activities for the Next Implementation

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On 11 June 2010, more than 100 CEDAC Field Program staff met for their general assembly at the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC), Phnom Penh. The general assembly is conducted every six months to sum up the progress, achievements, lessons learned, and key strategies to be implemented for the next semester.

Representatives from each project of CEDAC's Field Program presented their achievements and shared their experiences with one another. There are currently 26 development projects being carrying out by the program. Questions and answers among the participants were conducted in the plenary session. In addition, CEDAC President Dr. Yang Saing Koma shared his ideas regarding the future implementation of the program. Generally, the program will continue helping farmers to: improve agricultural production through the promotion of family ecological agriculture; improved access to financial services for agricultural investment and investment in community-led business activities; and improve marketing services (Agri-business) through formation of farmer producer groups and linking to markets. Furthermore, the program will make more effort to strengthen ALDA (Agriculture and Local Development Association) to ensure that ALDA becomes a very good development partner in communities. The capacity building will be focused on practical management and leadership, and how to help ALDA access grants for community development activities. In conclusion, the staff took away a clear understanding of their own potential and that of the communities to achieve the Field Program's objectives and goals.

