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**Environmental Animal Health Management Initiative for
Enhanced Smallholder Production in Southeast Asia**

EAHMI Conference 2013

Theme:

*“Use of Environmental Animal Health Management
Strategies for Decision-Making”*

18-19 September 2013

Fairmont Hotel, Makati City, Philippines

Conference Overview

The **EAHMI Conference 2013** is a dissemination workshop of the Sub-regional Environmental Animal Health Management Initiative for Enhanced Smallholder Production in Southeast Asia (GCP/RAS/244/ITA), an institutional strengthening and capacity building project implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Governments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam with funding from the Government of Italy.

The EAHMI project was first implemented in the Philippines in 2006 and has been extended in 2009 to include Cambodia and Lao PDR. It has been further expanded in 2012 to incorporate Myanmar and Vietnam.

The Environmental Animal Health Management Initiative (EAHMI) is contributing to sustainable agricultural and rural development by promoting an interdisciplinary, holistic approach to animal health management for enhanced and environmentally sound and responsible forms of animal production, including: integrated animal disease management; improved animal husbandry and farm management practices; and the balanced use of natural resources; aimed at reducing disease transmission risks from animal to animal, and animals to people.

Environmental conditions have profound influences on animal productivity and production, and the distribution of many endemic animal diseases, especially those transmitted by biological vectors, or carriers (e.g. bats, insects and snails), and the upsurge of emerging diseases. As recent events around the world have demonstrated, livestock and poultry may also harbour various pathogens or potential zoonotic agents that can infect people, including: Influenza, Ebola, Haemorrhagic Fever, Rabies, Salmonella and various intestinal parasites. Conversely, animal production has many potentially adverse impacts on the environment, including greenhouse gas emissions and water pollution. Better understanding and wider appreciation of the diverse interactions between livestock and the environment is, therefore, essential for effective disease control and sustainable development.



Objective of the Conference

This conference aims to gather EAHMI stakeholders on animal production and health to present the work done by the project as well as share experiences and lessons learned during the implementation of the project. The conference is also open to interested individuals from the governments, academe and private sectors who wish to share their experiences, management strategies developed and implemented for the improvement of animal production and disease control or who simply want to learn about environmental animal health management.

Expected Participants

The conference will be attended by officials of veterinary services, veterinary private practitioners, academicians, researchers, and representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations, scientists and multilateral and bilateral funding partners. This EAHMI Conference will be open to all other participants who are interested in the topic.



Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at Fairmont Hotel, Makati City, Philippines on 18-19 September 2013.



Address: Fairmont Hotel, 1 Raffles Drive, Makati Avenue, Makati City, Philippines

