

Meeting with rice farmers to review the strategic direction of the cooperatives

PHNOM PENH: On June 30, 2011, with funding support by the Canada Cooperative Association (CCA), FNN organized a meeting to review the concept and strategic directions of the cooperatives at CEDAC's head office, Phnom Penh. In total, 31 participants, including 6 women, were in attendance representing four rice business cooperatives from four provinces including Takeo, Kampot, Kampong Speu and Kampong Chhnang. Dr. Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC's President and FNN's advisor with FNN's President, Mr. Uon Sophal, Mr. Chhong Sophal, rice business cooperative coordinator and Mr. Pan Sopheap, FNN's Director, co-facilitated the training.

During the meeting, some important aspects including the real concept of cooperative and roles and responsibilities of BoD and staff were deeply discussed. Moreover, the participants also talked about the benefits and advantages of being members and BoD members of a cooperative.

As a result of participation in the meeting, stakeholders have gained more knowledge and understanding about their roles and responsibilities in building a strong cooperative to serve the interest of rice farmers.