



Upland Agriculture Curriculum Initial Consultative Workshop

March 5-6, 2006

Venue

Nakorn Na Lumpang Room, Multiple Cropping Center, Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, 50200, Thailand. PH: 66-5322-1275; FX: 66-5321-0000

Introduction

The workshop will provide venue for participants from China, Cambodia, Laos PDR, Thailand and Vietnam to share knowledge and information about education and training of upland agriculture that would transect portions of the three countries within GMS to enable better understanding of regional land use dynamics and trans-boundary issues, emerging issues of common concern include: 1) Upland and lowland duality, 2) High rate of upland area conversion, 3) Food production for upland population, 4) Maintaining cultural, biological, and environmental diversity, and 5) Poverty alleviation and alternative livelihoods for upland communities.

Specifically, we seek to augment active education and research efforts as mentioned above in the areas of poverty reduction, environmentally conscious food production systems for sustainable livelihood life-style, and decision support tools for environmental impact assessment currently underway at the key institutions in GMS.

Objectives

The main objectives of the workshop are to:

1. Gain better understand and to compile current upland agriculture curriculum in participating countries.
2. Build network of educators and researchers to conduct interdisciplinary and collaborative research related to upland agriculture.
3. Provide a forum to facilitate dialogue and recommendations.

Expected outcomes

Through the workshop interactions, diverse contributions from the participants, multiple outcomes are expected to emerge from the workshop, including:

1. Proceedings of the workshop.
2. Draft short-term training programs focusing on issues of upland agriculture.
3. Draft proposals for collaborative research for follow-up actions to cover issues like;
 - o Watershed management and sustainable resource management techniques,
 - o Community-based resource management
 - o Sustainable food production systems
 - o Decision Support tools and Information and extension service systems for upland communities

Schedule for Initial Consultative (Planning) Workshop March 5-6, 2006

Date/Time	Activity	Responsible person
Mar 5		
08:00	Depart PSK hotel for MCC	By two MCC vans
08:15	Registration at Nakorn Na Lumpang, MCC	
08:30	Opening remarks	Dean, FOA, CMU
08:35	Workshop objectives and timetable	Attachai
08:45	Conceptual Framework of Upland Agriculture education and research from Cambodia, China, Laos PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam: Challenges and Trends	Phrek, Le An, Bounlam, Nareth CHAN,
10:00	Break	
10:30	Group discussion on Upland Agriculture Group 1: Undergraduate Group 2: Graduate and Non-degree	Phrek Benchaphun
12:00	Lunch	
13:00	Group discussion (continue from the morning session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant UA issues in curriculum. • HDR program, i.e. degree & non-degree programs • Collaborative programs (staff exchange, co-teaching, network)
15:30	Country group discussion with considerations of the Overview and Undergraduate and Graduate group discussion.	Country leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritizing needs & programs. • Research issues.
17:30	Depart MCC for PSK Hotel	By two MCC vans
Mar 6		
07:45	Depart PSK hotel for MCC	By two MCC vans
08:00	Country presentation, report, and discussion on current status and needs for undergraduate and graduate upland agriculture curriculum & research	Attachai
12:00	Lunch	
14:00	Synthesis Training needs Research issues	Phrek
16:30	Conclusion & Next step	Phrek/Attachai
18:00	Reception and Farewell	By two MCC vans