

CDIS-Output 3 News

Sept & Oct 2016

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

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| TOPICS | 1. Training in Japan | 2. Progress on MBK- FRC |
| | 3. Reporting meeting of Dubai meeting | 4. Workplan Signed |

1. Training on “Data Analysis and Research Report Writing” was held in Japan from 15th to 29th Oct. The objectives of the training was 1) to learn how to strengthen the research institutions, 2) to learn PDCA cycle for research implementation and management, 3) to learn what is the statistical methodology in agricultural experiment and 4) to learn how to write qualified research reports. We welcomed 11 trainees from ARGD MAIL and provided training containing both lecture and practice. As part of the training, we had a three-day intensive lecture on “Statistical Methodology in Agricultural Experiment”. In this lecture, trainees learned the statistical methodology and practical statistical processing using Microsoft Excel. For these three days, we invited PEACE students to participate. PEACE students leaned together with trainees as well as supported the lecturer by teaching other participants. Mastering data analysis fully requires more time but participation of PEACE students supported the effective learning. In addition, their participation gave opportunity for all participants to learn from each other across different research areas including extension. Participants have learned eagerly and their research reports writing improved. They are going to hold a workshop after going back to Afghanistan to share what they learned in Japan. It is our hope that future research activities will be even more fruitful with what they have learned in this training.



Training on statistical analysis



Visiting Tsukuba Botanical Garden



Commemorative picture at closing ceremony



Commemorative picture with PEACE Students

2. Farmers Resource Centre (FRC) construction is on progress and completion will be in the end of November. This delay is due to the need for connecting pipes from the water well. Digging of the well have finished at the end of October and we have confirmed the abundant supply of water. FRC has a lot of potential for collaboration of research and extension sectors to deliver service to farmers. Utilization plan of FRC is now discussed by ARGD and EGD. We hope to support the establishment of utilization plan that guide how to use FRC in the future.



Water from the well



Boundary wall

3. Reporting meeting was held on 2nd October to report the result of Dubai Meeting held on August. 25 staffs of ARGD participated to this reporting meeting and received the comments on the presentation they made at ARM 2015. During the meeting in Dubai, all presentations were evaluated by Dr. Suzuki and Dr. Nitta. They were given detailed comments on how to improve the presentations and research reports. Participants of the Dubai meeting, Mr. Khawaja and Mr. Sharif, conveyed the messages from these Japanese experts to the researchers who made the presentations.

We also held Polycom meeting connecting Kabul and Tokyo so that researchers can further discuss the evaluation result with Japanese experts. We hope that ARGD members are motivated to improve their report for the ARM 2016.



Reporting meeting



Polycom meeting

4. Workplan of CDIS-Output3 was discussed and agreed by both parties and finally signed. The signed Workplan will be distributed to the stakeholders within November. The Workplan received many valuable comments. Now the Workplan is fully understood and supported by both parties, it is our dearest hope that the activities of CDIS-Output3 will succeed and make positive changes to the agriculture of Afghanistan.

TV meeting schedule	
Date	Main Topic
7th November	- Preparation of ARM2016 - Approval of ARM Guideline - FRC utilization plan
28th November	TBC
12th December	TBC