

# SEAFDEC AQD Matters

Newsletter of the SEAFDEC Aquaculture Department (AQD), Tigbauan, Iloilo, Philippines



Evaluators of GOJ-TF 5 studies include Dr. Carlos Baylon of the University of the Philippines Visayas; Dr. Zubaida Basiao of the University of the Philippines Diliman; Dr. Clarissa Marte of the Integrated Services for the Development of Aquaculture; Mr. Hidenao Watanabe, SEAFDEC Secretariat assistant trust fund manager; Mr. Tetsuya Murakami, representative from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand; and Dr. Mitsuru Ootake of the Fisheries Research Agency in Japan with AQD Deputy Chief Dr. Teruo Azuma

## Reviewers react positively to GOJ-TF studies

“In behalf of the Government of Japan, I would like to express my sincere respect to all the activities conducted by AQD researchers,” said Mr. Tetsuya Murakami during the *Annual progress meeting of the program under the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Consultative group mechanism funded by the Government of Japan Trust Fund 5 (GOJ-TF 5) in SEAFDEC/AQD* held 12-13 February. “I hope AQD will achieve more effective results (and share these) to all member countries after this evaluation,” he added.

Mr. Murakami is the representative from the

Embassy of Japan in Thailand, who, along with five other experts, evaluated project activities implemented in 2012 under the GOJ-TF program. The other reviewers included Mr. Hidenao Watanabe, SEAFDEC Secretariat assistant trust fund manager; Dr. Mitsuru Ootake of the Fisheries Research Agency in Japan; Dr. Carlos Baylon of the University of the Philippines Visayas; Dr. Clarissa Marte of the Integrated Services for the Development of Aquaculture; and Dr. Zubaida Basiao of the University of the Philippines Diliman.

The reviewers collectively noted the need for AQD

to intensify its technology transfer mechanism on good aquaculture practices not only to governments but to rural fisherfolk and communities. They also suggested that the resource enhancement activities be treated in a holistic manner wherein the social and economic aspects should go hand in hand with the biological aspects. They also emphasize the importance of impact assessment in AQD’s training programs.

“(In the next cycle of GOJ-TF programs), the selection of programs will be based primarily on the benefits that these can give to member countries,” said Mr. Watanabe

during the closing ceremony. “AQD proposals should consider this.”

The presentations in the meeting comprised 34 activities which focused on the four thematic areas under the GOJ-TF, namely: (1) promotion of sustainable and region-oriented aquaculture practices; (2) food safety of aquaculture products in Southeast Asia; (3) accelerating awareness and capacity-building in fish health management in Southeast Asia; and (4) resource enhancement of internationally threatened and over-exploited species in Southeast Asia through stock release.

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(L-R) AQD Chief Dr. Felix Ayson welcomes the reviewers to AQD, and later explains AQD’s activities to Mr. Hidenao Watanabe, SEAFDEC Secretariat assistant trust fund manager, and Mr. Tetsuya Murakami, representative from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand



# Reviewers react...

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Dr. Teruo Azuma, trust fund manager for AQD projects and AQD's Deputy Chief, expressed his gratitude to all the study leaders, technical assistants and the rest of the AQD staff who helped and supported all the GOJ-TF programs. He also acknowledged the evaluators for giving valuable comments on the GOJ-TF 5 activities.

The meeting was held in Tigbauan, Iloilo, Philippines; 64 AQD staff attended.



GOJ-TF study leaders and/or presenters at the annual progress meeting (Top, L-R) Technology verification and demonstration head Dr. Emilia Quinitio, Dr. Fe Dolores Estepa, Manila Office head Dr. Ma. Rowena Eguia, Binangonan Freshwater Station head Dr. Frolan Aya, Nutrition and feed development section head Dr. Mae Catacutan, Dr. Eleonor Tendencia, and Ms. Didi Baticados (Middle, L-R) Mr. Rosenio Pagador, Ms. Ruby Bombeo, Training and information head Dr. Evelyn Grace Ayson, Engr. Margarita Arnaiz, Research head Dr. Relicardo Coloso, Fish health section head Dr. Edgar Amar, Ms. Gregoria Pagador, and Dr. Leobert dela Peña (Bottom, L-R) Dr. Rolando Pakingking, Ms. Shelah Mae Buen-Ursua, Dr. Fiona Pedroso, Ms. Marie Frances Nievaes, Farming system and ecology section head Dr. Ma. Junemie Hazel Lebata-Ramos, Socioeconomics section head Dr. Nerissa Salayo, and Dr. Jacques Zarate

## BFAR staff learns seaweeds nursery from AQD

Four BFAR (Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources) technical staff coming from Iloilo (1), Negros Occidental (1) and Antique (2) completed the 10-day training on Seaweed nursery techniques which concluded on 13 February at SEAFDEC/AQD's main station in Tigbauan, Iloilo, Philippines.

AQD resource persons lectured on topics such as biology & taxonomy of red algae, *Gracilaria* culture, nursery & grow-out culture of *Kappaphycus*, common diseases of seaweeds and food safety in seaweed production & processing. In addition, the participants had practical demonstration on taxonomy & identification of eucheumatoids, preparation of laboratory culture materials & media, and production of microp propagules. They also went to AQD's Igang Marine Station to observe the seaweed sea-based nursery.



(L-R) The trainees listen to the lecture of AQD researcher Ms. Ma. Rovilla Luhan on nursery culture of *Kappaphycus*. One of the participants prepares laboratory culture materials and media with the assistance of AQD technical assistant Ms. Jonalyn Mateo. The participants during their visit at AQD's Igang Marine Station

# NFRDI staff learns algal culture from AQD

Two NFRDI (National Fisheries Research and Development Institute of DA-BFAR) technical staff completed the five-day specialized course on algal culture which started on 18 February at SEAFDEC/AQD's main station in Tigbauan, Iloilo, Philippines. The participants, Ms. Myleen Magistrado and Ms. Myla Muyot attended lectures and practicals on the biology & culture of phytoplankton, counting & isolation techniques, monitoring and harvesting of culture and application of microalgae in aquaculture.

This course is needed for the two R&D projects of NFBC (National Fisheries Biological Center), one of the research centers of NFRDI, which require an in-depth technical knowledge on algal culture. It is also in preparation for the on-going development of the phycolab at the center.



(L-R) Trainees with AQD technical assistant Ms. Ellen Grace Tisuela count phytoplankton. Trainees listen to the orientation of AQD senior technical assistant Ms. Annie Franco on media preparation and maintenance. AQD researcher Ms. Milagros dela Peña lectures on the biology and culture of phytoplankton

## Events and Invites



The *International seminar-workshop on mud crab aquaculture and fisheries management (ISMAF) 2013* is a 3-day seminar-workshop to impart latest information and development on mud crab biology, ecology, physiology, husbandry, nutrition & diseases, genetics, fisheries & resource management, post-harvest product development & marketing.

ISMAF will be held in Tamil Nadu, India from 10 to 12 April 2013. It is an activity of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture in collaboration with SEAFDEC/AQD.



*SEAFDEC/AQD at 40: Improving lives through sustainable aquaculture*

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### Schedule of events

March-June	Special lecture series
10, 11 April	Blood letting, medical mission
29-30 April (tentative)	Invitational sportsfest
3-9 June	Mall exhibit of AQD's 40-year accomplishments
9 July	Opening motorcade for the main anniversary week
	Talisay and fruit-tree planting
10 July	Dean Domiciano K. Villaluz Memorial Lecture
	Booklaunching
11 July	Main foundation day program and lunch
12 July	Farmer's forum and training alumni day
	Fellowship dinner

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# Fresh faces @ AQD



**Lyn Lee Lucero**

is the new administrative assistant 1 at the Office of the Chief. She graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Literature / Psychology in 2011 at the University of the Philippines Visayas - Miagao.



**Dr. Edward Roger Mamauag** is the new associate scientist at Nutrition and Feed Development Section. He finished his Master of Science in Aquaculture with distinction at the University of Ghent in Belgium in 2005. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Fisheries Science in 2012 at Kagoshima University in Japan.



**April Abalajon**

is the new administrative assistant 3 at the Office of the Chief. She obtained her Master of Management in 2011 at the University of the Philippines Visayas. She graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2007 at West Visayas State University, Iloilo City.



**Patricia Casiano**

is the new administrative assistant 1 at the Human Resource Management Section. She graduated with the degree in Bachelor in Cooperatives Management in 2005 at West Visayas State University, Iloilo City.



**Jasmine Gelvero, CPA**

is the new officer-in-charge at Internal Audit. She graduated *cum laude* with the degree in Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in 2000 at the University of San Agustin, Iloilo City.

## In honor of *Dean R.O.J*

The entire department felt a deep sadness and sympathy when former AQD Chief Dean Rogelio O. Juliano (1979-1980) passed away last 2 February 2013. A mass was held at AQD's Tigbauan Main Station in Iloilo to honor this great man who dedicated his life in promoting fisheries education in the Philippines. May his soul rest in peace.



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