Workshop on Rice Seed Management

Projected training dates: May 21 – June 3, 2015
Application deadline: March 21, 2015
Duration of workshop: 14 days
Number of participants: 20

Target participants: Chief technical officers or senior technicians responsible for rice seed cultivation and/or testing/inspection at national rice centers, or senior technical officer from partner countries taking part in rice seed production-related projects being carried out by Taiwan Technical Missions and their local government.

- Age and experience: Applicants under 50 years old and with at least two years’ experience in participating in rice seed cultivation management or rice seed testing/inspection work will be given preferential consideration.
- Education: College and above.
- Professional competence: Applicants should have knowledge of paddy rice cultivation, seedling production and rice seed testing/inspection, as well as the status of the domestic rice industry in their countries.
- Language: Good command of English.

Information to be provided in advance: Application form.

Information to be provided on arrival in Taiwan:
2. Participant’s report in PowerPoint or Word format, including the following content:
   - An overview of paddy rice cultivation, seed production and rice seed testing/inspection systems in your country.
   - The current problems and challenges involved in paddy rice seed cultivation management and seed testing/inspection in your country and in your work.
   - A case study of a successful or failed case.

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Introduction:

1. The workshop will aim to share:
   - Rice seed production management and testing/inspection systems in operation in Taiwan.
   - Standard operating procedures (SOP) for rice seed production management, including field preparation and seed testing/inspection, in use in Taiwan.

2. To assist partner countries to raise the production quality of rice seed and associated seed testing/inspection skills, this workshop will focus primarily on technical issues, co-facilitated by the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF), the Rice Crop Laboratory at the Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), and the Seed Testing Laboratory at the Taiwan Seed Improvement and Propagation Station (TSIPS). The workshop agenda covers:
   - Indoor lectures: Including various topics on rice seed field preparation, rice seed cultivation management, post-harvest processing, and rice seed testing/inspection SOP set by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA seed testing regulations).
   - Hands-on courses: Introductory lectures will be followed by hands-on practice for each technical skill.
   - Sites visits: Including visits to paddy rice seedling/nursery stations and rice seed cultivation machinery companies.
   - Exchange platforms: Participants’ presentations, an accomplishment presentation and discussion forums during site visits will facilitate the exchange of opinions.