

## **UNDP Representative Field Visit**

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With a supporting grant from UNDP GEF SGP, CEDAC began implementing the project “**Integrated Commercial Farming for Small Farmers in Takeo's Samrong district (ICM)**”. The project is scheduled to run from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The goal of the project is to develop integrated commercial farming as an effective use of available resources to promote sustainable agricultural production that is compatible with climate change adaptation and biologically diverse habitats.

Two main objectives have been developed to achieve this goal.

1. Increase food production using integrated techniques on small farms
2. Develop farmers’ and CBO/NGOs’ partnership capacity to enable idea exchange on development concept proposals

The ICM project recently hosted a donor field visit for Mrs. Ngin Navarak, UNDP GEF SGP National Coordinator, and Mr. Keang E Seng, SLM Project Manager from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). The guest paid a visit to the target group of farmers in the Samrong district of Takeo Province. The CEDAC project team accompanied them to meet with the farmers and to visit the farms of Mr. Saing Chanthy and Mr. Ouk Phoeun.

The visit highlighted the project’s progress and achievements, and provided an opportunity for the guests to give some concrete advice to farm owners on integrating agricultural techniques like fish raising, chicken raising, soil fertility improvement and so on.



Mr. Saing Chanthy's farm

Mr. Ouk Phoeun's farm

Meeting with donor

After the visit, a reflection meeting was organized at the CEDAC-KPS office. The objectives of the meeting were:

- To provide technical background for the start-up of the ICM project and the integrated development approach toward sustainable food security and increased income for farming communities
- To discuss the possibility of increasing the grant on best practices documentation in lowland agriculture or SRI techniques and on integrated farming techniques based on the UNCCD best practice framework