

Attachment Program on Weevils

The attachment program on “Weevils of quarantine importance with special emphasis on stored product insect pest” has been implemented from 7 November to 19 December 2018 with three participants, one each from Vietnam (Ms. Hoang Kim Thoa), Thailand (Mr. Ittipon Bannakan), and Indonesia (Mr. Kemas Usman).

The objectives of the attachment program were:

1. To have an overview on agriculture, plant quarantine and plant protection system in Japan by lectures.
2. To understand the functions and operations of each division of the plant quarantine system of Japan including domestic and international quarantines, Pest Risk Analysis, etc.
3. To visit the research center and other plant protection/quarantine related facilities in Japan
4. To access advanced technology in weevil diagnostics and to transfer skills and knowledge of Japanese experts to counterparts in ASEAN countries so as to increase capacity, experience, and knowledge of the participants in the diagnostics of pests and taxonomic identification.
5. To strengthen the diagnostic capacity by providing participants with practical understanding of the concept of weevils, their identification and current management practices, and

During the 1.5-month program, they were attached and worked in several laboratories in Japan, i.e. Tokyo University of Agriculture (NODAI) Setagaya and Atsugi campuses, and Tsukuba Post-entry Quarantine Centre, Yokohama Plant Protection Research Centre and Kobe Plant Protection Station, all under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) Japan. The program of the attachment consisted of 3 (three) activities related to weevils of quarantine important, they were: lectures, laboratory practices, and field trip, and these divided into 5 (five) locations, i.e., Tokyo University of Agriculture/NODAI - Setagaya Campus, Yokohama Plant Protection Station, Kobe Plant Protection Station, Tsukuba Center of Yokohama Plant Protection Station, and Tokyo University of Agriculture (NODAI) - Atsugi Campus. Table below showed the timetable in each location.

No.	Location	Time
1	Tokyo University of Agriculture / NODAI - Setagaya Campus	7 – 11 November 2018 17 – 18 December 2018
2	Yokohama Plant Protection Station	12 – 16 November 2018
3	Kobe Plant Protection Station	19 – 21 November 2018
4	Tsukuba Plant Protection Centre	26 – 30 November 2018
5	Tokyo University of Agriculture (NODAI) - Atsugi Campus	3 – 14 December 2018

Reports of the attachment program have been prepared by the three participants and also by Prof. Keiko Natsuaki, Program Coordinator from Tokyo University of Agriculture.