

Workshop on System of Rice Intensification

PHNOM PENH: On May 19 2011, Dr. Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC's President, facilitated a one-day workshop on **System of Rice Intensification (SRI)** at the CEDAC Head Office. The workshop drew participation from approximately 40 staff members representing projects in many of the different target provinces of CEDAC.

During the workshop, participants presented the SRI activities and results from their projects that had been achieved in 2010 as well as their action plan for promoting and experimenting with SRI during wet season 2011. Special attention was focused on **root intensification** as it is very important principle/step towards improving rice growth and yields. Various methods were employed during the workshop in order to ensure active participation from participants including group work, plenary presentations and discussions.

At the end of the day, participants had gained a greater understanding about the principles and the important techniques of SRI. Participants especially developed a greater understanding about the reasons why each SRI technique is applied. Moreover, different types of SRI experimentation were determined by the participants. Last but not least, as SRI is a compilation of many best practices, it was agreed by participants that the following important techniques of SRI be applied by farmers at the very least:

1. Transplant healthy seedlings
2. Transplant the roots shallowly
3. Transplant only one seedling per hill

