

**Field survey of
Phouchomngae conservation area
in Xiengngeun district**



In the recent December 2013, PAREDD project staff together with Japanese expert and staff from the Northern Agriculture and Forestry Research Center have conducted field survey of Phouchomngae conservation area, particularly forest cover and its boundary after the activities of livelihood improvement have been implemented in the 4 target villages with support from the project.

The purpose of support is to help reduce slash and burn cultivation which practiced by villagers within the conservation area.

Results of the survey showed that there are still industrial timbers such as teak, eagle wood, oil tree. Besides, domestication of broom grass also found in the area which has been neither slashed nor burnt.

**Season's greetings of
Mr. Savanh Chanthakoummane,
PAREDD Project Director**

To bid farewell to the old year 2013 and welcome new year 2014, in the capacity as PAREDD Project Director, I would like to send the best wishes to the Party and State leaders as to have a good health, happiness in personal life and family, as well as succeeding your high respect task and assignment in general, and best wishes, in particular, to members of the Joint Coordinating Committee of PAREDD project, JICA staff to Laos, project experts, technical staff, local authorities and villagers in the project target areas. May all of you have a good health, happiness in your personal life and family and fulfill your task as assigned.

The new year 2014 will mark the end of PAREDD project, and give way for the new auspicious cooperation between the governments of Lao PDR and Japan concerning the management, preservation, development and use of forest in a sustainable manner.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to request good cooperation from all of you as to participate more actively in carrying out jointly the political task and duty in a most successful way in order to contribute to the socio-economic development and environmental protection and prosper in the long future.



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**The Participatory Land and
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Raising awareness for villagers in Huaykhing village cluster, Phonxay district

From 22 – 28 December 2013, PAREDD project in association with RECOFTC (Center for People and Forests) have conducted training on climate change for villagers. Trainers were project counterparts who have attended the Training-of-Trainer course from 25 – 28 Nov. 2013 by the latter organization. The training was aimed at raising awareness for the village leadership, Village Land and Forest Management Committee (LFMC) and villagers from two project target villages: Huaykhing and Huayha of Huaykhing village cluster, Phonxay district. Training topics were mainly on climate change and REDD+, with 32 participants from each village. Villagers have learned the importance of forest, benefit and forest participatory management, aiming to sustain their forests.



Comment of new houaykhot village head on PAREDD project activities

Hello, my name is Houmphann, a new Houaykhot village head, Xiengngan district, Luangprabang province. I was assigned as new Houaykhot village head from October 2013. I am very pleased that I have a chance to participate in PAREDD project activities and our Houaykhot village was supported by the project, for example: funds, materials and equipment, technique and skill to implement the activity as evidenced by the following 3 types of activities:

1. Planting tree for reforestation
2. Livelihood improvement
3. Village infrastructure development

Through 2 years of project implementation activities that villagers have stable job, increased household income mainly from livestock raising and paddy field development. Besides, a village development fund was established with the help of the project which greatly contributed to the implementation of income generation for villagers and reduces deforestation from cultivation upland rice in the area of Phouchomngea conservation forest.

In closing, on behalf of all villagers, I would like to thank PAREDD project as well as all parties concerned who have ceaselessly supported our village in improving villagers's livelihood on a gradual basic.



Training of Village Veterinary Workers in Huaykhing village cluster, Phonxay district

From Dec 5-7, 2013 a Village Veterinary Service/System or VVS training course was conducted as 2nd time in 5 target villages of Houaykhing village cluster, Phonxay district. The program consisted of 12 participants out of total 16 VVS workers from 5 target villages, with no women.

➔ Topics of the training course are as follows:

1. Overview of VVS.
2. Livestock disease, disease prevention and treatment.
3. How to use the medicine for parasite and fattening of livestock.
4. The management of VVS fund (equipment, vaccines-medicines).

➤ Good points:

- ❖ Villagers are interested in learning the livestock diseases, disease prevention and treatment.
- ❖ Villagers had discussed the problems that happened in their villages and exchanged the problems with each other.
- ❖ Villagers are interested and pay attention in the practical use of medicines of each kinds.
- ❖ Project provided very good support such as: equipment, medicine for parasite, anti-infection and fattening.

➤ Weakness:

- ❖ The knowledge of villagers is still low for their understanding and capability in writing are not enough.
- ❖ The animals for using in the campaign were not enough some of VVS workers resulting to could not practice.

