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EVAP: Extension for Value-Added Agriculture Project

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Conducting the 6th JCC Meeting:

The JCC Meeting was held for the EVAP project at the Old Building of the MoA in Ramallah. Representatives of the MoA, Ministry of planning, JICA office in Palestine, and JICA Headquarter in Tokyo, Japan, attended the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to explain the outcome of a final evaluation of the EVAP project and present a report on it.



Conducting the 9th Joint Task Force Meeting in the MoA:

The 9th Joint-Task Force Meeting was conducted at the Old Building of the MoA in April to present the achievements of the EVAP project to the relevant members. The Japanese experts, the members of the counter part from the ministry, a number of agricultural extension workers at Jericho DoA, Tubas DoA, and Nablus DoA, and the NARC staff participated in the meeting. A brief description about the plans and achievements in the previous period were explained with regard to all the agricultural techniques that had been implemented in the field.



Afield day on silage making in Al-Jeftlik:

Afield day regarding silage making were held in Al-Jeftlik particularly for the members of the Al-Jeftlik Association. 14 farmers attended it and discussed the equipment used for silage making. It demonstrated how to use silage in feeding livestock and trained the farmer members on silage making using compressed barrels and others. At the end of the training, a record sheet was distributed to the farmers in order for them to fill it out to make a comparing and evaluation of the effectiveness of silage before and after the use.



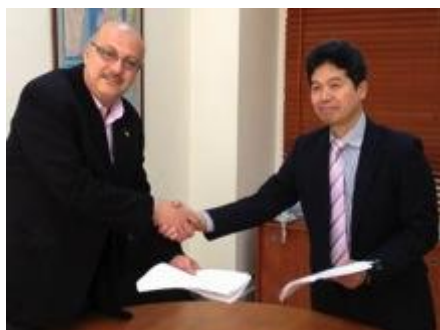
Signing on an agreement on a compost center in Al-Boqaia-Tamon:

An agreement was signed on the establishment of a compost center in Al-Boqaia-Tamon. The director of Tubas DoA and the head of the Al-Boqaia Association attended the agreement with the presence of the EVAP members for further agricultural development. The agreement described the beginning of the work at the established compost center, offering of training, provision of technical assistance, and collection of residues of agricultural production (livestock and plant production) in order to make composts.



A final evaluation of the EVAP project by the MoA and JICA:

A final evaluation of the EVAP project was conducted by the experts of JICA and representatives of the ministry in order to make suggestions for improvement of the project performance and discuss future plans. Personal interviews were conducted with all the counter parts, beneficiaries in the targeted farmer cooperatives, and decision makers in the ministry in different directorates. Through the evaluation, it appeared that the EVAP project was one of the best projects among the JICA's projects in the Middle East and that it demonstrated large achievements. The ministry and JICA acknowledged them and were proud of them.



Several Field Visits to follow up the Activities at All the Targeted Areas:



Field day around silage making in Al-Jeftlik



Action plan meeting in Al-Nawaji cooperative



Silage farmer visit –Al –Jeftlik



Personal interview –Biet Hassan



Interview with the head of Al-Jeftlik
-Final Evaluation



Field day about silage making