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Rice Field Day in Gezira State

Rice Field Day at Faris demonstration field, in Gezira State, was held on 5th November 2014. Approximately 350 people participated in this event, including Japanese Ambassador, Acting Governor of Gezira State (Concurrently Minister of Gezira State MoA), State Minister of Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (FMoAI), Minister of Gedaref State MoA, Senior Representative of JICA Sudan Office, etc. 27 media (2 TV, 2 radio, 20 newspaper, 3 others) also came to report this event.



Acting Governor of Gezira State, Japanese Ambassador and State Minister of FMoAI harvested upland rice with combine harvester.

After harvesting rice, Acting Governor of Gezira State touched and saw the rice.



From the left above, Dr. Gafer Ahmad (State Minister of FMoAI), Mr. Hideki Ito (Japanese Ambassador to Sudan), Mr. Azhari Khalafalla (Acting Governor of Gezira State and Minister of Gezira State MoA), Mr. Shigeru Otake (Senior Representative of JICA Sudan Office), Eng. Eid alla M. Yousif (DG of Gezira State MoA) and Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project).



The venue of the Field Day. A lot of people from Faris village also came to the event to see rice harvest and listen to speeches.

Gezira State and Ministry of Agriculture thanked the support from Japan and the effort on upland rice promotion in Gezira State.



Success in the 2nd year Effort of the Farmer and the Extensionists Team

Mr. Hassan Kados is a farmer of Faris demo farm. This is the second year for him to cultivate upland rice. Last year, he totally failed because of fertilizer application mistake. However, he decided to try upland rice cultivation again and he succeeded in this year. He followed the advice from Japanese experts and extensionists and implemented each operations properly.

Mr. Yassen is a leader of extensionists team who is in charge of Faris demo farm. **Mr. Ashraf** and **Mr. Mohaned** are team members. The team supervised the farm and supported Mr. Hassan Kados.

Faris is not the best field in Gezira state in terms of yield but the field was chosen to celebrate field day because the Project and Gezira State MoA praised Mr. Hassan and the extensionists team's effort.



Left photo: Mr. Hassan Kados, a farmer of Faris, gave a speech in the Field Day.
Right photo: Team members are in front of Faris demo farm. (from the left, Mr. Yassen, Mr. Mohaned and Mr. Ashraf)



Gezira State and Ministry of Agriculture praised Mr. Hassan Kados (the left photo) and Mr. Dafaalla Bashir (a farmer of Area 44, the best rice cultivation farmer in Gezira State, the right photo).

Demonstration from Harvest to Milling, and Tasting



In the Field Day, several operations were demonstrated from threshing to milling.

- 1: Faris demo farm. Ready to harvest. (day before the Field Day)
- 2: After harvesting by combine harvester which can harvest and thresh at the same time.
- 3: Milling is the next after threshing. Japanese ambassador, State Minister of FMOAI and Acting Governor touched and saw milled white rice.
- 4: Before and after milling of harvested rice.
- 5: Rice Juice was provided. The guests tasted it.



Press Conference



Before the Field Day, the Project and the Ministry of Agriculture explained the Project activity to media and answered the question from media.

Talk



In the morning of the day, Japanese Ambassador and Acting Governor talked each other in the Guest House of Gezira State.

Breakfast



Before move to Faris demo farm, Gezira State MoA served breakfast to all guests in the Guest House of Gezira State.

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