



Reporting of INWEPF activities during 2006-2007

by

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Vision of INWEPF committee

The ultimate goal of the International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields (INWEPF) is to realize the three challenges namely **“Food security and poverty alleviation”**, **“Sustainable water use”** and **“Partnership”**.

In order to achieve these goals, the INWEPF is established to provide a framework for promoting better management of water for paddy fields toward rural development with due consideration for the environment through a variety of activities including Virtual Meeting, workshops, symposiums and other knowledge exchange and capacity building activities. In the INWEPF Workshop in Kuala Lumpur 2006 action plan of INWEPF was discussed and a proposal of action plan (The Kuala Lumpur 2006 Workshop Statement) was established. Taking the action plan, Establishment of 3 working groups was approved by the 3rd INWEPF Steering Meeting.

C. Action Plan No.3 – Continuous promotion by INWEPF members

- 1) Land Consolidation and Improvement – Implemented on main granary areas.
- 2) Development of standard minimum infrastructure facilities – It is an on going process of implementation in granary and non granary area since 1960.
- 3) Development of supportive policies and support system – Through existing legislation under nation food security which safe guards paddy cultivation as a compulsory food supply.
- 4) Improve crop varieties and yields per hectare – On going through research carried out by Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI).
- 5) Provide on-farm water management and farming practice – is been widely practiced especially in granary areas.
- 6) Provide effective extension services at farm level – is been done under the ministry of agriculture through government agencies and departments.
- 7) Organize farm into bigger associations to make paddy agriculture socially and financially more attractive – Implementation of new incentive policy in 2007 by the government for agriculture sector particularly for paddy cultivation.
- 8) Implementation INWEPF's recommendations on pilot basis – Some of the multiple roles which INWEPF has recommended has been already implemented through the nation granary areas.

However, raw data is being collected. New project is being planned.

9) Development notional vision of paddy agriculture - The Malaysian Government targets to increase farmers income from MYR 1000 to MYR1500. One of the important Malaysian Government Policy in agriculture is to increase rice production from 72% self sufficient level to 90% by 2010 through the following steps:-

- Increase average yield from 3.5 ton/hac to 4.5 ton/ha
- Increase cropping intensity from 193 % to 199%
- Increase planting area

10) Develop National Institutional Mapping -

11) Develop National Level Networking – By conducting seminars, workshop, symposiums and other activities for local experts, related government agencies, private sector, stake holders, local authorities and etc (exp, IPTRID, ADPHT, MANCID programmes, World Water Day and etc).

12) Obtaining support for national level programs initiated by National INWEPF Committees – In planning status.