

Asia-Pacific Civil Society Organizations meeting before Food Security Investment Forum

The meeting was held by (AsiaDHRRA) on 05-06 July, 2010 at Crown Hotel in Manila. There were 100 participants from NGOs, fisherman association, farmers association, indigenous association, and investment representatives (ADB, IFAD, and FAO). The meeting aimed to find the key strategy to enable investor representatives to be more interested in and more paid attention to small scale farmers, who are producers and ensure food security. The major themes to be discussed were: production improvement, agricultural products, natural resources management, possibility restore against destroy, efficiency of creative investment, engaging farmers to market and ensure food security through zonal cooperation. The main objectives were to find clear understanding about the characters and the goals of investment and consolidate the voices of civil society. Meaning that the meeting wants investors to invest and support small scale farmer organization.

To be noted that previous time, 3 institutions always donated and provided loan to the governments directly. The result of meeting will be set as the joint voices of the civil society and farmer organization for issuing the statement on 09 July, 2010, the last day of food security investment forum in the ADB head office. At that meeting, president and managing director of FNN and the head of CFAP had an informal meeting for a short time about the cooperation between the 2 institutions. CEDAC representative, Mr. Lim Sokundarun, also be there. **By: NOY Kimhong**