

ACEDAC Exchange Visit of Cooperative Personnel and Leaders Program 18- 24 May 2011

As it was agreed in the 16th ACEDAC Meeting held in Lao PDR in 2009 that Thailand will be the host of Exchange Visit of Cooperative Personnel and Leaders Program in 2011. Therefore, the Cooperative Promotion Department (CPD) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is responsible for organizing and executing the Program that will be organized during 18 – 14 May 2011. The Program includes a study visit to agricultural cooperatives including women group activities in Pranakorn Sri Ayudthaya, Chantaburi and Samutsakorn Provinces.

The Department had invited 3 representatives from 10 ASEAN Member States as well as representative from ASEAN Secretariat and ACEDAC Secretariat to attend the said program.

The name list of participants consist of five representatives from Lao PDR, one representative from Malaysia, three representatives from Myanmar, one representative from the Philippines, two representatives from Vietnam and three representatives from Thailand.

According to the program, all participants had an experiences to observe Tha Rua Agricultural Cooperative, Ltd. in Ayuddhaya Province, Mueng Khlung Agricultural

Cooperative, Ltd. in Chantaburi Province and Ban Paew Agricultural Cooperative, Ltd. in Samut Sakorn Province and site visit to cooperative member's fruit orchard, such as rambutan, durian, sala, longan.



As well as women group activities such as food processing and handicraft making in Chantaburi Province and fruit juice in Samut Sakorn Province.



The participants also have a sightseeing visit to Bangsai Royal Project in Pranakorn Sri Ayudthaya Province as well.

Most of participants had experiences learnt from the visit and from sharing ideas and views for the development of

agricultural cooperatives among ASEAN member states and could adapt some useful information to their respective countries

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Women Development Activities

Last year, the Cooperative Promotion Department in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat has organized the 1st Training Course on Income Generation/Generating Activities for Rural Development of Women and Youth Groups during 24 January to 6 February 2010. According to the evaluation sheet and report, we have learned that the experiences gained from the course was very much useful and beneficial for all participants. And as the result of the last Joint Annual Coordination Meeting held in Malaysia in November 2010, it was agreed that the Cooperative Promotion Department will be the host of Training Course on Income Generation/Generating Activities for Rural Development of Women and Youth Groups at the second time in March 2011.

The objectives of this training course is to provide an opportunity of all participants to learn how to manage and operate income generating activities by using local products and exchange experiences for the development of their business among themselves. The target group consists of participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam including Thailand with totally of 20 persons. The venue of the training course will be held at Cooperative Technology Transfer and Development Office, Pichai Road, Bangkok and field visit at cooperative women

groups in Chiangmai and Chiangrai during 13 – 26 March 2011. The contents is composed of 40% of Lecture, 40% of field visit and group discussion for 20%.

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