

REPORT OF THE FIRST REGIONAL EXPERTISE TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PEST SURVEILLANCE

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The 1st Regional Expertise Training Workshop on Pest Surveillance was opened with a welcome remark delivered by Dr. Yonfan Piao, Lead Technical Officer of the project and Senior Plant Protection Officer, RAP. Dr. Kyu-Ock Yim, Chairperson of the International Plant Protection Commission (IPPC), gave a presentation on current activities on pest surveillance implemented by IPPC. Mr. Chang-Ho Shin, Project Coordinator, made a presentation on “Project background and implementation environment” based on the survey fed back from National Project Coordinators (NPCs) of participating countries. Dr. Jong-Ho Lee, Senior Researcher of Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency of the Korean Government, provided a lecture on the basic theory of the pest surveillance including “General Survey Methodology”, “Pest List Making” and “Pest Risk Analysis” as expertise subjects. In addition, NPCs from five participating countries presented country reports on past achievement and current situation on pest surveillance issues as well as prioritized area to be improved, expressing their concerns on the pest related to exporting plant products. There was a discussion session on the last day of the workshop with two topics, “How to improve the capacity on pest surveillance in SEA countries” and “Efficient implementation of the expertise training program on pest surveillance”, which was followed by assessment session to appraise the level of satisfaction of the participants on the implementation of the workshop through the questionnaire prepared by Project Coordinator. Meanwhile, main subjects of next regional training course and in-country training were discussed with each NPC from participating countries and the consolidated outputs were presented to all participants as advance information and appropriate pre-arrangements. In conclusion of the workshop, Dr. Piao summarized the agendas one by one with highlights of achievement made by the workshop. He also stressed that it was very good opportunity to share the information on pest surveillance situations among participating countries, which may help other forthcoming training course have more specific programs to match specific requirements.