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Agri-food biotech fair 2003 Dr. Inui's message

AQD participated in the yearly Agri-Food Fair at PNB Multi-Purpose Hall, Iloilo City from March 4 to 8. The activity was organized by the Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council Western Visayas Foundation, Inc. (RAFCWVFI) in partnership with Department of Agriculture and Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council (RAFC) 6.

This year's theme, "*Agri-fishery biotechnology: opportunities and challenges for western Visayas*," aimed to create awareness and generate public support on biotechnology as a tool for agri-fisheries modernization in the country.

The exhibits included fresh and processed agricultural and fishery products that utilized biotechnology, and equipment and machinery needed for production and processing. Participants were LGUs, academe, entrepreneurs, farmers' organizations/cooperatives, private/government institutions, and other investors.

The fair also addressed the public's misunderstanding on the concept of biotechnology through the different sector's day-to-day activities. (*More details on the five-day activity will be covered on the next ADN issue.*)



Dr. Yasuo Inui

Dear friends and colleagues:

My assignment with JICA will end on March 14. Junko and I will return to Japan on the same day with our old dog Poppy.

My principal task in AQD was to plan, manage, and promote the Regional Fish Disease Projects funded by the Trust Fund of the Japanese Government and by promoting the project, develop the disease control technique and network in the region and improve R & D capability for fish disease in AQD.

The Regional Fish Disease Project has been so far successful. I am also confident that the science of fish health in AQD has become activated and its level has been up-graded. The success is totally due to the



AQD showcase developed aquaculture technologies

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To all concerned:

Effective March 1, 2003 all patients (employees/dependents) must secure a referral/request slip from their **attending physician**. Otherwise, they will not be accommodated at the laboratory.

Thank you.

Medical Clinic



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positive activities of Fish Health staff and researchers of other organization involved in the project and kind support and collaboration of other people to our activities: all the members of AQD, Japanese Government, SEC-RETARIAT, colleagues from my former Japanese Institutes and scientists from the Academe had given big support to our activities.

I also enjoyed various other scientific activities in AQD: it was always my pleasure to be involved in scientific discussions, attending scientific meetings such as SEAFDEC seminars, Commodity, and Program Committee meetings. I am also very happy that I could contribute to the establishment of the Biotech facilities. The facilities and equipment are the highest grade in this region and I hope these will be efficiently utilized to contribute to fisheries science. I am very lucky that I can see the completion of the facilities in time for my departure.

I will be succeeded by Dr. Kazuya Nagasawa. He is a younger and very able scientist and deeply directed to the science of fish disease. I feel very relieved and happy that Dr. Nagasawa succeeds my position and extend our activities of Fish Disease Project. I ask all my friends to be good and supportive to him as you were to me.

Junko and I enjoyed very much life in the Philippines. Frankly speaking, we were not familiar with the Philippines before we came here. Now we learned a lot about history, culture and the Filipino thinking by actually experiencing life in the Philippines. We also enjoyed visiting various attractive places in the Philippines. As such, the Philippines has now become another home country to us.

Life in AQD was comfortable and enjoyable for me: people not only scientists, but also all the staff were friendly and kind. Many people tried to make my stay in AQD and Iloilo enjoyable.

Sports was another factor that gave pleasure to my life in Iloilo. Through the SEAFDEC tennis club, I made many good friends and of course enjoyed after office-hour tennis. The Villa tennis club near our house was an important part of my weekend life. Tennis there was exciting and all people were kind and good.

I have not lost the interest and passion for science. However, after I go back to Japan I will not have a fulltime job. Rather, I plan to take more time to enjoy life: enjoying nature, experiencing deeper the Japanese and other cultures, reading, sports, etc. By doing this, I also like to consider my future contribution to society.

*Madamo gid nga salamat,
Yasuo Inui*

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