

Appendix 3: Trip Report 3

Duration: December 18-21, 2005

Place: Cambodia
Royal University of Agriculture

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Objectives: 1. Assess the need for establishing a network of educators and researchers to conduct interdisciplinary research related to upland agriculture.
2. Identify interested individual and organization for further collaboration.

December 18, 2005

Time	Activity
08:00	Depart home and checked-in for TG at CNX airport Meeting with Prof. Dr. Tasanee, Dr. U. Singh , and Mr. Sahaschai on Nitrogen simulation on
10:00	Arrived at BKK airport, Bangkok city, Thailand. Bussed off to the International terminal and tried to find the VN airline check-in counter in Terminal 2.
19:30	Left BKK airport, one hour delay, and arrived at Phnom Penh International airport, smooth landing and cool weather. Mr. Pech Sithon drove us to New York Hotel in downtown Phnom Penh.

December 19, 2005.

Time	Activity
08:30	Left New York Hotel in the City.
08:15	Picked-up from the Hotel by Mr. Rasmey Hey, a former MCC student working as secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Mr. Poch and Ms. Seng current MCC student.
09:00	Arrived at the Rector's office of the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA). Met and discussed with Dr. Nerath CHAN, Vice-Rector, Head of Agronomy RUA.

RUA Main gate



Meeting with the Rector



Participants Met at RUA on 2005-12-19



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2. Dr. Vice-Rector, RUA
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3. Head of Agronomy

About RUA

1964	Established as a University and closed because of disrupts.
1980	Reopened again as training center.
1984	Start the Russian support teaching programs and finished in 1990.
1993-94	Collaborated with western countries beyond Russian with support from FAO and others to develop curriculum based.
1997	Introduced AIT's curriculum.
2000	Supported by Nagoya Univ. to modify curriculum to be a fully credited Eight Faculties: Agronomy, Animal, Forestry, Fisheries, Agric. Technology and management (Engineering), Agro-Industrial, Economy & Rural development, Land mgt and Administration (linked with urban construction).
Semester	First semester: August – January Second semester: February – June School break in July.
Students	2005 Undergraduate about 2,000 full-time (0700-1700) and 500 in-service (part-time agriculture with 2 degrees associated and MS.). 2002 offered MS in agriculture and special renewable natural resource, agronomy, aquaculture, rural dev., animal production. Each has their own focus. 2006 Under France (FSP Project) a MS in Integrated mgt for agriculture and rural development was developed human resource that can organize people from specific disciplines to work as a team. Communication and interpersonal skills are emphasized. Students are needed to work in the field to work with rural communities. Some 30 students and reducing to 20-25 students due to limited funding. With invited foreign lecturers. 50 US\$ per month for stipend. After two years, the program selects top students for further study in France and other countries. This is we have 75 candidates and only 20 are selected for the programs. Number of students is increasing, for example 300 this year. At พระตะบอง, we get 100 students and exchange students with Khon Kaen and Surin. The University can provide guest house and transportation. Exchange fields are done thru MOU, for example Mae Jo, Khon Kaen, etc.

Academic System	<p>Four years for Bachelor, 144 credits. ACC allows 135-150 credits.</p> <p>The last semester of the fourth year, student carry out the field exercises, field works with either private or public, NGOs organizations. The students are required to write a thesis for his/her field work.</p>
Admission	<p>Selected 400-500 students from high school for undergraduate degree. Currently, less than 2,000 students.</p> <p>In 2005, the Ministry of Education is a centrally admission post for the RUA, and in 2005 only 270 students admitted to the University instead of 350. ACC law also requires the RUA and other Universities to submit report and students can move from one University to other University.</p>
Staff	<p>Total number:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecturers: 120• On left for advances study: 30 under Japan, South Korea. <p>Currently recruiting good students for teacher-positions in RUA and sent to study in Germany, etc.</p>
SML	<p>CP group helps in organizing internship for students. CARDI also support students training activities.</p>
Graduate jobs	<p>Some of them get the public and private jobs. In 2005, Government positions open only 90-100 positions whereas 300 applicants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In conclusion: MCC will Support two (2) Cambodians to participate in March 2006 planning workshop in Chiang Mai.

Currently, Cambodia has six Royal Universities with agricultural related Faculty. Total graduates are around 500-600 per year from all Agricultural Universities.

Before lunch, we briefly met with the Deputy Head of the Agronomy section of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF). We learned that upland agriculture means agricultural systems practicing by the ethnic minority groups in the northeast and the north regions of the country, in Monkulkiri and Rattanakiri provinces. The Department had no activities in the areas and had not ready to address the issues. However, the department is delighted to participate in the discussion and meeting in March 2006.



1. Deputy Head of Agronomy, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF).

Meeting with the MAFF's staff.



December 20, 2005

Time	Activity
07:30	Pick-up from the New York hotel by the Van, breakfast at the Local Restaurant.

CARDI Main gate



Meeting with the Deputy Director of CARDI Dr. Makara OUG.



13:30 Visited Vegetable Research Center.

Kbal Koh Vegetable Research Station.



Meeting with Head of Kbal Koh Vegetable Research Station. Total area is around 4 ha and started some



December 21, 2005

Time	Activity
07:00	Depart for Thailand.

End of Trip Report 3