

Organic Rice Union Meeting

Phnom Penh, CEDAC office: On 14 September 2010 at Cambodian Center for studies and agricultural Development (CEDAC), there was a mind meeting held by the Organic Rice Union (ORU), whom 8 Organic Rice Union, Farmer and Nature Net (FNN) staffs, CEDAC staff and other expert.

The meeting aimed to promote and strengthen the ability of the union, totaled and concluded the activities of the union, and set up the strategy to enable the union to be strong. Mr. Norng Sam Ath, Organic Rice Union coordinator of CEDAC said, "We conduct the meeting today is subject to strengthen the ability of union member to achieve the main goal. Our main goal is to urge and egg the union to try hard to produce more and more rice following the plan of the Royal Government of Cambodia which has committed that in 2015 Cambodia will be the first class country that exports much amount of rice to the world."

In friendly and warm meeting, Mr. Pan Sopheap, executive director of Farmer and Nature Net, who also attended the meeting also expressed that he was very excited when the Organic Rice Union has been increasing and developing rapidly from time to time and year to year. This showed that all the activity, contribution and cooperation between the communities and also the union are the basic point to achieve the goal and community development.

To be noted that sharing information, reflecting the work activities, and introducing the process of closing entry also conducted in the meeting. The eight Organic Rice Unions are Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Borseth(Kampong Speu), Phnom Srouch (Kampong Speu), Samroorn Tong (Kampong Speu), Tram Kak (Takeo), Kong Pisey-Bati (Kampong Speu-Takeo) and Borseth-Samroorn (Kampong Speu-Takeo). *By: NOY Kimhong*