

Progress in January to December 2015

Date	Progress
2 nd January	Visited Vegetable Seed Centre to observe the progress of renovation works for the seed coating machine
5 th January	Visited GSF, Kundasale to check the grafted seedlings for the trainings.
7 th January	Visited GSF, Kundasale to participate in the tests for the lights of nursery house by the Technical Committee of DoA.
13 th January	Meeting with Mr. Hatori, Volunteer coordinator in JICA Sri Lanka Office. Exchange ideas for the improvement of the coordination with the activities by Mr Toyama, JOCV in Kundasale. Visited HORDI to transplant the seedlings for grafting test to the field.
16 th January	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check the growth of seedling for grafting training and after the discussions with Deputy Director of Agriculture in Mahailuppallama about the seed production training programmes, visited contract farmers of the private seed companies.
19 th January	Participated in a meeting for Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality
21 st January	Visited GSF, Aluttarama to discuss with Deputy Director of Agriculture in Aluttarama about the seed production training programme and explained the training programme and requested Provincial Department of Agriculture Uva to participate.
26 th January	Visited JICA Sri Lanka Office to share the progress of the project with 5 th Progress Report on Technical Cooperation Project.
28 th January	Mr. Amada, Chief Representative of JICA Sri Lanka Office, visited GSF, Kundasale, STL, Peradeniya and GRC.
29 th January	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check the growth of seedlings for the grafting training.
6 th February	Monthly meeting for November and December 2014 and January 2015
10 th February	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to conduct training on grafting. Government officers' participation was 23 and Private Seed producers' was 10.
16 th February	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check seedlings for grafting trainings and discussed with Assistant Director of SPMDC about seed production training in Yala.
19 th February	Meeting of Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality



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20 th February	TV conference on Knowledge Study “Plant Variety Conservation System” organized by Department of Rural Development in JICA Head Quarter
24 th February	Workshop on Vegetable Seed Industry – Present and Plan for Future
10 th March	Mr. Nishino, Department of Finance, JICA Head Quarter, and Mr. Hidaka, Senior representative, JICA Sri Lanka Office visited the VSP office for monitoring accounting operation. Visited GSF, Kundasale to observe the machines
12 th March	Visited Post Control Unit I to observe grow out test of the Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality
16 th March	Conservation and utilization of genetic resources consultation workshop on “Improvement of onion, brinjal, okra and ornamental crops” Demonstration of Database Operation
23 rd March	Meeting on Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality
2 nd April	Visited GSF, Aluttharama to discuss with Deputy Director of Agriculture about seed production trainings and to request the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Uva the participation of Ms. Okaniwa, JOCV, in the trainings.
6 th April	Participate in 1 st Seed Production Training for Yala in Deputy Director’s Office, Nikaweratiya Government officers’ participation was 23 and Private Seed producers’ was 12.
7 th April	Participate in 1 st Seed Production Training for Yala in Kundasale area. Government officers’ participation was 14 and Private Seed producers’ was 46.
8 th April	Visited contract farmers and Private Seed Producers belong to with All Lanka Seed Producers’ Association (ALSPA) Participate in Database meeting
10 th April	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to observe seedlings for grating training and to discuss with Deputy Director of Agriculture in Head Quarter about training programmes.
23 rd April	Participated in 1 st Seed Production Training for Yala in GSF, Mahailuppallama. Government officers’ participation was 18 and Private Seed producers’ was 3. Visited Seed Testing Laboratory, Farm Mechanization Research Centre and Field Crop Research and Development Institute (FCRDI)
30 th April	Meeting with CMC Engineering Export GmbH on the details of Seed Processing machines and check the drier in the Vegetable Seed Centre.
5 th May	Visited Deputy Director’s Office, Nikaweratiya to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings

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6 th May	<p>Participated in database meeting</p> <p>Participated in 2nd Seed Production training in Hanguranketh, Kundasale area. The farmers' participation was 28 and learnt the nursery media and transplanting brinjals and tomatoes.</p>
7 th May	<p>Meeting of Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality</p>
12 th May	<p>Monthly meeting for May and April</p>
13 th May	<p>Participated in 1st Seed Production Training in GSF, Aluttharama. Government officers' participation was 21 and Private Seed producers' was 1. The nursery media and sowing skills of Brinjal and Snake Gourd were practiced.</p>
14 th May	<p>Held discussion with Senvec Lanka(Pte) Ltd. about installation of Colour sorter and inspected the location in GSF Kundasale</p> <p>Participated in 2nd Seed Production Training in Deputy Director's Office, Nikaweratiya. Government officers' participation was 20 and Private Seed producers' was 2. The skills of transplanting to the field of Brinjal and Bitter Gourd were practiced.</p>
15 th May	<p>Sowed Tomato for grafting test in HORDI</p>
19 th May	<p>Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check the seedlings used for grafting trainings and seedling for seed production trainings and to discuss with the officers in charge about producing sticks for cucumber nets.</p>
26 th May	<p>Participated in the 3rd Seed Production Training at Hangranketha in Kundasale area organized by the counter parts. Government officers' participation was 7 and Private Seed producers' was 23. The skills of transplanting to field of Brinjal, Tomato, and Bitter Gourd were practiced.</p> <p>Visited GSF, Aluttharama to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings and to collect the sample seed for the pre-adjustment of Colour Sorter.</p>
27 th May	<p>Participated in the meeting on Database Development</p>
28 th May	<p>Inspected the Seed Processing Unit to be installed Gravity Separator and Seed Extractor together with the supplier, CMC Engineering Export GmbH.</p> <p>Visited Deputy Director's Office, Nikaweratiya to check the seedlings for seed production trainings</p>
29 th May	<p>Visited training farms in Kundasale area to check the transplanted seedlings in the fields.</p>

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1 st June	Visited GSF, Aluttharama to check the growth of the seedlings for seed production trainings, transplanted seedlings of Snake Gourd, and observed the water source of the irrigation to the field.
8 th June	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check the seedlings for seed production trainings, fields for the grafting trainings and discussed with the Deputy Director of Agriculture about the seed production training programme for the following season (Maha).
11 th June	Participated in 4 th Seed Production Training at Hangranketha in Kundasale area organised by the counter parts. Government officers' participation was 12 and Private Seed producers' was 29. The lecture on the soil sterilization and applications of additional fertilizer and practical training of thinning of Tomato and Bitter Gourd were conducted.
12 th June	Monthly meeting for May
15 th June	Participated in 2 nd Seed Production Training in GSF, Mahailuppallam. Government officers' participation was 8 and Private Seed producers' was 3. The lecture on the Soil Cover (Mulching) and observation of Seed Testing Laboratory were conducted. Collected the data of grafting tests in GSF, Mahailuppallama. Visited Post Control Field IV, in Mahailuppallama to confirm the field for grow out test for Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality, and seek possible assistance from the Field Crops Research and Development Institute (FGRDI) for the Market Survey.
18 th June	Participated in the 3 rd seed production training in Deputy Director's Office, Nikaweratiya. Government officers' participation was 15 and Private Seed producers' was 8. The lecture on the soil cover (Mulching) was conducted and the skills of transplanting to the field of Brinjal was practiced.
23 rd June	Participated in 2 nd Seed Production Training in GSF, Aluttharama. Government officers' participation was 17 and Private Seed producers' was 3. The lecture on the soil sterilization was provided and transplanting of Brinjal and Transplanting to the field of Snake Gourd were practiced.
26 th June	7 th Joint Coordinating Committee
29 th June	Discussed with the officers in charge about VIDEO training materials in AVC
2 nd July	Visited Seed sales center in Batalagola and observed the farmers' field in Nikaweratiya area.

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7 th July	Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings and discussed with the officers in charge about the seed production trainings in the next season (Maha)
10 th July	Visited JICA Sri Lanka Office to report the project progress by submitting the 6 th Progress Report of the VSP
13 th July	Participated in the 4 th Seed Production Training in Deputy Director's Office, Nikaweratiya. Government officers' participation was 6 and Private Seed producers' was 7. The skills of thinning and hand pollination of Bitter Gourd and thinning of Brinjal were practiced.
14 th July	Meeting of Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality
15 th July	Visited GSF, Aluttharama to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings. Visited GSF, Kundasale to check the seedlings for the photos for Technical Manual and observed the progress of the renovation of Seed Processing Unit and check the growth of seedlings for thinning trainings.
17 th July	Monthly Meeting for June
21 st July	Participated in the 2 nd Seed Production Training in Yala in GSF, Mahailuppallama. Government officers' participation was 16 and Private Seed producers' was 10. The lecture on the Seed Certification System was conducted and transplanting of Capsicum and Brinjal were practiced.
22 nd July	Visited GSF, Aluttharama to check the growth of the seedlings for seed production trainings and discussed with the officers in charge about Seed production trainings.
3 rd August	Ms. Yamada joined the VSP
4 th August	Participated in the 3 rd Seed Production Training in GSF, Aluttharama. The lecture on the Seed Certification System and Seed Testing in SCS were conducted and the skills of transplanting and single planting were practiced. Visited GSF, Kundasale to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings.
6 th August	Visited Rajangana to observe the fields of the private seed producers participated in the trainings. Visited GSF, Mahailuppallama to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings.
12 th August	Attended the opening ceremony for the building of Seed Health Testing Unit

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13 th August	Visited GSF, Mahalluppallama to participate in the technical committee on irrigation systems and to observe the field of growth out test under the Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality.
14 th August	Visited GSF, Aluttarama to discuss with the officers in charge about seed production training and to check the irrigation facilities.
25 th August	Visited Regional Agricultural Research and Development Center, Bandarawela to check the necessary arrangements for short term experts Mr. Miyazaki and Mr. Matsumoto from Sakata, Japan.
26 th August	Participated in the 5 th Seed Production Training in Nikaweratiya. Meeting with the company on Database Development and visited J CIA Sri Lanka Office and completed the necessary procedures of changing the coordinators of VSP
27 th August	Visited GSF, Aluttarama to discuss with the officer in charge about seed production trainings and to check the growth of seedlings for the trainings.
28 th August	Participated in 3 rd Seed Production Training in GSF, Mahalluppalluma
30 th August	The end of the mission of Ms. Usui (Coordinator/ Training Expert)
2 nd September	Participated in TV conference for receiving short term experts (Mr. Miyazaki and Mr. Matsumoto) from Sakata. Participated in the 4 th Seed Production Training in GSF, Aluttarama and checked the growth of seedlings for the grafting trainings. Visited GSF, Kundasale to check the preparation of field for thinning trainings.
5 th September	Short Term Experts, Mr. Miyazaki and Mr. Matsumoto from Sakata joined the VSP
6 th September	Visited private seed companies (Best Seeds, CIC Seeds, Heyleys Agro Products) to exchange the views by short term experts (Mr. Miyazaki and Mr. Matsumoto) from Sakata.
7 th September	Workshop for the Informal Seed producers Monthly meeting for (July & August) Visited the fields of the private seed companies CIC, Lakkima Agro Seeds, Star Agro Seeds) to observe their conditions and visited GSF, Mahalluppalluma and market in Dambulla.
8 th September	Visited Regional Agricultural Research and Development Centre, Bandarawela to show the breeding conditions to Mr. Miyazaki and Mr. Matsumoto for their observations.

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9 th September	Visited GSF, Kundasale to observe the field. Meeting on database development
11 th September	Participated in Field Day to show the results of grow out test under Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality Joint Public and Private Seminar
12 th September	End of the mission of Mr. Miyazaki and Mr. Matsumoto
17 th September	Participated in TV conference of end of mission report by Ms. Usui.
23 rd September	Visited GSF, Mahailuppalluma to check the growth of seedlings for seed production trainings and the field of grow out test under Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality.
25 th September	Participated in the Opening Ceremony of Inginimitiya Seed Sales Centre in Nikaweratiya.
29 th September	Participated in the 5 th Seed Production Training in GSF, Aluttarama and discussed about the seed production training programme in Maha
9 th October	Monthly Meeting for September
16 th October	Visited GSF, Mahailuppalluma to discuss with the officers in charge about seed production trainings and to check the field of grow out test under the Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality
18 th October	Mr. Koyama, short term expert joined VSP
19 th October	Meeting on Database Development
21 st October	Participated in 6 th Seed Production Training in GSF, Aluttarama. Checked the growth of seedlings for grafting trainings in GSF, Kundasale and discussed with the officers in charge about the trainings
29 th October	Held a workshop about Seed Production Training in GSF, Mahailuppalluma, conducted the follow up study of the ex-trainees by Mr. Koyama, and Checked the growth of seedlings of grow out test under the Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality.
30 th October	Meeting on Database Development
3 rd November	Interviewed ex-trainees of seed production training in GSF, Aluttarama and checked the growth of seedlings for the training. Visited GSF, Kundasale to check the growth of seedlings for the training.
6 th November	Participated in Experts Meeting in Colombo. Courtesy call to the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture

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17 th November	Observed the model seed sales centres in Wagolla and Bathalagoda. Inspected the training sites for the seed production training programme for farmers in GSF, Mahailuppalluma, Mr. Koyama, short term expert conducted the follow up study of seed production trainings targeted the ex-trainees and checked the growth of seedlings for grow out test under the Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Production.
19 th November	Participated in the 6 th Seed Production Training in Nikaweratiya and discussed the comparison study of the seed production methods with the officers in charge.
20 th November	Monthly Meeting for October Meeting on Database Development
24 th November	Held pre-seasonal session for seed production training in GSF, Kundasale.
27 th November	End of the mission of short term expert, Mr. Koyama (seed Production).
4 th December	Discussion with Deputy Director of Agriculture in Mahailuppalluma about the seed production training programme and checked the seedlings of grow out test under the Market Survey on Vegetable Seed Quality.
10 th December	Held Seed Production Training in farmers' field in Kiriwandeniya, Kundasale area. Short term experts, Dr. Sato (Seed Health) and Dr. Kaku (Plant Pathology) joined VSP.
14 th December	Held the pre-seasonal session in GSF, Aluttarama to explain the comparison study of the seed production methods. Visited GSF, Kundasale to check the growth of seedlings for plant pathology experiments.
15 th December	Meeting on Database Development
16 th December	Visited vegetable producing farmers in Kalpitiya for the survey of demands of seeds produced by DoA.
17 th December	Mr. Takahashi, short term expert (Seed Health) joined the VSP.
18 th December	Monthly meeting for November