



First Rice Field Day in Sennar



Rice Field Day in Sennar State was held at Marfaa demonstration field on 17th November 2013. This is first time for Sennar people to celebrate rice harvest after upland rice cultivation started from 2012.

More than 500 such as politicians, government officials, representatives from agricultural banks and other private sectors and farmers in Sennar State as well as officials from Gezira and Gedaref States participated in this event.



Dr. Sharaf Eldeen Hage, Sennar State Deputy Governor, said that this field proved suitability of upland rice cultivation in Sennar State. And added that more coordination among stakeholders from politics, banks, farmer's associations and other relevant organizations is required to establish rice cultivation in the state. Interview to Dr. Sharaf and Mr. Osamu Nagasaki, (Chief Advisor of the Project) were broadcasted in the morning news programme of National Radio on 18th November, 2013.



Marfaa demonstration rice field for the field day



300 participants in the tent prepared by Sennar State



Deputy Governor learned milled rice displayed on the table.



From the left, Mr. Gamal Adel Ellatif Elkhalifa (Manager of Rice Unit, Sennar State Ministry of Agriculture), Mr. Babikir Osman Mohamed (General Manager of Agriculture, Sennar State Ministry of Agriculture), Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project), Mr. Elzainn Elshaik (Singa Locality Commissioner), Dr. Ahmed Daood Ramadan (Sennar State Minister of Education, on behalf of Dr. Rodwan Mohamed Ahmed Morgan, Sennar State Minister of Agriculture) and Dr. Sharaf Eldeen Hage (Sennar State Deputy Governor)

Seeing is believing.

In the Field Day, steps from harvest to milling were demonstrated in front of the participants. And also, locally produced manual weeding tool was demonstrated by Mr. Elzein Mohammed (an extensionist in Sennar State). This opportunity was good for Dr. Sharaf Eldeen Hage (Sennar State Deputy Governor) and surrounding farmers to learn rice technology through direct observation and practice.



Harvesting & Threshing



Winnowing



Rice before milling



Milling



Rice after milling



Locally produced manual weeding tool

Joint Hands toward Future

Efforts practiced by extensionists, farmers, minister and JICA Rice Expert in Marfaa Rice Field from June to the field day in 2013



Sowing on **July 3, 2013** after land preparation and Dr. Rodwan (Sennar Minister of Agriculture) observed sowing operation.



Herbicide Application (Pre-emergence)



First irrigation



Rice at three weeks after sowing



Weeding by extensionists (Mr. Alhady Fadoul Abdalla, Mr. Mohammed Badraldein Altahir Aesa and Mr. Mohamed Elamin from the left)



Herbicide application by extensionists lead by Mr. Alhady Fadoul Abdalla



Intensive weeding at nine weeks after sowing



Rice at heading stage in October



Dr. Rodwan (Sennar Minister of Agriculture) gave directives to staffs and farmers at the farm.



Mr. Goto and Mr. Alhady confirmed further activities.



Manager of Rice Unit (Mr. Gamal Adel Ellatif Elkhalifa) and extensionists in charge of the farm

Rice Field Day on November 17, 2013



I am the farmer of this demonstration site, Mr. Alfadil Mohammed. This rice cultivation is first time for me. I started rice cultivation this year because I thought rice is important crop after I saw rice in Gezira State. I know weeding is very important to get high yield although it is hard job. I am not satisfied with this season but I want to work harder to produce more rice in the next season.



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