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First Rice Field Day in Gedaref State

First Rice Field Day was held on 3rd November 2014, at Al Fau Demo farm in Gedaref State. This season is the 3rd year for Gedaref State Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) to cultivate upland rice and the 1st year to do with a farmer. (In past 2 years, it was cultivated in the MoA's field.) However, this first attempt was really succeeded.

Approximately 150 people attended to celebrate the Field Day including Minister of Gedaref State MoA, Minister of Finance in Sennar State (Acting Minister of MoA), DG of Rahad Scheme, DG of MoA in Gedaref, Gezira and Sennar State, Head of ARC stations, etc. National TV also came to report the event and broadcasted it on the next day in the whole Sudan.



Al Fau Demo farm



The Guests in front of the field



Demonstration of Post-harvest processing



The venue of the Field Day

First Farmer who grows upland rice in Gedaref State



The Farmer, Extensionists team and Japanese expert (Mr. Goto)

Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Arabee is a farmer of Al Fau demo farm and is also an union leader. This is the first time for him to cultivate upland rice however he really well managed the cultivation with following the advice from Japanese expert and extensionists.

He is totally convinced that **upland rice is new promising cash and food crop**. In his speech, he said **"Food culture in Sudan began to change. I encourage all farmer to cultivate upland rice."**

The Project hopes he will be one of the core farmer for upland rice cultivation in Sudan.



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Speech from the Guests



Speech for the Field Day Event. From the left above, Prof. Mohamed Osman Mohamed Nour (Minister of MoA Gedaref State), Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project), Mr. Bashir Elsadig (Minister of Finance, Acting Minister of Agriculture, Sennar State) and Ms. Nafiesa Noah Mohamed (DG of MoA Gedaref State).

Demonstration of Post-harvest Processing

Threshing

Winnowing

Milling

In the Field Day, all processes of post-harvest were demonstrated. Combine harvester can harvest and thresh rice at the same time. After winnowing rice, rice milling machine removes husks and polishes rice.

In the speech of Minister of Gedaref State MoA, Gedaref State MoA thanked JICA for introducing upland rice and the effort to build extensionists' capacity. **Gedaref State MoA will promise farmers the necessary support to sustain upland rice cultivation in Gedaref State.**

First Rice Field Day in River Nile State



In River Nile State, the **1st Rice Field Day for upland rice** was held at Atbara demo farm on **9th November 2014**. Approximately 50 people participated in the event. Minister of MoA in River Nile State and the Manager of the scheme also attended.

This is the 3rd year for River Nile State MoA to cultivate upland rice.

In River Nile State (and Northern State), the heat and the attack by bird are typical problems, in addition to normal issues such as land preparation, weed control and water management. However extensionists and farmers managed well their cultivation.



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Speech for the Field Day Event.

From the left, Mr. Ali Abdallah (the farmer of Atbara demo farm), Eng. Omer Ahamed Alshaikh (Minister of MoA, River Nile State), Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project) and Ms. Hagir Mohamed Ahmed (Head of Rice Unit, River Nile State MoA).