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AQD-operated ponds harvest P1.5M worth of shrimp

A gross sale of about P1.5M was realized from a private shrimp farm employing AQD's Mangrove-Friendly Shrimp Culture technology.

The shrimp farm is owned by Albertito Siochi; AQD operated the farm through the Joint Mission for Accelerated Nationwide Technology Transfer Program (JMANTTP), which is a BFAR-SEAFDEC collaboration. Siochi's shrimp farm is composed of three ponds with a total area of about 2 ha. The farm is located in Nasugbo, Batangas; TVS technician assigned was Roberto Brilliantes. The harvests

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Shrimp harvest at Siochi's farm in Nasugbo, Batangas

Three techno verification/extension initiatives reach Luzon

On April 9, TVS Assistants Miguel de los Santos and Chris Mitchum Ganancial, were in Sasmuan, Pampanga, as requested by BFAR Region III Director, to lecture on Environment-Friendly Schemes for Modified-Extensive and Semi-Intensive Shrimp Farming Technology. Forty-five extensive shrimp operators and technicians from Sasmuan and nearby municipalities attended the lecture.

Then on April 10 and 11, a technology lecture/demonstration seminar was conducted in Iba, Zambales by AQD resource persons composed of: Fe Dolores Estepa, Marietta Duray, Gerald Quinitio, Miguel de los Santos, and Chris Mitchum Ganancial. The two-day seminar dealt on: breeding and grow-out culture techniques of economically important fishes and crustaceans, as well as processing,

and preparation of value-added products. Around 70 participants attended the seminar.

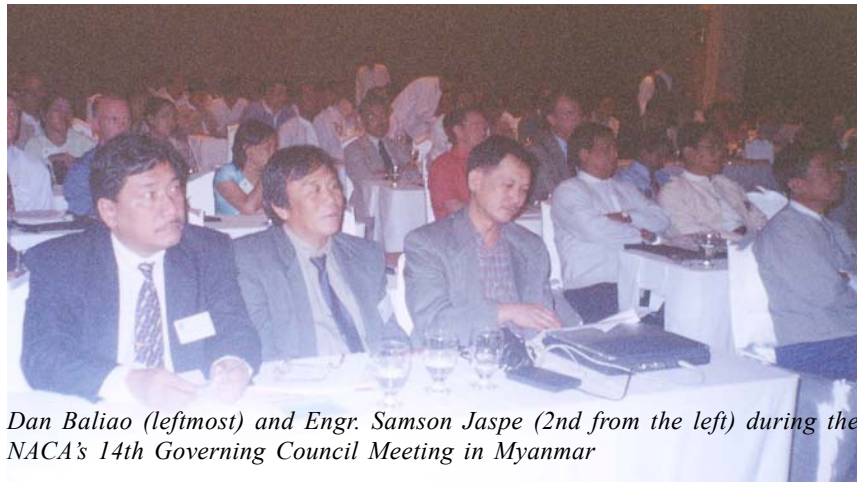
Finally, on April 12, de los Santos and Ganancial visited F.F. Cruz & Co., Inc fishpond in Apalit, Pampanga, as part of Joint Mission for Accelerated Nationwide Technology Transfer Program's (JMANTTP's) Phase II technical assistance involving private shrimp growers. Arnel S.

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Mr. Baliao and Engr. Jaspe in Myanmar

Dan Baliao and Engr. Samson Jaspe represented AQD in the 14th Governing Council Meeting of the Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia (NACA) held at Sofitel Hotel, Yangon, Myanmar from March 27 to April 5. The council is composed of 21 member countries; representatives reported on their respective projects. Baliao talked on the Mangrove-Friendly Shrimp Culture successfully conducted in Yangon in 2001.

Minh Thame, Deputy Director of the Department of Fisheries in Myanmar, expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Japanese Trust Fund, and to AQD officials: Dr. Rolando Platon, Susumu Ito (former Deputy Chief), and Dan Baliao for the formulation and implementation of the environment-friendly



Dan Baliao (leftmost) and Engr. Samson Jaspe (2nd from the left) during the NACA's 14th Governing Council Meeting in Myanmar

shrimp culture technology in Myanmar. He also extended his gratitude and thanks to Ronnie Ticar, TVS technician assigned at Myanmar, for his tireless effort and persistence to make the demo project successful. As a result, shrimp growers in Myanmar showed great interest in applying the said technology

to their own farms.

While in Yangon, Baliao and Engr. Jaspe visited the AQD's Environment-Friendly Shrimp Farming Project in Kyauktan. On their way home, they passed by Chaosengsiao in Thailand and visited progressive shrimp farms in the area. —J Genzola

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ran from April 25 to April 27. Stocking density for the three ponds was 15 fry/m²; stocks were cultured for 125 to 127 days.

AQD also operated the same three ponds in 2001 through JMANTTP. The harvest then netted about P1.2M.

At the same time, a techno-validation of Mangrove-Friendly Shrimp Culture (MFSC) is being

funded by the Land Bank of the Philippines in three ponds at DBS. AQD will continue to do this as agreed in a round table discussion of MFSC Project held at TMS on April 10. Sites identified by Thailand's Department of Fisheries in Myanmar and Thailand will receive technical assistance as well, and, for the second half of this year, MFSC Project has been approved for pilot demonstration in Brunei

Darussalam, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Cambodia.

The on-farm technology transfer strategy being done by AQD would strengthen the lead role of AQD in environment-friendly and responsible aquaculture development for the Southeast Asian Region. — CB Lago/J Genzola

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Cruz, Farm Manager, expressed his intention to collaborate with AQD, through JMANTTP, in shrimp culture. — J Genzola/CM Ganancial



Shrimp (left) harvested from one of the three Siochi's ponds (right)

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