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### EDITORIAL

While entering into its 46<sup>th</sup> year in the sphere of fisheries development, SEAFDEC vows to strengthen the foundation that it had laid during the past years for the sustainable development of fisheries in the Southeast Asian region. Through its programs and activities that had been re-crafted to take into consideration the instructions set forth in the Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASAEAN Region Towards 2020 adopted in June 2011, SEAFDEC continues to intensify its efforts to ensure that the contribution of fisheries to food security in Southeast Asia is enhanced. Considering that such a gigantic task cannot be accomplished by SEAFDEC alone, cooperation and collaboration have been forged between the SEAFDEC Departments with various organizations and agencies involved in the region's fisheries development to co-share the responsibilities and requirements.

One of the successes, which SEAFDEC attained during this quarter, is obtaining the commitment of SEK 48 million from the Government of Sweden for continued cooperation with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) in support of fisheries and habitat management, climate change

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### Sweden commits SEK 48 million for 2013-2017

On 5 March 2013, the Government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) committed SEK 48 million for its continued cooperation with SEAFDEC in support of fisheries and habitat management, climate change and social well-being in Southeast Asia, covering the period of five years from 2013.



*Dr. Chumnarn Pongsri and Ms. AnnaMaria Oltorp signing the Agreement to promote responsible utilization of fisheries and aquatic resources in Southeast Asia*

Sulawesi Seas and the Mekong River Basin.

In the implementation of this project, SEAFDEC would cooperate with key partners in the region and in the sub-regions, including ASEAN, FAO/APFIC, RPOA-IUU, MRC, BOBLME,

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### SEAFDEC Council Director for Japan visits TD

The SEAFDEC Council Director for Japan and Deputy Director-General of Japan's Fisheries Agency, Mr. Masanori Miyahara, and his party paid a visit to SEAFDEC Training Department (TD) on 23 January 2013.

The visit allowed the visitors to have first-hand exposure to the operations and facilities of TD, as the first technical Department of SEAFDEC. The visitors were guided by TD senior staff to inspect TD training facilities, including its fishing and engineering workshop. They were also guided to have a look at the training and research vessels M.V. SEAFDEC and M.V. SEAFDEC 2. The visitors were also taken aboard a Payoon



*Mr. Masanori Miyahara and his party onboard the M.V. SEAFDEC 2*

boat to observe the surroundings of bustling Chao Phraya estuary where a large number of fishing boats engaged in fishing or traveling back and forth between their fishing grounds and landing ports. ❖





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During the quarter, SEAFDEC implemented significant institutional and organizational activities for the sustainability of fisheries in the Southeast Asian region, and also conducted several training courses on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development. The quarter also witnessed a display of the achievements of AQD as it continues to traverse the complex arena of aquaculture technology development during the past 40 years.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAFDEC Council was organized by SEAFDEC in the Philippines in collaboration with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Philippine Department of Agriculture. During the Meeting, important directives were given by the SEAFDEC Council for the efficient and cost-effective operations of the Center. Moreover, issues that are of utmost importance for the sustainable development fisheries in the region and requiring serious attention and cooperation, were addressed particularly, the listing of commercially-exploited aquatic species into the CITES Appendices, development of "Regional Fishing Vessels Record" as a

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### SEAFDEC holds the Forty-fifth Council Meeting in Cebu

At the kind invitation of the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines, the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council was held in Cebu, Philippines from 1 to 5 April 2013. The Inaugural Ceremony of the Meeting was presided over by the Honorable Assistant Secretary for Agribusiness, Marketing and Fisheries, Philippine Department of Agriculture, Mr. Salvador S. Salacup. During the Meeting, the SEAFDEC Council Director for the Philippines,

Atty. Asis G. Perez, was unanimously elected as the new Chairperson of the SEAFDEC Council for the Year 2013-2014, succeeding Mr. Khin Ko Lay, SEAFDEC Council Director for Myanmar.

While taking note on the good progress and achievements of SEAFDEC in 2012, the Council approved the proposed

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*SEAFDEC Council Directors at the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAFDEC Council*

### 40 years of aquaculture R&D: An exhibit of fish farming technologies developed by AQD

In celebration of its ruby jubilee or 40<sup>th</sup> year, AQD organized a week-long exhibit of its R&D accomplishments at a mall (SM City) in Iloilo, Philippines from 3 to 9 June 2013. The opening program was attended by stakeholders

and AQD staff both past and present. The exhibit featured AQD's breeding and culture technologies for high-value commodities like grouper and mud crab; live aquaria; and free technical consultancy.

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*Ribbon-cutting to signal the opening of the exhibit: (from left to right) AQD Chief Dr. Felix Ayson, UP Visayas Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Emilia Yap, AQD Deputy Chief Dr. Teruo Azuma, UPV Vice Chancellor for Planning & Development Dr. Evelyn Belleza, AQD Administration & Finance Officer-in-Charge Ms. Kaylin Corre*





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## Thailand announces the organization of ASEAN Fisheries & Aquaculture Conference and Exposition 2015

The Department of Fisheries (DOF) of Thailand officially announced through a Press Conference on 23 September 2013, the organization of the ASEAN Fisheries & Aquaculture Conference and Exposition with the theme "ASEAN Seafood for the World" in Bangkok, Thailand in 2015. The conduct of this Conference and Exposition was initially agreed upon during the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council in April 2013, and subsequently received full support from the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASWGF in July 2013.



*Vice Minister of Thailand's Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mr. Siriwat Kachornprasart (middle), viewing the publications displayed at SEAFDEC's exhibition booth after the Press Conference*

## EDITORIAL

The quarter witnessed various episodes in the region's fisheries development. One of the very significant events during the quarter was the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AQD, which kicked off with a motorcade and tree planting followed by medical mission and bloodletting, conduct of lecture series on aquaculture development, putting up of a mall exhibit, book launching and technology forum, and culminated with a special forum to honor dedicated employees and to listen to stakeholders' testimonials.

In another fisheries arena, SEAFDEC moves on with the conduct of several human resource development activities that included the End-of-Project Seminar on the Utilization of Freshwater Fish for Value-added Products; training on mud crab culture, sustainable fishery resource management, community-based fisheries management, and energy optimization and safety at sea; and workshop on management information system for deep sea fishery resources database. In addition, On-the-job-Training Workshop

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Officiated by the Vice Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand Mr. Siriwat Kachornprasart, the Press Conference was attended by concerned agencies and institutions

including the private sector in Thailand as well as the Ambassadors to Thailand (or their representatives) for Indonesia,

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## SEAFDEC takes part in the 21<sup>st</sup> ASWGF Meeting

SEAFDEC Secretary-General Dr. Chumnarn Pongsri and Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Hajime Kawamura together with SEAFDEC officers represented SEAFDEC during the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group

on Fisheries in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 24-26 July 2013. The Meeting discussed various fisheries-related initiatives undertaken under the ASEAN mechanism.

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*Participants in the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries*





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During this quarter, SEAFDEC organized various events to address priority issues particularly the international fisheries-related issues focusing on those of CITES-CoP16, the outputs of which include the position of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries on the proposed listing of commercially-exploited aquatic species into the CITES Appendices at the CoP16. The development of a regional record of fishing vessels 24 meters in length and over was also concurred with during the Meeting. The Core Expert on Preventing Export of IUU Fishing Products was able to address a great challenge for Southeast Asia, the output of which was an outline of the Regional Guidelines to prevent trading, import and export of IUU fishing products. The Expert Group Meeting on Port State Measures in Southeast Asia listed the common issues and constraints in the implementation of the PSM activities in the region and thus, needing follow-

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### 35<sup>th</sup> SEAFDEC Program Committee Meeting convened back-to-back with 15<sup>th</sup> FCG/ASSP Meeting

SEAFDEC/MFRD with the cooperation of the SEAFDEC Secretariat hosted the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAFDEC Program Committee from 26 to 28 November 2012 in Chiang Mai, Thailand with the main objectives of reviewing the results of program implementation in 2012 and evaluating the proposed programs of activity for 2013. The SEAFDEC programs in 2012 and those proposed for 2013 have been categorized into Programs under the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership and Fisheries Consultative Group (FCG/ASSP) Mechanism and classified further into groups corresponding to the Program Thrusts based on the SEAFDEC Program Framework adopted by the SEAFDEC Council; Departmental Programs; and Other Programs. While endorsing the programs undertaken by SEAFDEC

in 2012, the Program Committee also provided recommendations on important areas that should be improved to ensure that the program objectives are achieved. Moreover, the Program Committee also recommended that results of the projects under each program should be synthesized, packaged and disseminated to the Member Countries. Since several



*Representatives from collaborating partners attending the 35<sup>th</sup> PCM*

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### RTC on International Fisheries-related Issues

The ASEAN-SEAFDEC Regional Technical Consultation (RTC) on International Fisheries-related Issues was organized in Bangkok, Thailand from 31 October to 2 November 2012 with the aim of developing the regional policy

and common/coordinated positions of the identified important international fisheries-related issues relevant to the region. This year the RTC focused on the CITES-CoP16 issues, and the

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*Participants in the RTC on International Fisheries-related Issues*





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For the last quarter of 2013, various events facilitated the recasting of the role of SEAFDEC on the sustainable development of fisheries in the Southeast Asian region. These included the Special Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council, which discussed important management issues in order to improve the operations of SEAFDEC. Several recommendations were raised for SEAFDEC to consider, particularly the need to minimize duplication of efforts among the Departments and enhance the participation of Member Countries in the future activities of SEAFDEC. The 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAFDEC Program Committee was also convened back-to-back with the 16<sup>th</sup> FCG/ASSP Meeting where the implementation of SEAFDEC activities under the various program thrusts was reviewed to ensure that the activities address the priorities and needs of the Member Countries.

In addition, various regional meetings were conducted, e.g. the Regional

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## SEAFDEC convenes Special Council Meeting in Thailand

SEAFDEC convened the Special Meeting of the Council in Bangkok, Thailand on 3-4 October 2013 to discuss important management issues and provide directives for improving the operations of the Center, particularly on the recommendations of the Third SEAFDEC Review, the Plans of Operation of SEAFDEC Departments and Secretariat, as well as other management issues.

The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Drusila Esther E. Bayate, the Alternate SEAFDEC Council Director for the Philippines, on behalf of the Council Director for the Philippines and Chairperson of the SEAFDEC Council for 2013-2014. While recognizing the SEAFDEC activities, achievements,

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*SEAFDEC Council Directors and participants in the Special Council Meeting*

## SEAFDEC convenes Regional Consultative Meeting on Sustainable Neritic Tuna Fisheries Cooperation

In an effort to ensure the sustainable neritic tuna fisheries resources in the Southeast Asian Region, and following up to the recommendation of the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAFDEC Council in April 2013, SEAFDEC with funding support from Sweden convened the Consultative Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Sustainable Neritic Tuna Fisheries in Southeast Asian Waters on 10-13 October 2013 in Songkhla Province, Thailand. The Meeting aimed to compile information on the status and trends of neritic tuna in the ASEAN countries and also raise attention and commitment of the Member Countries and concerned international organizations and fisheries stakeholders to undertake necessary



*Group discussion on the way forward to manage neritic tuna resources in the region*

steps to manage neritic tuna resources in the region, to sustain its stock and to ascertain its international trade in the future. The consultative forum successfully congregated fisheries

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