Welcome…

Welcome to the 4\textsuperscript{th} SADP Newsletter. This is a special edition with SADP having celebrated its 1\textsuperscript{st} anniversary (on 1\textsuperscript{st} September). We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have worked hard for the project and contributed to the progress that has been achieved.

To coincide with this special occasion, the Coordination Office is pleased to introduce 2 new staff who are willing to involve themselves in creating and developing SA knowledge.

1. Dr. Suchin Simarak from Khon Kaen University as Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant.
2. Ms. Supaporn Louhajiraphan as Content Management Adviser based at Coordination Office Bangkok.

Highlight from the past weeks…

During 4\textsuperscript{th} – 5\textsuperscript{th} August, the Director General of the Department of Agriculture, Dr. Ananta Dalodom conducted a field visit to OARD #6. The DG went to one of SADP sites using Integrated Pest Management in orchard and was very impressed with the technology he saw.

Other key activities are…

- Participated in seminar on "Project Restoration and Participatory Technology together with SA Development" organized by OARD #8 at JB Hotel, Hat Yai. Project staff made a presentation on "Participatory Research for Development Process : The way to restore SA Knowledge"
- Organized training with Regional Community Forestry Training Center (RECOFTC) on "Participatory forest survey and mapping for community forest management" for 60 farmers of Community Forestry/Integrated Farming Network from
Chainart, U-Thai Thani, Nakorn Sawan and Suphanburi Province.

Participated in ADB Mid-term workshop at Miracle Grand Hotel, Bangkok during 13th – 14th September. SADP experiences have contributed significantly to most of the report of the Technical Assistance team. Farmer training and study tours have been carried out by all 8 regions according to work plans to prepare farmer group members before implementing activities at their sites. The study tours have been organized both within each OARD area and also to other regions such as Petchburi Province, Chaiyapoom Province, Srisaket Province and Chainart Province.

- A brochure introducing the project had been completed. The main contents describe the project concept and working process.
- The content of a video presenting the working process of the project had been finalised; shooting and editing will be completed during the next 2 months.

Prepared 2nd Progress Report which covered 4 months period from April to July.

Conducted 2 overseas study tours (to Denmark and Taiwan) during 26th August – 11th September.

What’s coming up!!!

- Organize workshop on sustainable agriculture scheduled during October in collaborating with the Planning and Technical Division. The objectives are to discuss and exchange ideas and experiences between DOA staff of Adaptive Village Project and SADP and to provide clearer and more concrete guidelines and directions in SA development.

- Prepare a presentation on project experiences for a forum on the formulation of the 9th National Plan organized at Mahidol University.

- Training for Community Forestry/Integrated Farming Network during 9th – 11th October at Paisalee District, Nakorn Sawan Province.

- Prepare a review project workshop to summarize and exchange experiences and lessons learned of each OARD.