

Sugar research inception meeting held

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PHILSURIN hosted an inception meeting on the sugar varietal improvement project in Manila from November 13-16,2000.

Attended by representatives from participating countries, officials of CFC and ISO, and scientists from the Philippines, the meeting presented an overview of the project. All aspects of the project from administration to research were discussed.

The meeting was capped with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Philsurin and the collaborating institutions.

The delegates were brought on a field trip to the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) at UP LosBanos for briefing and inspection of research facilities.

They planed the next day to Negros province to visit the Victorias Experiment Station of Philsurin.

The delegates were: Eltha Brown, CFC; Lindsay Jolly, ISO; Leon M. Arceo, Philsurin; Virat Tandaechanurat, OCSB; Chana Kariwat, OCSB; Mirzawan P.D. Nurtjahjo, ISRI; AH.M. Delwar Hossain, BSRI; AB.M. Mafizur Rahman, BSRI; Randy A. Hautea, ISAAA; Nicolas Alonso, SRA; George Zubiri, Philsurin/CONFED; Rodrigo Tapay, SRA; Merle Palacpac, BPI; Pio Javier, NCPC-UPLB; Santiago Ureta, CAC; Claude Schulze, Philsurin/UNIFED; Augusto Araneta, Jr., Philsurin/NFSP; Violy Villegas, UPLB-IPB; Evelyn Mae Mendoza, IPB-CA-UPLB; Ruben Villareal, SEARCA; Ramon M. Cu, Philsurin; Aurora Barredo, Philsurin, and others.

A report of the meeting prepared and presented to the Management of the Fund by Ms. Eltha Brown, associate project manager, concluded that: "Overall, the Project Inception Meeting was very well organized and was successful in meeting its objectives. The technical presentations were delivered in a very high professional standard and the activities described about the project are consistent with those outlined in the Appraisal Report. There is evidence that PHILSURIN and the participating institutes in the Philippines are equipped with the requisite skills and technical knowledge to implement the project.

PHILSURIN as the PEA was very impressive its organizational capabilities as well as its established local and international network in areas of relevance to the project."