

FNN Joined the 7th National Workshop of PROLINNOVA

FNN president, Mr. Uon Sophal, Executive Director, Mr. Pan Sopheap, and an experimented-farmer of FNN, Mr. Binh Chhin, joined the workshop from December 22 to 24, 2010. The workshop was organized by Prolinova Cambodia in collaboration with provincial department of Agriculture of Battambang at the provincial hall of department of agriculture. There were 76 participants (whom 12 were female) whom included representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, representatives of provincial department of agriculture from 10 provinces, CEDAC president, Coordinator of Prolinova Cambodia, representatives of 3 national agricultural universities, Sre Khmer and Women Development Organization, and representatives of potential experimented-farmers from 10 provinces. The workshop aimed (1) to share best practices of the farmers and members of working groups in aiming to promote local innovation and experimentation and (2) to review strategy to support farmers in promoting local innovation and discuss strategic plan of Prolinova in 2011.

The workshop achieved key results and outcomes as follows:

- Briefed report of activities of Prolinova Cambodia in 2010 by secretariat of Prolinova;
- Presented and shared about processes and results of experimentation of farmers and working groups of Prolinova, which included provincial department of agricultural of Pusat, Kandal, Battambang, Kampong Thom, Kampong Cham, Svay Rieng, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Takeo, and Prey Veng. Besides were included presentation of the National Universities of Agriculture Chamkardong, Kampong Cham and Prek Leap, department of agriculture, and department of rice. The last presentations made by farmers from Battambang, Kampot, Kampong Speu, Kampong Cham and Takeo which mainly about rice experimentation, bio-fertilizers, and eel.
- Conducted field visits to 3 different groups: (1) Sangke and Ek Phnom districts, (2) Banan and Battambang districts and (3) Thmarkol district to visits dried rice-mill, organic chicken's farm and sugar cane's farm, eel's farm, ducks, vegetable farms, bio-fertilizers, and orange farm.

Participating in the workshop there have been two advantages for FNN. First, FNN could learn and get new experiences, particularly get new innovation and experimentation from other best practice farmers and relevant institutions. Secondly, FNN has shared and made itself being more visualized as a crucial network of farmer groups. The workshop plans to continue the activities of Prolinova and will expand to other farmers in Cambodia to be more proactive and innovative. *Uploaded by: NOY Kimhong*

