

Newsletter

Capacity Building Project for Promotion of Rice Production



Rice Field Day at Alkomur, Gezira State on 4th November

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Rice Field Day in Gezira State

Field Day was successfully held at Alkomur area, South Gezira, Gezira State on 4th November 2018. Approximately 300 people participated in this event, including Undersecretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MoAF), Minister and DG of Gezira State MoA, National Rice Coordinator of NRP (National Rice Project), Managing Director of Gezira Scheme, Representative of Embassy of Japan in Sudan, Chief Representative of JICA Sudan Office, Private companies (Crown Company, etc.), Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), Gezira University, media, etc. Field Day was also conducted in the former project (2010-2016) every year but in this year it was the first Field Day that Undersecretary of MoAF attended.

The field (4 feddans = 1.68 ha) was cultivated by farmer (Mr. Aboud) with the supervision of Rice Promotion Unit of Gezira SMoA. Even though it was the first time to cultivate rice for him, the rice was very well grown. The crop cut survey showed 4.45 ton/ha (=1.87 ton/feddan) as a yield.

Seeing is Believing !



Rice field of Alkomur

Demonstration of Combine harvester

Farmers, Extensionist and JICA Expert

Undersecretary, Minister, etc. and farmers

Sudanese leaders showed strong will for Rice Development in Sudan

After the demonstration of combine harvester, some of the main guests delivered their address as is shown in the photos below. Undersecretary of MoAF (Dr. Azhari Ibrahim Basbar) announced that MoAF will prepare a practical programme to develop rice cultivation based on the efforts of JICA Project. He requested NRP and Rice Promotion Unit in Gezira SMoA to prepare plan of 9000 feddens for next season. He appreciated great efforts made by the Project to promote rice cultivation in Sudan, and he will work with Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project) to achieve the goal. Minister of Gezira SMoA (Dr. Saif Aldeen) thanked JICA's great effort and continuous effort of Rice Promotion Unit. He promised to support the Project activities in Gezira state. Managing Director of Gezira Scheme (Mr. Osman Samsaha) promised to cultivate 90 feddens by rice crop, so as to promote rice cultivation to farmers in Gezira Scheme in Gezira.

Venue



Speakers



1. Dr. Azhari Ibrahim Basbar (Undersecretary), 2. Dr. Saif Aldeen (Minister of Gezira SMoA), 3. Mr. Osman Samsaha (Managing Director of Gezira Scheme), 4. Mr. Hag Attwa Tag Elsir (National Rice Coordinator, NRP), 5. Mr. Makoto Takahashi (Chief Representative of JICA Sudan Office), 6. Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project), 7. Mr. Aboud (Farmer)

Gift from Gezira SMoA



To farmer (Mr. Aboud)



To Embassy of Japan

To JICA

Joint hands towards future

Exhibition of Rice Flour Production in the Rice Field Day

Utilizing the occasion of the Rice Field Day, the Project introduced the production which made by rice flour such as Bread, Kisra, Cake, Cookie, Biscuit, Betty Four, Balah Alsham, Burger, etc. to the participants.

We got 45 answers of the questionnaire regarding the taste of Rice Bread. Almost all who have tasted rice bread responded they prefer Rice Bread to normal bread.



Tasting rice flour production



Rice Bread



Staff of Rice Promotion Unit



Other rice cakes, biscuits, etc.

Media Coverage

Eight media (TV, newspaper, internet news, etc.) came to this event. National TV broadcasted the event on the same day at night.



Mr. Takahashi, Mr. Nakagaki and Dr. Azhari, from the left



TV Interview to Project Chief Advisor



TV Interview to Rice Promotion Unit

Upland Rice Cultivation Plan in 2019 - 2nd JCC

Second Joint Coordination committee (JCC) was held at MoAF, Khartoum, on 10th November 2018. This committee was chaired by Undersecretary of MoAF (Dr. Azhari) and there were 29 participants from General Administration of International Relations, NRP, ARC, Seed Administration, Technology Transfer and Extension Administration, 6 SMOAs (including 6 DGs), Embassy of Japan, JICA Sudan Office and Japanese Experts.

After the presentation made by Japanese Experts concerning the progress of the Project activities, Undersecretary lead the discussion with respect to the concrete plan of rice cultivation in 6 states in 2019 season in order to maintain momentum of rice production in Sudan and up keeping rice growing technique, and expand its technique to more farmers. The participants discussed it for 2 hours and the area of cultivation of upland rice was determined as the table below. MoAF will submit their budget plan of 2019 to Ministry of Finance according to the decision of this JCC.

Project Chief Advisor, Mr. Osamu Nakagaki said, it is very vital to recognize that MoAF needs to support, 1) necessary budget, 2) finding out rice specific herbicide (candidate chemical: Ronstar), and 3) keeping up technical issues of upland rice production.



Chief Advisor of the Project, Undersecretary and National Rice Coordinator, from the left



Venue



Presentation by Japanese Expert

State	Gezira	Sennar	Gedaref	White Nile	River Nile	Northern
Area (feddan)	1000	500	300	1000	200	300

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