

CDIS-Output 3 News

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The Project for Capacity Development and Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock in Afghanistan (CDIS) - Collaboration between Research and Extension-

TOPICS

1. PC Training Started
2. Site Survey in Mir Bacha Kot
3. Horticulture Training
4. After-Training Workshop in Kabul
5. SATREPS Workshop in Yokohama

1. Training course for basic PC skills has finally started. Opening ceremony was held on 6th December in Badam Bagh and Eng. Obaidi attended for ribbon-cutting. The pre-assessment test for the participants was done on 7th December. The pre-skill check was to understand the current capacity of trainees and tailor the training contents for them as well as to plan the training course appropriately. Training started on basic functions of Microsoft Office (2010) after the pre-test. After the topics on Microsoft Word, topics on Microsoft Excel has started later this month. The training targets the stuffs with little experience on computer. Participants were chosen on the basis of their level of PC skills. Those who have lower skills were prioritized to participate. At the end of the training, we expect the participants to be able to operate the computers and Microsoft Office on daily basis.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for PC training



Pre-assessment test for the participants before training



Ms. Arai visits the training

2. For MBK-FRC (Farmer Resource Centre), the CDIS-Output3 team, Mr. Masihullah Alekozai and Mr. Alim Alimi, implemented a Site Survey in Mir Bacha Kot on 5th December with the participation of representatives from MBK-DAIL, Kabul DAIL and PBCC. All discussed with some of the local people living around the MBK -FRC site. On 21st December,



Site inspection

Kabul DAIL has sent the letter to MAIL reporting that 8 locals living near the site all agreed to the construction but a part of boundary must be retreated so that nearby residents would not be disturbed by the construction. The letter was received and approved by the Mr. Raz Mohammad Raz (Deputy Minister of Irrigation & Natural Resources). Kabul DAIL also requested the reinforcement of canal behind the wall to MAIL since canal reinforcement is not part of JICA's plan. MAIL forwarded the request to the On Farm Water Management Project to take part in it.

3. Advanced Cultivation Technology and Disease Pest Control Technology in Vegetable Crops started on 8th Nov. and finished on 19th Dec. Trainees spent most of their time in Institute for Horticultural Plant Breeding in Chiba Prefecture. They received lectures and practical trainings on plant protection and advanced cultivation technology. Topics such as disease diagnosis, incubation of fusarium wilt, detection and observation of pathogen, implementation of Elisa test and tomato breeding were covered. Advanced cultivation technologies for tomato were intensively covered during the training such as tomato hybrid seed production, grafting, nutritious analysis, inoculation, pollination and emasculation and so on. After the training, trainees wrote technical reports and action plans to implement after going back to Afghanistan. They are planning to hold a workshop so that they can share what they have learned.



Practical Training on Confirmation of Pathogenicity



Commemorative picture at Institute for Horticultural Plant Breeding

4. Research Cycle Management Training participants and Soil Training participants held a workshop on 29th December to share what they learned in Japan. Mr. Hanif Afzali, Mr. Ghiasuddin Ghanizada, Ms. Sakina and Ms. Sohaila made presentations on what they learned on research cycle management in Japan. Mr. Mohsin & Mr. Khawaja Nasrat shared what they have learned in Japan on soil analysis and diagnosis. After those presentations, Eng. Qasem Obaidi and Mr. Khawaja Saeed Alawi explained the ARM reporting formats, selection of ARM committee members and other issues related to ARM 2016. The workshop received about 50 participants from ARGD.



Presentation on Research Cycle Management

5. SATREPS held a Workshop at Yokohama City University (YCU) from 15th to 20th December 2015. It was “Strategic Workshop on Germplasm Conservation and Utilization for Re-establishing the National Plant Genetic Resource Department in MAIL, Afghanistan with leading way of SATREPS project and implementation of further international research cooperation”, and Dr. Suzuki & Ms. Nishiyama of Output 3 participated “SATREPS Afghanistan Wheat Project Joint Coordinated Strategic Meeting” as observer on 16th Dec. The CDIS Output 3 is planning to succeed a part of the project on wheat nursery program as its activity in the year 2016/17.



Dr. Ban, Professor of YCU, giving presentation



Workshop at Yokohama City University