

CEDAC Annual Meeting

On 30 December, 2010, CEDAC organized its Annual Meeting at the Cambodian Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC) in Phnom Penh. The meeting was attended by 170 participants including CEDAC staff, Community-based Field Assistants (CFAs), Young Agri-Entrepreneurs (YAEs), CEDAC SAHAKREAS (CSK) representatives, Farmers and Nature Net (FNN) representatives, participating farmers, and members of the CEDAC advisory board.

The key results and lessons learnt from each program in 2010 were presented and reflected upon. Additionally, the strategic plan for 2011-2015 was presented and discussed during the meeting.

According to CEDAC's President, Dr. Yang Saing Koma, in 2010 CEDAC worked not only on strengthening the capacity and ownership of farmers to improve their quality of life, but also on improving the overall health of consumers by supplying safe food to the market. Moreover, he added that CEDAC has taken itself to the next level in development through its partnerships with large-scale development partners and financial supporters like the EU and other new strategic partners. Additional work that was highlighted during the meeting included CEDAC's biodigester program (in the framework of NBP), CEDAC's training services, savings communities for prosperity (Sosor) at inter-village level, ensuring access to education for children of the poorest families (HMB III), and CEDAC's publications (Farmer Magazine, radio program and TV talk show).

From 2011 onward, CEDAC commits itself to select pilot districts to work on local development structure, mainly consisting of following core components:

- Farmer networks
- Agriculture and local development service provider associations (ALDAs)
- Rural youth training (including for indigenous youth)
- Community banks (SoSor)
- CEDAC shops

The meeting also included the annual election of CEDAC's outstanding staff members for 2010. At the conclusion of the meeting, all CEDAC staff members met for a reception at the CEDAC head office.

