
Tour to JAPAN

A team of five technical staff and one stakeholder of RICEMAPP attended a three weeks training program in Japan. The training program, named “*Promotion of Double Cropping with Rice II*”, was held from 10th May to 1st June, 2013. This was the second of such organized training opportunity to enhance their capacity.

There were tours and visits mainly in Western part of Japan, including Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu, to learn from some useful examples of double cropping practices. The team was exposed to experiences on farmer organization, appropriate mechanization, water management, environmental conservation, research activities, value addition, marketing and planning in double cropping.



The team visited *Osakabegawa dam* (left pic) in Okayama prefecture to learn importance of multi-functioning dam performing as water reservoir for agricultural irrigation purpose and hydraulic power generation. At *Agri-land Hanzan* (right pic) in Kagawa prefecture, the team luckily got an opportunity to witness harvesting practices of wheat using a middle scale harvesting machine.

Other Topics



Harvesting for double cropping has started. RICEMAPP continues with demonstration on small scale harvesting machinery including reapers and threshers in the farmers' fields.

Farmers were impressed by the fast rate of harvesting by the reapers and the low grain losses from use of threshers.