

“Study visit to Japan national SPS/Plant Health laboratories cum Training workshop on the Identification of Fruit Flies”

as a part of the JAIF project phase 1 of “Taxonomic capacity building to support market access for agricultural trade in the ASEAN region”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION & JUSTIFICATION

The ASEAN Plant Health Cooperation Network (APHCN) – ASEANET Project “**Taxonomic capacity building to support market access for agricultural trade in the ASEAN region**”, funded by the Japan ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) has successfully implemented several activities related to capacity building activities for the ASEAN Plant Quarantine & Plant Protection officers and this project is due to be concluded in April 2017. We are considering proposing a 2nd Phase, based on the recommendations from the 10 ASEAN member countries, to organize more capacity building (mostly Training Workshop on Diagnostics of major pests and diseases for 2 weeks).

One key activity identified as the highest priority to be proposed is a “study visit” to Plant Quarantine & Plant Protection System in Japan to allow ASEAN plant health and quarantine personnel to better understand and appreciate the role played by an efficient plant quarantine system in preventing pest incursions. The National Plant Protection Office of Japan has demonstrated a very efficient plant quarantine and plant protection system in the Asia-Pacific and as a trading partner of ASEAN it is timely that this study visit *cum* training workshop should be organized under the project.

The activity has been planned to offer a hands-on opportunity for senior plant protection and quarantine officials to gain practical knowledge on the efficient operation of a national system in the developed world. This opportunity is not possible through something like to training workshop. Additionally, face-to-face interaction with Japanese personnel will help build relationships that will help in trade-related activities between Japan and ASEAN.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To have an overview on the plant quarantine and plant protection system in Japan
2. To understand the functions and operations of each division under the plant quarantine system of Japan (domestic and international quarantine, export and import divisions, Pest Risk Analysis, etc.)
3. To visit the Research Center, Yokohama & Nara Plant Protection Station
4. To discuss, learn and share field experiences in plant quarantine (inspection, interception, and identification of exotic pests, e.g. fruit flies) from Japanese plant quarantine officers

PARTICIPANTS:

A maximum of twelve senior officers from ASEAN NPPOs and ASEANET (as coordinators) will participate in the study visit. The senior plant quarantine and plant protection officers from the 10 ASEAN countries will be selected by their NPPO/Project Focal Points (one per country). All travel arrangements to Japan would be done by ASEANET and their costs in Japan (food & accommodation, etc.) would be paid by JAIF project, after their approval, through ASEANET.

The candidates who meet one or more of the following criteria would be proposed for consideration:

- Has been in the position of Division/Section/Department Head and or as policy makers
- Minimum with BS degree in biology, agriculture or related field

- Has been working as researcher in entomology or closely related fields for more than 10 years.
- Plant health or quarantine officer involved in insect pest diagnosis and preferably in fruit flies with 10 or more years of experience.
- The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to education and research, excellent communication skills, and the desire and ability to work cooperatively in their own country or in the regional-multi country projects.
- Willing to act as resource person in capacity building for other officers from the ASEAN member states following training.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND ARRANGEMENTS

- 1) **Purpose:** the participants to the training visits will obtain the general idea of how Japan operates its plant protection by visiting several facilities and will be familiarized with fruit flies issues, such as pest risk analysis, ecological research, inspection, diagnostics using molecular technology and other regulatory perspectives.
- 2) **Date and duration:** Two weeks from November 18 to December 2, 2017.
- 3) **Financial issues:** Tokyo University of Agriculture (TUA) will do the necessities of financial issues based on the draft budget from the organizations including PPSs
- 4) **Language to be used in the training:** English or Japanese (an interpreter to be hired)
- 5) **Guide:** somebody may have to be hired to take the trainee group to various places (e.g. by train and/or micro-bus). The interpreter and the guide could be the same person.
- 6) Contact persons in Japan:
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- 7) **First draft of the training visit schedule** is as below:

Study visit and training workshop in Japan
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Study visit and training workshop in Japan consists of the following contents.

*Highlighted by gray are holidays in Japan.

Date	Day	AM	PM	City to stay
Nov. 18 Sat.	1		=== > Arrival (Haneda or Narita)	Tokyo
Nov. 19 Sun	2	free		Tokyo
Nov. 20 Mon	3	Orientation (TUA, Setagaya, Tokyo)	Orientation (continued) Presentation on overview of plant protection in Japan [Reception]	Tokyo
Nov. 21 Tue	4	Lectures at TUA (Atsugi, Tokyo)		Tokyo
Nov. 22 Wed	5	Visit to Haneda airport	Haneda to Tsukuba (Post-entry quarantine station) Visit to post-entry quarantine facilities Tsukuba to Tokyo	Tokyo
Nov. 23 Thu	6	Tokyo --- > Haneda === > Naha		Naha
Nov. 24 Fri	7	Visit to the facilities operated by the Okinawa prefectural government on fruit flies	Overview of plant protection in Naha (eradication history and others)	Naha
Nov. 25 Sat	8	Naha === > Haneda --- > Tokyo --- > Yokohama	free	Yokohama
Nov. 26 Sun	9	Visit to the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation	free	Yokohama
Nov. 27 Mon	10	Lectures and discussions at Yokohama Plant Protection Station: ecology, control measures and treatments		Yokohama
Nov. 28 Tue	11	Lectures and practical exercises at Yokohama Plant Protection Station: classification and identification		Yokohama
Nov. 29 Wed	12	Lectures and practical exercises at Yokohama Plant Protection Station: diagnosis with molecular technology		Tokyo
Nov. 30 Thu	13	Lectures at TUA (Setagaya, Tokyo)		Tokyo
Dec. 1 Fri.	14	Presentation by the trainee (individually or in groups) at TUA	Presentation by the trainee, for comments from the reviewers followed by general discussions Certificates of training completion [Farewell cocktail]	Tokyo
Dec 2 Sat.	15	Departure (from Haneda or Narita)=== >		

Hotels

City to stay	Arr. Date	Dep. Date	Recommendation1	Recommendation2
Tokyo	18 th Nov	23 rd Nov.	the b tokyo sangenjaya	
Naha	23 rd Nov.	25 th Nov.	Toyoko Inn Okinawa Naha Asahibashi Ekimae	Toyoko Inn Okinawa Naha Shin-toshin Omoromachi
Yokohama	25 th Nov.	29 th Nov.	Toyoko Inn Yokohama Sakuragicho	Toyoko Inn Yokohama Kannai
Tokyo	29 th Nov.	2 nd Dec.	the b tokyo sangenjaya	