

Newsletter

Capacity Building Project for Promotion of Rice Production



Observation Programme, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, on 19th September 2019

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Observation Programme for Policy Making of Seed Production in Japan

The Observation Programme was successfully conducted in Japan from September 14th to 22nd, 2019. Eight (8) high ranking officials (National Rice Coordinator, National Rice Research Coordinator and DG of 6 concerned State Ministry of Production and Economic Resources) participated in the programme. The objective is to understand the system, the planning and policy making, technique, marketing and commercialization regarding the seed production through the activities of local government to support the high quality seed production in Japan. It is expected to apply what the participants learned in Japan to the real policy making in Sudan. The programme was organized by the Project in collaboration with Ibaraki prefectural government organizations. The visiting schedule and subjects are shown in the table below.

Courtesy Call



Lectures



Site Observation



The visiting schedule and subjects

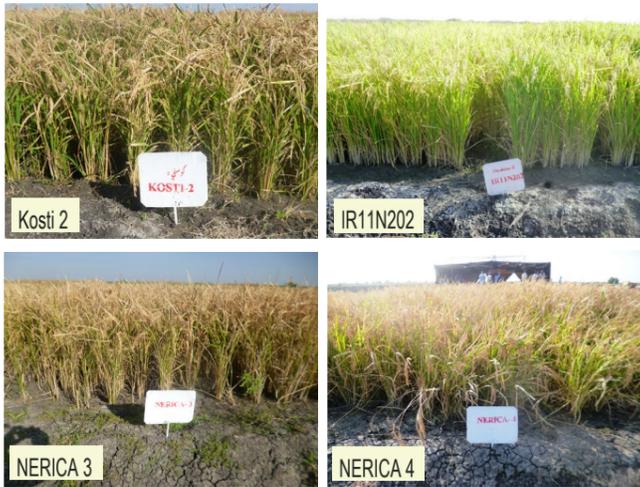
Date	Activity
17 Sept.	Program briefing
	Courtesy visit to JICA Rural Development Department
	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Courtesy visit to Crop Production Bureau Lecture: The main crop seed system
18 Sept.	Move from Tokyo to Ibaraki Prefecture
	Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Ibaraki Prefecture (Venue: Agricultural Research Institute) Lecture: Seed production and supply in Ibaraki Prefecture
19 Sept.	Ibaraki Agricultural Center, Agricultural Research Institute Lecture: Selection of recommended varieties and production of foundation seed
	Prefectural Registered Seed and Seedling Center (Venue: Agricultural Research Institute) Lecture: Production of registered seed
20 Sept.	Ibaraki Prefectural Agricultural and Forestry Promotion Corporation Lecture: Production of certified seed
	Seed Production Farmer (JA Yasato) * Observation of seed drying facility * Observation of seed farm
	21 Sept.
21 Sept.	Visit to shopping mall to observe rice selling at retail store
	Move to Narita Airport
	Leave Narita for Sudan

Observation Day at White Nile Research Station

Capacity Building Project for Promotion of Rice Production (JICA) in collaboration with NRP and ARC (White Nile Research Station) conducted Rice Seed Observation Day on 4th November in Kosti. Around 250 people participated in the programme, including VIPs (Governor of White Nile State, Undersecretary of MoA, First secretary of the Embassy of Japan, Chief Representative of JICA Sudan Office, DG of ARC, etc.), senior staff, extensionists, farmers, and media. National TV broadcasted the programme on the same day.

The main objective is to discuss on the further development of rice cultivation and seed production in Sudan through observation of Kosti rice fields. We brought the extensionists and farmers from Gezira State. It was also very good opportunity for them to see other field which was very much succeeded.

Rice Seed Production Site



Venue



Speakers



Exhibition of Rice Flour Production

In collaboration with Gezira State Ministry, the Project exhibited the products which made of rice flour such as Bread, Cake, Cookie, Biscuit, etc. to the participants.



1. Dr. Khalid A. Osman (National Rice Research Coordinator, ARC), 2. Mr. Hag Attwa Tag Elsir (National Rice Coordinator, NRP), 3. Mr. Osamu Nakagaki (Chief Advisor of the Project), 4. Mr. Makoto Takahashi (Chief Representative of JICA Sudan Office), 5. Prof. Dafalla A. Dwoud (ARC), 6. Mr. Elhadi A. Jadallah (DG of White Nile SMOA), 7. Mr. Minoru Yamaguchi (First Secretary, Embassy of Japan), 8. Mr. Abdelgader Tirkawy (Undersecretary of FMOA), 9. General. Haider Ali Eltrify (Governor of White Nile State)

Other activities in 2019

Due to the political situation of Sudan, Japanese experts could not come to Sudan from June to September. However Japanese experts contacted to national staff of the Project and counterparts by e-mail or telephone every day, and activities are implemented as have been planned by them.

RS (Registered Seed) were cultivated in ARC HQ (Wad Medani) and FS (Foundation Seed) were cultivated in White Nile Research Center (Kosti). Field inspections were successfully completed twice.



Upland rice cultivation was implemented with 4 locations, 5 farmers at 23 feddans in Gezira State. Because of unexpected heavy and long lasting rains, all farmers were forced to give up rice cultivation this year. Early sowing is necessary to avoid any heavy rain and inundation damage. The ways of drainage should be seriously considered.



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