

Transferring Korea's Plant Quarantine Technology to Developing Countries

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The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (QIA) announced that it held a workshop on plant quarantine for 16 plant quarantine experts from eight developing ASEAN countries from May 19 to 31 for two weeks. Participating countries are Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

This workshop program was launched in 2006 as part of Korea's Official Development Assistance (ODA), and has contributed to improving the plant quarantine capabilities of developing countries and reinforcing friendly cooperation with participating countries through workshops on Korea's advanced plant quarantine systems and technologies. The program includes lectures and practice for the Korean plant quarantine system, plant quarantine cooperation, imported plant disinfection and export quarantine.

This year in particular, by actively reflecting participating countries' requests, the program has invited Sonya Hammons, Program Officer for Capacity Building of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to provide a workshop for participating international plant quarantine conference in connection with the pilot project for the IPPC manual. A director of Korean Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency said, "To secure the safety of imported agricultural products, we will continue to run the workshop program for enhancing the plant quarantine capability for developing countries including ASEAN member countries which are expected to increase agricultural trade with Korea." "We will also actively provide support to developing countries in cooperation with international organizations related to plant quarantine such as IPPC."

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